

East Fallowfield News



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From the Manager's Desk:

After a cold and snowy winter, welcome spring! This is the time of year when we get to rediscover our parks and open spaces.

Hopefully, you're one of the thousands of people who visit the East Fallowfield Township Community Park every year to enjoy a fun family outing, a walk along the trails, or an event such as Park Day or Movie Night in the Park. And—if you had to use a restroom during your visit, you probably noticed the state of our current facilities.

As East Fallowfield Township's annual events become more and more popular and bring in larger crowds each year, the Township recognizes the importance of providing permanent restroom facilities to our park guests and residents. Rented port-o-potties are currently being used, but these facilities are particularly inconvenient for the elderly, disabled individuals, and families with young children.

I am pleased to announce that permanent restroom facilities are finally coming to the East Fallowfield Township Community Park!

The Township recently received a \$125,000 grant from DCED's Greenways, Recreation, and Trails program that will provide funding for new Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant permanent restrooms at the park. The new restroom facilities should make your 'day in the park' a more comfortable experience. As there are no water fountains currently at the park, the grant will also provide funding for a drinking fountain.



I hope you are as excited as I am to see these improvements coming soon to our community park! I encourage you to stay tuned for more information and an opportunity for public engagement as the design process for the restroom facility proceeds.

As spring takes hold, we hope you will enjoy the approaching nice weather, continue to have fun in our park, and enjoy the family activities that are being planned in the Township. With an overwhelming attendance at our first 'Movie Night in the Park' event last year, the Township is going to expand its commitment to community events this year and add additional dates for 'Movie Night in the Park.' Keep an eye out for the dates and movie announcements.

As you can see, there are many exciting things going on in the Township. If you would like to learn more, please follow us on Facebook, visit our website at www.eastfallowfield.org, or attend a scheduled Board of Supervisors meeting.

Best wishes for an enjoyable spring in our parks and at home!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Swichar, Township Manager



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Current Township Board of Supervisors

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Joe Heffern | jheffern@eastfallowfield.org

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Public Works Director: Tag Gathercole
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Road Crew: Justin Gathercole
Road Crew: John Weaver

Planning Commission

Chairman: Dennis Crook
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Michael Domboski, Alfred Wright

Zoning Hearing Board

Ellis Weiss - Member
Nelson Walter - Member
Kathleen Moffitt - Member

Historic Commission

Chair: Joe McCormick
Secretary: Sue Monaghan
Members: Clarence Rhoades III, Lee Schlingmann,
Connie McLaughlin, Art DeLeo, Rebecca Hunt,
Chad Peterson

Parks and Recreation Committee

Voting Members: John Zwirzina, Frederick Weiss

NEW TO THE TOWNSHIP?
Request a new resident information packet by email at
karchibald@eastfallowfield.org or call 610-635-6077.

Find us on  Please add us on facebook for more current updates:
WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EASTFALLOWFIELDTOWNSHIP

2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR EAST FALLOWFIELD TOWNSHIP

All meetings are held at the Township Building at 2264 Strasburg Road

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM		
January 7th 6:00 PM	May 14th	September 10th
January 22nd	May 28th	September 24th
February 12th	June 11th	October 8th
February 26th	June 25th	October 22nd
March 12th	July 9th	November 12th
March 26th	July 23rd	November 26th
April 9th	August 13th	December 10th
April 23rd	August 27th	December 17th
2nd & 4th Tuesday of Month		

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM		
January 14th	May 6th	September 9th
January 21st	May 20th	September 16th
February 4th	June 3rd	October 7th
February 18th	June 17th	October 21st
March 4th	July 1st	November 4th
March 18th	July 15th	November 18th
April 1st	August 5th	December 2nd
April 15th	August 19th	December 16th
1st & 3rd Monday of Month		

PARK & REC COMMITTEE MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM		
January 8th	May 7th	September 3rd
January 15th	May 21st	September 17th
February 5th	June 4th*	October 1st
February 19th	June 18th*	October 15th
March 5th	July 2nd*	November 5th
March 19th	July 16th*	November 19th
April 2nd	August 6th*	December 3rd
April 16th	August 20th*	
1st & 3rd Tuesday of Month		
*Meetings held in Park Pavilion weather permitting		

