



# Township Tribune

Noteworthy News for North Londonderry Township Residents

*Recycling*

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## { STAGGERING STATISTICS }

- ◇ Americans throw away enough office paper each year to build a 12 foot high wall from Seattle to New York.
- ◇ Every ton of recycled paper can save the energy equivalent of 165 gallons of gasoline.
- ◇ The process of recycling paper instead of making it from new materials generates 74% less air pollution and uses 50% less water.
- ◇ Recycling 1 ton of cardboard saves 46 gallons of oil.
- ◇ Over 90% of all products shipped in the US are shipped in corrugated boxes, which totals more than 400 billion square feet of cardboard.
- ◇ **To produce each week's Sunday Newspaper, 500,000 trees must be cut down.**
- ◇ Recycling a stack of newspaper just 3 feet high saves one tree...One average size tree produces enough oxygen in a year to keep a family of 4 breathing.

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**From these statistics, it's not hard to see that recycling is one action you can take to improve the environment.** From 2010 to 2015, Pennsylvania has recycled about 48.2 million tons of materials. This is equivalent to removing more than 45.3 million tons of carbon dioxide emissions or taking more than 14.6 million cars off the road.

Recycling also has an impact on the economy. Data from 2015 shows that recycling paper, metal, and plastic alone, generates more than 170,000 direct and indirect jobs in Pennsylvania.

In an effort to make recycling more convenient, North Londonderry Township provides three containers for residents to recycle. Acceptable materials include newspaper, junk mail/mixed paper/paperboard, and cardboard.



# ANNUAL SHRED EVENT

**MAY 12**  
**9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**  
**RAIN OR SHINE**

While the world continues to become more digital, it's easy to forget that paper documents are one of the most common sources of identity theft. Thieves will go to great lengths to get your personal information, such as dumpster diving, stealing mail out of your mailbox, and even filling out change-of-address request forms so your mail is sent to them. To prevent identity theft it is important to shred documents that contain sensitive information.

The Township hosts a shred event which is available to all residents and small businesses in the Palmyra Area School district, free of charge. Please go through your documents prior to the event and remove any binder rings, clips, credit cards, and media discs to prevent damage to the equipment. Only paper, paper clips, and staples will be allowed. A maximum of 10 file boxes will be accepted per customer. Upon arrival, follow signs to the drop off zone where volunteers will assist with unloading your items. If you choose to stay to watch your documents being placed into the shredder, volunteers will direct you to a designated parking location.



## Fire Station Dedication

North Londonderry Township Supervisor, **Ron Fouche'**, addresses the crowd at the dedication ceremony/open house for Citizens Fire Company No. 1.

### Some examples of documents to shred include:

- Outdated Medical Records
- Tax Forms
- Documents with Social Security Number
- Documents with Signature (Leases, Contracts)
- Legal Documents
- Pay Stubs
- Pin Numbers
- Credit Reports
- Bank Statements
- ATM Receipts
- Insurance Records
- Utility Bills



**Don't Forget to Renew  
Your Compost Card**



**\$30.00**  
 (Cash or Check)  
 Monday - Friday  
 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

# CURBSIDE PICKUP

## Chipping



January 2  
 January 15  
 February 5  
 March 5  
 April 2  
 May 7  
 June 4  
 July 2  
 August 6  
 September 4  
 October 1

*\*\*For both chipping and leaves, curbside collection can not be conducted due to safety on Gravel Hill Road, Route 422, or South Forge Road from Park Drive south to the Township line.*

Branches from 1-3 inches in diameter, of any length, as well as small shrubs will be collected. **Do not put branches in the street!** Place them along the curb line with the cut ends angled in the direction of traffic as seen in the picture. Please visit [www.nlondtwp.com](http://www.nlondtwp.com) for more information.

## Spring Leaf Collection

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Leaves are to be placed in long, narrow piles in the street, along the curb line. Residents that do not have a curb should keep them on the property, but as close to the roadway as possible without interfering with traffic. The piles should remain at least 15 feet from parked cars, intersections, and basketball nets.

- Monday – Residents residing north of Route 422 & south of Route 422, east of South Forge Road
- Wednesday – Residents residing south of Route 422, between South Forge Road & Campbelltown Road
- Friday – Residents residing south of Route 422, west of Campbelltown Road





# “SHARE TABLES” FEED THE HUNGRY

No child should go hungry, especially in a nation that wastes 40% of its food supply. Sadly, nearly 13 million children in the U.S. face hunger. One strategy schools across the country have begun to implement to reduce food waste is the “Share Table.” A share table is a table or station where students may put whole food and beverages they choose not to eat. These foods then become available for any student to take during lunches or afterschool programs. This creates an avenue for students who may be less fortunate to have a lunch or snack. Whatever food remains on the table at the end of the day may then be donated to non-profit organizations such as a community food bank or a homeless shelter. By participating in share tables, schools are able to feed those in need while preventing usable nutritious food from going to the landfill.



