



RAPHO REPORTER

FALL AND WINTER 2021

SEASONAL REMINDERS

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PUBLIC WORKS WINTER WEATHER INFO

Rapho Township's Snow Removal Ordinance 2003-1 requires the property occupant, or owner in the case of multi-unit dwellings or vacant property, to remove snow and ice from sidewalks within 24 hours after snow or ice has ceased to fall. There shall be a clear 36" wide path for the entire length of the sidewalk. In the event that the snow or ice has become frozen so that it cannot be fully removed, without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the responsible party shall within 24 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall or form, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be placed upon the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause to be cleared a path on the sidewalk of at least 36" in width.

Responsible parties shall also clear snow and ice from and around fire hydrants located along the frontage of their property.

It is unlawful to place snow or ice from your property or sidewalk onto a roadway regardless of whether the roadway has already been plowed or not.

Flexible delineators can be placed 1 foot from road edge to help with snow plow guidance. Rigid metal and wood stakes are not allowed and will be removed.

If your mailbox is struck by township equipment, please contact the township office. The Township is not responsible for mailboxes damaged by snow discharged from plows.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our sidewalks and roadways safe.

Rapho Recycle Yard Reminders

As the weather cools down and residents begin to tackle lawn cleanup from the fall, we wanted to remind you to renew your yard waste permit, if you have not already done so. The cost for a key fob for residents is \$15 and runs through January 31, 2022. The cost for commercial landscapers is \$1200 per truck per year. The costs for residents and landscapers is higher for 2021 to offset the township's increased costs of grinding and disposal of the yard waste.

The rules for the recycle yard are:

- For use by Rapho Township residents only
- Place items in designated areas
- No smoking
- No grass clippings
- Leaves, garden waste, shrubbery and tree trimmings only
- Leaves may be loose or bagged in biodegradable yard waste bags
- Tree limbs may be no longer than 8' in length and 24" in diameter
- No tree stumps
- Christmas trees must be free of all ornaments
- No trash or garbage
- No construction or demolition waste
- No painted, pressure treated wood, railroad ties or landscaping timbers.



To renew your permit, please stop by the township office during our regular business hours or mail your check with your name and address to the Rapho Township office.

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PREPARING FOR FALL

In the fall, there are several things you can do to help reduce flooding and keep our streams clean:

•Fall is for Planting

Consider converting some lawn area to landscaping with native plants. Landscaped beds infiltrate more stormwater than grass lawns and provide habitat for wildlife species. Do not place plantings in drainage easements.

•Leaves

Do not rake leaves on top of storm drains or dump them in any stormwater facility. Leaves and tree trimmings can clog stormwater pipes and contribute to flooding.



•Rain Gardens

Cut back flowering perennials and grasses after first frost. Remove the trimmings from the rain garden so stormwater can infiltrate into the ground. Inspect all pipes and underdrains to ensure they are not clogged.

•Rain Barrels:

Empty the rain barrel before the water can freeze. Rinse out the barrel and remove any accumulated sediment or debris. Connect a piece of flexible pipe to the end of the downspout and direct to a grassy area. Reconnect rain barrels to downspouts in the spring after April 15.

•Swimming Pools

Before draining your pool, do not add any chlorine for at least 4 days. This is enough time for any chlorine in the water to dissipate. Discharge non-chlorinated pool water to a grassy and/or well-vegetated area to prevent erosion. In no case should water be discharged directly into the street, storm drain, pond or wetland. Do not direct flow onto a septic drain field. Do not direct flow onto neighboring properties or create nuisance conditions.

REMINDER – ONLY RAIN GOES IN THE STORM DRAIN

Anything entering the stormwater system is considered an illicit discharge and is a violation of the Township's ordinances. Please call the township to report an illicit discharge.

TAX PAYMENT REMINDER....

Have you paid your County Real Estate Tax?

If you live in Pleasant View Estates, Covey Run, Willow Creek, Green Park & Elm Tree Developments did you pay your Street Light Assessment?

All bills are due by December 31, 2021 after which they will be turned over to Lancaster County Tax Claim or Rapho Township Solicitor for a lien to be filed.

SEPTIC PUMPING

A reminder that property owners in the **Elm Tree II Voting District** are due to have their septic systems inspected/pumped in this calendar year. If you have not already submitted a report, a postcard will be sent to your home as a reminder to hire a hauler, have the work completed, and submit the **white copy** of the Septic Report Form to the Township Office by **December 31, 2021. It is recommended that you have your system pumped before the ground freezes.**



RAPHO TOWNSHIP IS ON FACEBOOK

Don't forget to like and follow our page! This is a great way to get information about upcoming events or important alerts about road closures & trash information.

Rapho Township, Lancaster County - Pennsylvania

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

Board of Supervisors—1st & 3rd Thurs., 7:30 p.m.

BOS Work Session—6:00 p.m. Thurs. preceding 1st BOS meeting after Planning Commission meeting

Planning Commission — First Mon. at 7:00 p.m.