HISTORIC COMMISSION MEETINGS @ 6:30 PM		
January 9th	May 1st	September 4th
January 16th	May 15th	September 18th
February 6th	June 5th	October 2nd
February 20th	June 19th	October 16th
March 6th	July 3rd	November 6th
March 20th	July 17th	November 20th
April 3rd	August 7th	December 4th
April 17th	August 21st	December 18th
1st & 3rd Wednesday of Month		

****Elected Board of Auditors**** - Wednesday, January 8th, 2019 @ 6:00 PM

RECYCLING SCHEDULE					
WEST SIDE			EAST SIDE		
January 11th	May 3rd	◇ September 7th	◇ January 5th	May 10th	September 13th
January 25th	May 17th	September 20th	January 18th	May 24th	September 27th
February 8th	◇ June 1st	October 4th	February 1st	June 7th	October 11th
February 22nd	June 14th	October 18th	February 15th	June 21st	October 25th
March 8th	June 28th	November 1st	March 1st	◇ July 6th	November 8th
March 22nd	July 12th	November 15th	March 15th	July 19th	November 22nd
April 5th	July 26th	◇ November 30th	March 29th	August 2nd	December 6th
April 19th	August 9th	December 13th	April 12th	August 16th	December 20th
	August 23rd	◇ December 28th	April 26th	August 30th	
<p>◇ HOLIDAY-When a holiday falls within the week, trash/recycling pickup will be picked up on Saturday. Holidays are: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day. Holidays that fall on a Saturday or Sunday do not affect your trash pickup.</p>					

ADDITIONAL SERVICES AND INFORMATION		
FOR APPOINTMENTS CALL - 610-635-6077		
LEAF PICKUP	COMPOST SITE	
By Appointment only. Leaves are picked up every Monday in October 14 - December 16, Must be in biodegradable bags	Located at 2240 Upper Gap Rd in South Coatesville. Open 2nd Saturday of every month from 8 AM - 2 PM.	
BRUSH PICKUP / CHIPPING SERVICE	BULK TRASH	CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP
By Appointment only. 1st Monday of the month.	Put 2 Bulk Items Total - Curbside 1st Friday of every month	Put Curbside Monday - January 7th, 14th & 22nd

IMPORTANT DATES	
Primary Election - Tuesday, May 21st - 7 AM - 8 PM	Park Day - Saturday, October 12th - 10 AM - 4 PM
Election Day - Tuesday, November 5th - 7 AM - 8 PM	Halloween - Thursday, October 31st - 6 PM - 8 PM



Township Supervisor Joe Heffern (left) discusses the newly formed Strategic Planning Steering Committee with Township Solicitor Mike Crotty.

Township Forms New Advisory Committee to Improve Economic Viability

Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Strategic Planning Steering Committee

Township Supervisor Katja DiRado announced this year the creation of a Township Strategic Planning Steering Committee. DiRado, who noted the challenges faced by East Fallowfield Township and other municipalities in adapting to a changed economic climate, had urged her fellow Supervisors to think about new ways to raise revenues through economic development rather than just increasing taxes.

In the face of economic challenges such as dwindling earned income tax revenues, DiRado was determined to create an advisory committee that would meet and discuss economic strategies for ensuring consistent municipal revenues—something the Township had never done before.

The Committee consists of seven members who are appointed by the Township’s Board of Supervisors for a one-year term. The Strategic Planning Steering Committee will examine and facilitate economic development and help the Township develop a plan that will foster long-term economic viability and vitality. Meetings will be scheduled as needed at the Township Building.

Township Supervisor Joe Heffern will serve on the Committee as well as Planning Commission Chairman Dennis Crook, John Nielsen, a Planning Commission member, Scott Swichar, East Fallowfield Township’s Manager, and George Devine, who owns an auto repair business in the Township.

The Board of Supervisors are seeking letters of interest from Township residents, designees of the Coatesville Area School Board, representatives of emergency service providers servicing the Township, or local business owners (Township residency is not required) wishing to be appointed to the Strategic Planning Steering Committee. Residents interested in joining the Committee are asked to submit a letter of interest or resume to the Township Secretary at lvalaitis@eastfallowfield.org, or hand deliver/mail to the East Fallowfield Township Municipal Building (2264 Strasburg Road, East Fallowfield, PA 19320). Hand deliver between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Township Awarded \$1 Million Grant for Stabilization, Drainage and Reconstruction Repairs to Mortonville Road

Governor Wolf's office announced recently that it would be awarding a \$1 million grant from PennDOT's Multimodal Transportation Fund to East Fallowfield Township to install a permanent roadway stabilization system along a severely damaged portion of Mortonville Road. The portion of the damaged roadway is located just north of Strasburg Road and about 350 feet south of the intersection with Saw Mill Road.