## Street Sweeping

### Weeks of:

- ◆ April 9
- ◆ May 14
- ◆ June 11
- ◆ July 9
- ◆ August 13
- ◆ September 10

Street Sweeping will be conducted between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. During these weeks please remove all items (vehicles, trash cans, basketball hoops, etc.) from the roadway.

### Weather Permitting

## GRASSCYCLING

Grasscycling is a simple alternative to bagging the clippings. Simply leave the clippings on your lawn where they will break down in seven to fourteen days. The clippings act as top-dressing fertilizer and help keep your lawn green and healthy.

### Grasscycling Tips:

- ◆ Mow often, cutting less than one-third of the grass growth.
- ◆ Mow when grass is dry and use sharp mower blades.
- ◆ Don't let large clumps of clippings accumulate on the lawn.
- ◆ Avoid overuse of harsh chemicals and fertilizers.
- ◆ Water your lawn for longer periods of time, but less frequently.
- ◆ Consider using a mulching mower that grinds grass clippings.

Grass clippings can also be used as a surface mulch around vegetables and flowers to inhibit weed growth and retain soil moisture. Remember to keep clippings at least 2” away from young plants to avoid “burning” new growth. Put grass clippings in your compost pile to add extra nutrients. To avoid odors, no more than 1/3 of your compost pile should be comprised of grass clippings.

## Only Rain Down the Drain

Storm drains lead directly to our lakes and rivers and ultimately to the ocean so it's imperative to keep pollution from going down the drain. Any oil, pet waste, yard waste, trash, pesticides, or fertilizer that enters the drain has a negative impact. Since rivers are the source of our drinking water supply, when rivers are not healthy, there is an increase in public health risks. Not only does pollution have an effect on the health of people, but it also effects aquatic life. Trash that enters the drain can choke, suffocate, or disable ducks, fish, turtles and birds. Pesticides, oil, and viruses/bacteria from pet waste can poison aquatic life.



What can you do?



- \* **Keep yard waste off the road and out of the drain** - *Section 801 of the Lebanon County Stormwater Management Ordinance states "No person shall allow or cause to allow, discharges into the MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System) or discharges into waters of the Commonwealth, which are not composed entirely of stormwater."*
- \* **Sweep fertilizer off of driveways and sidewalks back into your yard.**
- \* **Do not dump motor oil or other chemicals down the storm drain.**

## NATIONAL SWORD

You may be unintentionally causing contamination of valuable recycling materials by improper preparation for disposal. While a plastic yogurt container is recyclable, if not rinsed out before being thrown into your bin, the left over yogurt causes contamination. The same goes for a greasy pizza box. Cardboard is recyclable, but once it is soiled from the grease and cheese it cannot be recycled.

For decades, the U.S. has been shipping nearly 4,000 containers of scrap and waste daily to China for recycling. Chinese manufacturers imported 7.3 million metric tons of waste in 2016 with the U.S. contributing to **its numbers. However, China's new policy is changing things.** The National Sword policy bans 24 types of solid waste from being imported in an effort to protect its **environment and improve people's health.** This new policy sets a higher standard for material cleanliness considering a substantial amount of what China was importing was contaminated.



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# FOOD FOR FUEL

Numerous plants in the U.S. are converting waste to renewable natural gas (RNG). RNG is a biogas made from food waste, wastewater, and agricultural manures. Quantum Biopower, the New York area's first food waste-to-energy facility, processes 40,000 tons of food waste converting it to over 400,000 cubic feet of biogas. According to Energy Vision, regionally produced RNG could be used to fuel NYC municipal vehicles, improving New York's air quality while helping meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. Meanwhile in Arizona, the largest U.S. wastewater treatment biogas-to-RNG plant is expected to produce enough RNG to replace over four million gallons of diesel each year. Founder and chair of Energy Vision, Joanna Underwood, stated "Since we began focusing attention on this, more than 40 plants have been built or converted to produce RNG, and more than 20,000 heavy-duty trucks are using it."

**\*Article Credit - Ben Messenger - "Organic Waste to Biogas Projects Secure Awards from Energy Vision" Waste Management World 10/20/17**

## Highway Paving Projects 2018

This year's projects include the paving of :

- \* Plaza Dr. - Colony Dr. to E. Main St.
- \* E. Cherry St. - Township Line to Plaza Dr.
- \* Kenmar Dr. - Entire Length
- \* E. Maple St. - Township Line to Plaza Dr.
- \* Olde Stone Way - Entire Development

Projected Total = \$388,814.00



How about leftover pesticides, used motor oil, fertilizers, fluorescent lamps, antifreeze and other hazardous materials in your garage or home?