Zoning Hearing Board—First Tues. at 7:00 p.m.

RAPHO RECYCLE YARD CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

New applicants should stop by the township office in person to make their payment by cash or check, and to receive the key fob. We will mail all existing recycle yard customers a renewal letter in January of 2022.

BACK TO SCHOOL

With school back in session, please be especially aware of traffic safety as school buses, pedestrians and bicyclists are sharing the roads. Use extra care while passing students waiting for buses or walking to school.



Motorists must stop at least 10 feet away from school buses that have their red lights flashing and their stop arm extended. This includes situations when your vehicle is behind the bus, facing the bus, or approaching an intersection where a bus is stopped. Those motorists traveling near a school bus must stop until the red lights have stopped flashing, the stop arm is withdrawn and all children have reached safety.

Penalties for violating the school bus stopping law include a \$250 fine, five points on your driving record and a 60-day license suspension.

MESSAGE FROM NORTHWEST EMS

Northwest EMS believes in giving each patient the kind of care and treatment that we would want our own loved ones to receive.



We strive to provide you with the highest level of pre-hospital emergency services available and offer a Subscription Membership program to help offset the cost of an emergency 911 ambulance bill. Having a Subscription

Membership does not mean you will never have an out-of-pocket balance to pay, but it does mean that after we receive payment from your insurance company, we are able to apply your membership to the balance and reduce your out-of-pocket cost, sometimes resulting in no out-of-pocket cost to you.

Look for our 2022 Northwest EMS Subscription Membership letter in your mailbox in a few weeks. Simply complete the information on the card and return in the envelope provided.

In addition to the emergency ambulance services, we provide CPR certification and first aid training, as well as other safety and prevention education to individuals, groups, and businesses. We can provide them in our station, or at your business or meeting location. For more information, please contact our Community Outreach Manager, Lori Shenk, by calling 717-371-8282 or by emailing lshenk@nwems86.org.

October 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week

THIS YEAR THE THEME IS: "LEARN THE SOUNDS OF FIRE SAFETY"

Is there a beep or a chirp coming out of your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm? What does it all mean? Knowing the difference can save you, your home, and your family! Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and knows how to respond. Learn the sounds of your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms by checking the user guide or search the brand and model online.

What is your alarm telling you?

SMOKE ALARMS

- ◆ A continued set of three loud beeps—beep, beep, beep—means smoke or fire. Get out, call 9-1-1, and stay out.
- ◆ A single "chirp" every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- ◆ All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- ◆ Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) ALARMS

- A continuous set of four loud beeps—beep, beep, beep, beep—means carbon monoxide is present in your home. Go outside, call 9-1-1 and stay out.
- ◆ A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be replaced.
 - ◆ CO alarms also have "end of life" sounds that vary by manufacturer. This means it's time to get a new CO alarm.
 - ◆ Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.

From NFPA <https://www.nfpa.org/-/media/Files/FPW/Safety-tip-sheets/2021/FPW21ThemeSafetyTipSheet.ashx>

TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT



Trick or Treat Night is Friday, **October 29, 2021** from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

RAPHO TOWNSHIP

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Randall O. Wenger - Township Manager
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Dave Eggert - Zoning Officer
zoning@raphotownship.com
Melva Kready - Tax Collector
melva@raphotownship.com
John Haldeman - Public Works Director
roadmaster@raphotownship.com
Ena Marie Banks - Recycling Coordinator
enamarie@raphotownship.com
Lindsey Brenner - Administrative Assistant
office@raphotownship.com

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

County Control - 911
Manheim Borough Police
Non-emergency -717-665-2481
Sewage Enforcement Officer
717-653-1008

UPCOMING 2021 ELECTION DATES:

Municipal Election - November 2

RECYCLING FACT

Meal Kit suppliers have become very popular in recent years. They help to take the guesswork out of what to prepare for dinner on busy week-nights. The kits are neatly packaged and delivered in corrugated boxes, however, with an abundance of paper and plastic. One company, Blue Apron, recently announced a goal to use 75% post-consumer recycled content in its meal kit boxes by the end of 2025.

(Resource Recycling E-News July 13, 2021)

RECYCLING



Rapho Recycles





CORNER

RECYCLING TIP

Daylight Saving Time ends on **Sunday, November 7, 2021**. Turn your clocks **back one hour** on Saturday night. This is also a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. Don't forget to put the used batteries into the orange battery bags and place the closed bag beside your recycling container on your pick up day. Stop into the Township Office at anytime, for replacement battery bags.

BIG 4

We belong in the recycling bin!

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| <p>1</p> <p>CORRUGATED
CARDBOARD</p>  | <p>2</p> <p>PLASTIC BOTTLES
& JUGS WITH NECKS</p>  |
| <p>3</p> <p>METAL FOOD &
BEVERAGE CANS</p>  | <p>4</p> <p>GLASS JARS
& BOTTLES</p>  |

No burning of trash, construction materials, or recyclables, including yard waste, is permitted in Rapho Township.