"It is a great accomplishment that East Fallowfield Township was selected to receive this grant," said Township Manager Scott Swichar. The application process is highly competitive as many communities compete for these limited resources. Over 195 applications were reviewed in the most recent grant award cycle; only 50 applications across the state were accepted for funding, and of these, only five municipalities in Chester County were awarded grant funding.

"The damaged section of Mortonville Road has been closed in one direction for several years because of severe roadway embankment settlement and erosion," said Swichar. "The road is actually sliding toward the nearby Brandywine Creek, which is only 20 feet from the roadway surface," he said.

Fixing the Township's aging roads and making streets safer is an important priority for the Township's Board of Supervisors and administration," said Vice Chairman Wilson Lambert.

The grant will enable the Township to keep the roadway open in both lanes by installing a permanent roadway stabilization system along the impacted section. The stabilization system would consist of a soil nail wall utilizing 20-foot long soil nails and micro piles for slope



Pictured from left to right, Vice Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Wilson Lambert, Township Manager Scott Swichar, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Steve Herzog, Township Supervisor Joe Heffern, Township Supervisor Katja DiRado, and Township Supervisor Carol Kulp.



A damaged portion of Mortonville Road.

stabilization to provide the necessary restraining forces to structurally support the roadway embankment. "The repairs to the damaged roadway will make the street safer for bicyclists and motorists who travel this corridor daily and ensure safe passage for school buses and emergency vehicles," said Lambert.

Mortonville Road carries traffic from nearby neighborhoods and provides a direct connection to PA Route 162/ Strasburg Road from the north and West Chester Road to the south. The road also provides an ancillary route to Business Route 30 in the nearby City of Coatesville and Route 30 from the south.

The Township has completed the preliminary design work for the project. "However, the grant would require the Township to match at least 30 percent of grant funding, but matching grants using state funding programs like the Liquid Fuels Tax is allowed," said Swichar. The Township will continue to seek matching funds from other sources to cover the cost of the estimated \$1.3 million project.

At the monthly Board of Supervisors meeting, Swichar thanked the Board of Supervisors for their commitment to creating safer roads. He also acknowledged State Senator Andrew Dinniman, who provided a letter of support to PennDOT for the project.

Fireworks Law in Pennsylvania – What You Need to Know

The Pennsylvania legislature updated the fireworks law, allowing for the expanded purchase and use of fireworks for Pennsylvania residents.

Pennsylvania residents can now purchase and use “Class C” fireworks. These fireworks are commonly known as consumer-grade fireworks. These can include firecrackers, bottle rockets, and other fireworks that contain a maximum of 50 milligrams of explosive materials. These were previously available only to out-of-state residents.

Display fireworks or “Professional Grade” are fireworks that contain more than 130 grains of explosive material. These can only be used by professionals that have proper permits through the state and local governing bodies.

High explosive fireworks including M-80s, M-1000s, quarter and half sticks are illegal and cannot be used or possessed.

The new law for consumer grade fireworks is as follows:

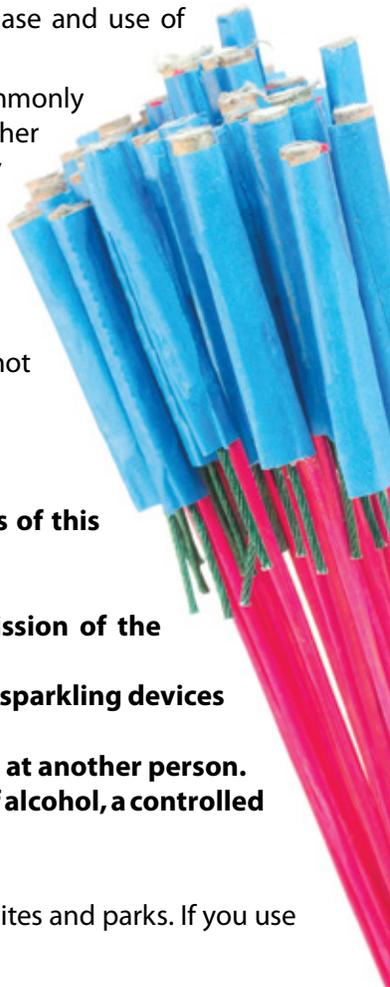
Title 72 Section 9404 – Use of Consumer Fireworks

(a) Conditions – A person who is at least 18 years of age and meets the requirements of this article may purchase, possess, and use consumer fireworks.