Wondering how to safely dispose of them? The Greater Lebanon Refuse Authority sponsors a door-to-door collection of household hazardous waste. Residents can schedule a home pick-up by calling At Your Door Special Collection at 1-800-449-7587.

For a list of acceptable waste materials, or for more information, visit [www.goglra.org](http://www.goglra.org).

# Lebanon Tire Collection

The Penn State Cooperative Extension provides an opportunity for Lebanon County residents to recycle tires.

## Where?

Lebanon Expo Center  
80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon

## When?

Wednesday, April 11, 2018  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Pre-Register?

By preregistering, you will avoid waiting in line and will be able to drop off your tires at any time during collection. The deadline is Wednesday, March 14, and will be done on a first come first served basis.

## How Many?

With proof of address, residents are able to recycle up to 12 auto or 2 large (or a mix of 1 large and up to 6 auto) tires for free.

## Cost?

Excess tires will be collected for \$3.00 per auto tire and \$25.00 per large tire.

## How to Submit?

Tires must be off the rim, drained of water, unburned, and not excessively dirty.

## More Info?

Contact Penn State Cooperative Extension at (717) 270-4391.



## FOR SALE

Plant Bedding - Wood Mulch - Wood Chips

2 yard scoop - \$12.00

30 gallon container - \$2.00

Loading by Township Equipment provided ***Fridays:***

**April - June**                      **July - March**  
**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**    **12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

## NATIONAL SWORD CONTINUED

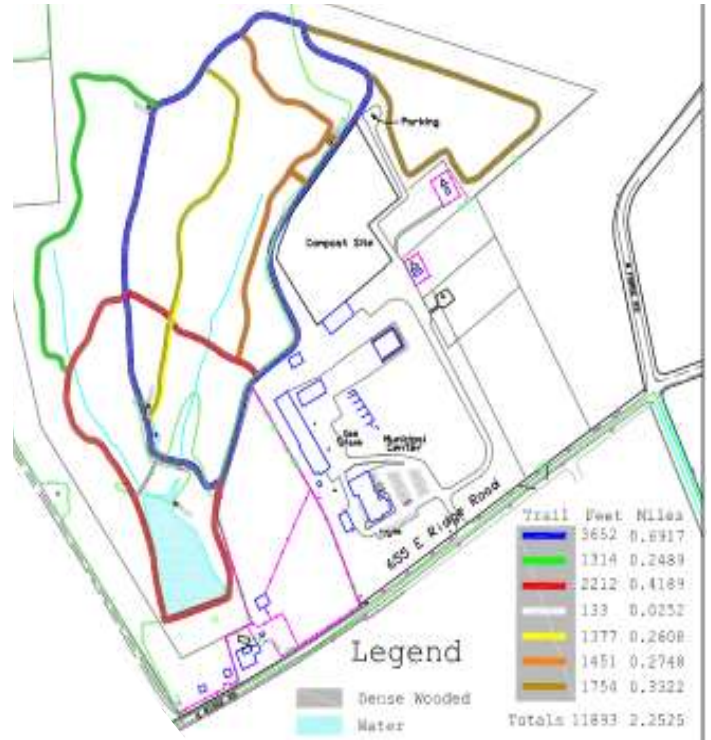
With China being the largest importer of waste materials, the impact will be monumental. While export recyclers will suffer, some U.S. paper mills will benefit from the ban. Many U.S. companies use recycled paper as pulp to make cardboard and other products.

This situation provides an opportunity for the U.S. to find new solutions to our waste problem and to use recycled material in new ways. As consumers, we need to pay careful attention to what we put in our recycling bin to reduce contamination.

## North Londonderry Trails and Pond

After numerous hours spent at the office, getting some fresh air can be rejuvenating. With spring just around the corner, now is the perfect time to spend a few hours outside taking in the fresh air. A range of health benefits come from spending some time outdoors. Studies show that fresh air is good for your digestive system and for your immune system because it increases the flow of oxygen. Other benefits include an increase in energy and clarity of mind.

North Londonderry Township has trails located behind the compost site which are open to the public. Trails are marked with corresponding colored reflectors as referred to on the map. A pond is located along the trails which is open for catch and release fishing. North Londonderry Township trails and pond provide the perfect opportunity to enjoy nature and get some fresh air.





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**North Londonderry Township**

Check out our page for issues on the roads, in the community or messages from township staff.



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Think you have a speeding problem on your street?

The speed trailer may assist in slowing the speeds of motorists on your local roadways.

Contact Sargent Hentz at [trhentz@nlondtwp.com](mailto:trhentz@nlondtwp.com) or simply contact the station (717)-838-5276 to have the trailer placed in your neighborhood for a limited time.



Have over-the-counter or prescription drugs that you no longer need or are expired? North Londonderry Township Police Department has a medication drop off box. No fee or identification is required to make a drop-off. Simply bring the medication in the original containers with personal information blacked out or removed, and place it in the box located in the foyer of the Police Department office.