(b) Prohibitions – A person may not intentionally ignite or discharge:

- 1. Consumer fireworks on public or private property without the express permission of the owner.**
- 2. Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices within, or throw consumer fireworks or sparkling devices from, a motor vehicle or building.**
- 3. Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices into or at a motor vehicle or building or at another person.**
- 4. Consumer fireworks or sparkling devices while the person is under the influence of alcohol, a controlled substance or another drug.**
- 5. Consumer fireworks within 150 feet of an occupied structure.**

East Fallowfield Township Ordinances also prohibit fireworks at the Township’s recreational sites and parks. If you use fireworks, please do so safely and within the law.



Replacement Pumper Engine in Service

After many years of service, Modena Fire Company, which is one of the two companies that provides fire and ambulance service to East Fallowfield Township, retired its Engine 37-3, a 1982 Sutphen pumper fire engine that was mechanically failing. Modena Fire Company added Engine 37-2, a 2018 Pierce Enforcer pumper fire engine to its fleet. Engine 37-2 was placed in service on October 29, 2018.

Powered by a Cummins ISL9 450 HP engine, the new fire engine carries 1,000 gallons of water with a 1,500 GPM “Waterous” vehicle-mounted pump. The pumper truck has seating for a crew of six and carries 1,500 feet of attack hose and 1,700 ft of supply hose.

The funding for the truck comes from the Township’s Real Estate Fire/EMS Tax. This year, the Township will allocate \$315,800 to the ambulance service and two volunteer fire companies, Modena Fire Company and Westwood Fire Company that serve East Fallowfield Township. Modena Fire Company responded to 367 calls for service in East Fallowfield Township in 2018. Westwood Fire Company responded to 217 calls for service in East Fallowfield Township last year. These service calls include responding to fires, medical emergencies, and vehicle accidents.

“The priority of Modena Fire Company is to provide for the safety of our community and firefighters,” said Modena Fire Chief Frank Dowlin. “We accomplish this through excellent training, proper equipment and dependable vehicles. Without the continual support of this community, all this would not be possible,” concluded Dowlin.



Permanent Medicine Drop Box Has Been Installed at the Township Building

Prescription drug abuse is currently being reported by law enforcement agencies across the country as their greatest threat. In addition, unsafe disposal of prescription medications is costly to the environment.

East Fallowfield Township Police Department, in partnership with Pennsylvania American Water, the Brandywine Health Foundation, and Coatesville Youth Initiative, has installed a permanent medicine drop box to provide residents of East Fallowfield and nearby communities with a free, safe, convenient and legal option to dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications anonymously on a year-round basis. The permanent drop box has been installed in the reception area of the Township Building (2264 Strasburg Road) and is accessible to residents Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

East Fallowfield Township Police Chief Chris Porter stated, "We do not want medication to get in the wrong hands. The Township encourages residents to take advantage of this program to dispose of unused and unneeded medications in a safe environmentally responsible manner and reduce possible access and misuse by unauthorized persons and young people."



What is Accepted:

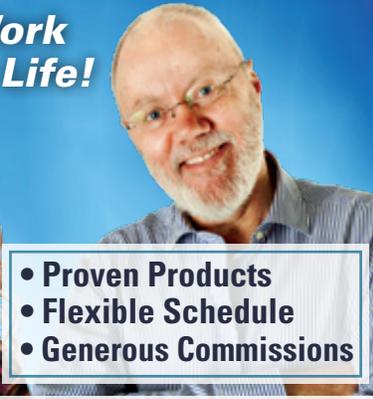
- Prescriptions
- Prescription Patches
- Prescription Medications
- Prescription Ointments
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Vitamins
- Samples
- Medication for Pets

What is NOT Accepted:

- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Inhalers
- Aerosol Containers
- Ointments, Lotions, or Liquids
- Medication from Businesses or Clinics
- Needles (Sharps)
- Thermometers
- Illicit Drugs

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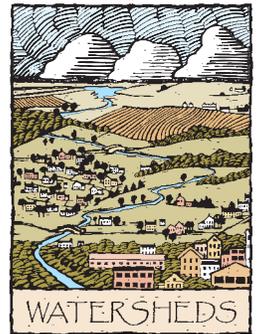
The East Fallowfield Township would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no cost to our residents.



Reducing Stormwater and Flooding

What You Can do to Help

- Disconnect your rain gutters (downspouts) from impervious surfaces (such as driveways and sidewalks) and direct the flow to grassed areas or into infiltration beds (dry wells).
- Install a rain barrel and use the collected rainwater for watering flowers and gardens.
- Allow a buffer of native grasses and other vegetation to grow along streams, ponds, or wetlands. This will filter pollutants, protect the stream channel and bank from erosion, and provide better habitat for aquatic based animals.
- Convert small low-lying areas into rain gardens. These can consist of small gardens of water tolerant plants and bushes that will help retain and infiltrate runoff.
- One of the best ways you can reduce the impacts of stormwater is to reduce the pollutants that can be carried in runoff into streams, reservoirs and water supply intakes. Always properly dispose of household hazardous waste, including cleaning solutions, paints, oils, batteries, solvents, pesticides, sealants, fertilizers, etc. When applying fertilizers or pesticides to your lawn or garden, only apply the recommended amount, and do not apply just before a rainstorm, or near a water body.



PLAYGROUND SAFETY

A quick checklist for parents

Place this list in a prominent area of your home for quick reference. Then, before your children head out the door for the playground, check that:

Supervision is present, but strings and ropes aren't.

Adult presence is needed to watch for potential hazards, observe, intercede and facilitate play when necessary. Strings on clothing or ropes used for play can cause accidental strangulation if caught on equipment.

All children play on age-appropriate equipment.

Preschoolers, ages 2-5, and children ages 5-12, are developmentally different and need different equipment located in separate areas to keep the playground safe and fun for all.

Falls to surface are cushioned.

Nearly 70 percent of all playground injuries are related to falls to the surface. Acceptable surfaces include hardwood fiber/mulch, pea gravel, sand and synthetic materials such as poured-in-place, rubber mats or tiles. Playground surfaces should not be concrete, asphalt, grass, blacktop, packed dirt or rocks.

Equipment is safe.

Check to make sure the equipment is anchored safely in the ground, all equipment pieces are in good working order, S-hooks are entirely closed, bolts are not protruding, there are no exposed footings, etc.



Checklist is from the National Program for Playground Safety (NPPS) at www.uni.edu/playground/

2019 Chester County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Items taken:



- ◆ Paint (Oil only)
- ◆ Pool Chemicals
- ◆ Gasoline/Kerosene
- ◆ Household Cleaners
- ◆ Antifreeze
- ◆ Varnishes/Stains
- ◆ Mercury
- ◆ Turpentine
- ◆ Fertilizers/Pesticides

Items **NOT** taken:



- ◆ Latex Paint
- ◆ Used Motor oil
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Asbestos
- ◆ Explosives
- ◆ Propane
- ◆ Helium/gas cylinders
- ◆ Medical waste
- ◆ Infectious waste
- ◆ Electronics



This collection is open to Chester County residents only. Please no businesses or contractors

Maximum Amount Accepted – 25 Gallons or 220 Lbs. / No Metal Drums

UPCOMING EVENTS: (All Events are 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM)

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019 OCTORARA HIGH SCHOOL
(Proof of Residency May Be Required) 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2019 COATESVILLE LEARNING CENTER
1635 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, PA 19320
(Stone wall entrance-Veteran's Drive-Same entrance as CAT Brandywine – Route 30 across from Dairy Queen)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2019 OXFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE BLDG.
(Proof of Residency May Be Required) 125 Bell Tower Lane, Oxford, PA 19363

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2019 GOVERNMENT SERVICES CENTER
601 Westtown Road, West Chester, PA 19380

Call 610-273-3771 for questions, or visit:
www.chestercountyswa.org for information.



East Fallowfield Township Recycling Statistics for 2018: Almost 618 Tons

East Fallowfield Township would like to thank our residents for being proactive when it comes to recycling and for the continued effort to make our Township an environmentally-friendly community. In 2018, East Fallowfield Township recycled 617.91 tons of single stream recyclables, making it 10.01 more tons than the previous year!

East Fallowfield Township complies fully with Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1988, which requires larger municipalities to recycle. The Township's single stream material is collected by Advanced Disposal and goes to J.P. Mascaro & Sons Total Recycle, a single-stream materials recovery facility (MRF) in Berks County, Pennsylvania.

What's New for 2019:

Residents may now place an unlimited amount of recycling out for collection. Each household has been supplied with a larger 96-gallon capacity recycling container for their use. Cardboard that does not fit inside the container should be flattened and left next to the cart. Extra items may be placed in a clearly marked container which is labeled RECYCLING ONLY.

East Fallowfield Township would also like to remind residents that you should NEVER bag recyclables. In fact, plastic bags are the worst contaminant in the recycling stream and should NEVER go in your recycling cart. When a flimsy plastic bag such as your traditional grocery bag or plastic film gets into the system, it gets caught in sorting machines thereby increasing waste and the cost of the entire process in both time and labor. Plastic bags should be returned to retailers who will recycle the bags, or you can reduce their use altogether by transitioning to reusable grocery bags.

Please remember our community goals for reducing the amount of solid waste through use of recycling. By actively removing recyclables from regular trash flow, we help save our environment as well as tax dollars. Thank you again for your efforts. For more information on recycling in East Fallowfield Township, please call (610)-635-6077.

Have "E" Skeletons in your Closet?

Bring them to the Township's new drop-off site.

We all have e-skeletons in our closet. You know, a dusty notebook computer that died much too young, a printer that simply stopped working, or an old TV you left for a younger, slimmer model.

While getting rid of these electronics is no longer as simple as leaving them outside with your regular household trash on collection day, electronic recycling is still ridiculously easy in East Fallowfield Township.

How easy? Residents can simply stop by the Township building and show a valid ID or a copy of a utility bill identifying that they are a resident of East Fallowfield Township. The drop-off site is open weekdays from 8 am to 4 pm, unless the Township is closed due to a holiday. No appointments are necessary and the service is free for Township residents. Electronics may NOT be left outside at the Township Building or collection site when the facility is closed. In order to prevent dumping or theft of materials, the collection site is monitored by the East Fallowfield Township Police Department.

The permanent electronics drop-off collection site opened this year, in response to the high demand from East Fallowfield Township residents to safely dispose of electronic devices, such as tube and flat screen televisions, computers, printers, laptops and monitors. As the State's Covered Device Recycling Act prohibits certain electronics from being collected curbside or disposed at landfills, the new permanent collection site provides a safe and legal alternative to properly dispose and recycle certain electronics items.

"Proper recycling is important because there are millions and millions of devices that have a limited useful life span, and they contain heavy metals, such as lead, cadmium, and mercury, as well as other materials that do not belong in the normal trash stream," said East Fallowfield Township Manager Scott Swichar.

The Township can only accept the following items: tube and flat televisions, computers (desktops and laptops), tablets/e-readers, printers, and computer peripherals such as keyboards. East Fallowfield Township will also pick up these items from your home for a fee. For more information or to schedule pickup at your home, please call (610)-635-6077. "We are pleased to assist residents with the disposal of electronics in an environmentally safe way that keeps these items out of landfills," said Swichar.





East Fallowfield Recycles RECYCLE RIGHT

Recycle Right means "Clean" Recycling

So what can I recycle?

While recycling is the first step in the process, it's important to put materials in the cart or bin that **actually belong there**. Most importantly, we need your help to reduce the contamination of clean recycling materials by separating those with organic material on them. Know before you throw!

Advanced Disposal accepts unlimited amounts of recycling!

All recycling should be placed inside the cart for collection. However, place large cardboard boxes next to the cart for collection or use your own container for additional household recycling.



✓ Acceptable Items:

Commingled recycling – these items can be placed in the cart.



Cardboard

(Yes, all those Prime boxes!)



Paper

(Office paper, brown paper bags, mail, etc.)



Aluminum Cans, Metal Containers

(After being quickly rinsed)



Plastic Bottles, Jars, Jugs and Containers

(After being quickly rinsed)



Glass Containers

(After being quickly rinsed)

Unacceptable Items:

- ✗ **Tanglers**
(No wires, holiday light strings, hoses, cords, etc.)
- ✗ **Food Waste or Liquids**
(Organic material)
- ✗ **Batteries**
(All types, especially lithium)
- ✗ **Safe Sharps**
(Any needle, syringe, blade, etc.)

Combine #1 - #7 plastics, jars, aluminum and steel food containers. Please wash all plastics, and metals, remove all caps/rings before you recycle them.

Rinse plastic and metal containers to remove as much organic residue as possible.



Clean Recycling is Recycling Right! For more information, please visit:

<https://www.advanceddisposal.com/recyclerright>

Acceptable and Unacceptable recyclable items subject to change.

Common Recycling Mistakes

These are commonly mistaken items that often show up in recycling carts and bins, but they **CANNOT BE RECYCLED AT YOUR CURB**. Please don't toss these in with your recycling.

❌ Plastic Grocery Bags

These are the most common items in the bin or cart that shouldn't be there, and they can be the most detrimental. When they get caught in the recycling sorter, they have to shut the whole system down and manually pull them out. Instead, consider recycling them by taking them back to the grocery or pharmacy, or big box stores where there are specially designated bins for recycling plastic bags.

❌ Take-Out Containers & Donut Boxes

Food residue can contaminate the boxes or other recyclable material. They can only be recycled if free of food waste and residue from food (think cheese from pizza).

❌ Polystyrene (Styrofoam)

Although Styrofoam is recyclable, it requires highly specialized equipment that single stream recycling facilities are not equipped with. Some restaurants (such as Chick-fil-A) accept their own Styrofoam cups for recycling.

❌ Paper Coffee Cups

Although often thought of as a better alternative to Styrofoam, paper cups pose issues to recycling as well due to the plastic coating applied to prevent leaking. Your best bet is to bring your own mug!

❌ Shredded Paper

Shredding paper reduces its size so dramatically that it ends up mixed with the residue or glass at recycling facilities. Because the machines sort broken glass and other debris by size, the shredded paper often gets destroyed or disposed of because it ends up in the wrong place. Once it is mixed with glass or residue, it cannot be recovered for recycling.

❌ Pizza Boxes

This is one of the most common recycling mistakes. Although they are made of cardboard, the grease from the pizza contaminated the raw material. You can tear off the untarnished parts and recycle them though!

❌ Household Glass

Items like window panes, mirrors, light bulbs, and dishes are dangerous and should be left out of your recycling. Light bulbs can be recycled at many hardware and home improvement stores. Dishes, if not broken, can be donated to local charities.

❌ Wet Paper

Paper that has gotten wet can make recycling difficult or impossible. Take care to cover your recyclables to keep them safe from the elements. Wet paper should be discarded with the trash.

❌ Baby Diapers

The plastic from them cannot be salvaged. Plus it's just plain gross!

❌ Aerosol Cans

While these are made of metal, because of the chemicals used to pressurize the cans, they are classified as household hazardous waste and should be discarded as such – not with recyclables or with the garbage.

❌ Ceramics & Pottery

This includes things like coffee mugs and old flower pots. Look into donating items like this if they are in alright shape, someone else may be able to reuse them!

❌ Paint, Pesticides, Automotive Fluids, Diesel Fuel, Gasoline, Kerosene & Car Batteries

They cannot be accepted and should be disposed of at a hazardous waste disposal facility.

❌ Automotive Parts & Scrap Metals

These are too large and cumbersome for recycling equipment and could cause injury.

❌ Hypodermic Needles

At one time, people were told that it was safe to put needles into a plastic bottle. It is not safe. Our workers can be exposed to grave illness and blood borne diseases. People need to properly dispose of used needles.



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Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



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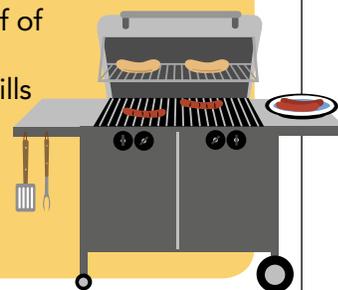
PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. **If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department.** Do not move the grill.

If the flame **goes out**, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least **5 minutes** before re-lighting it.

FACTS

- ! July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ! Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.





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