

East Fallowfield News



SPRING 2025

FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK

Dear Residents and Friends,

I hope you had a great winter and are looking forward to spring! I'm excited to share updates on our township's recent accomplishments and upcoming initiatives.

Board of Supervisors Reorganization & New Treasurer

Congratulations to **John Nielsen**, appointed as **Chairman** of the Board of Supervisors for 2025, and **Wilson Lambert**, named **Vice Chairman**. We also welcome **Dave Hindman** as our new Township Treasurer. Dave, a long-time resident of East Fallowfield, brings extensive financial expertise to help manage township finances and budget planning.

2025 Budget: No Tax Increase!

The **Board of Supervisors passed the 2025 budget with no tax increase**—Despite inflationary pressures, 2025 is the seventh consecutive year without a tax increase in the General Fund while maintaining the current service levels! There is also no change to the current trash fee of \$450.

In 2024, the township ended the year with a **budget surplus**, thanks to higher-than-expected revenue from **interest earnings, building permits, and real estate transfer taxes**. This allowed us to **transfer \$400,000 into the capital fund** for future infrastructure projects.

\$1.8M in Grant Funding Secured

Last year, the township secured over \$1.8 million in grants to support vital projects, including:

- **\$4,500** – Brandywine Creek Greenway Program (park & gazebo improvements)
- **\$250,000** – DCED Local Share Account (Saw Mill Road culvert replacement)
- **\$1.55 million** – RACP & Community Project Funds (future municipal complex)

Traffic Calming & Record-Setting Road Paving in 2025

Ensuring safer roads is a high priority. This summer, we're launching a **traffic calming project** on Strode Avenue (Rt. 82), adding **traffic islands, rumble strips, and radar speed signs**. **This project will be funded using \$250,000 in grant funding.**

Meanwhile, 2025 will see our **largest road paving season ever!** With **\$425,000 allocated** (compared to just \$150,000 in 2017), we're making significant investments in road maintenance. Stay tuned for updates on resurfacing projects at www.eastfallowfield.org.

Planning for the Future: Open Space & Strategic Goals

The **Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan**—adopted in November—sets a clear vision for parks, trails, and green spaces. Additionally, the township's **first-ever Strategic Plan (2025-2029)** outlines goals to guide future development and services. View the plan here: www.eastfallowfield.org/road.map.25-29.

Stay Connected

Stay informed by signing up for our **Constant Contact emails**, visiting [our website](#), or following our **Facebook page**.

On behalf of the Township Board of Supervisors, I wish you a wonderful spring season—I hope to see you around town!

Sincerely,

Scott M. Swichar Township Manager

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Michael Domboski | mdomboski@eastfallowfield.org
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Township Administration

Township Manager/Secretary: Scott Swichar | manager@eastfallowfield.org
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Sue Sereditch | secretary@eastfallowfield.org / trash@eastfallowfield.org

Public Works Department

Road Foreman:
Justin Gathercole
Road Crew:
Bill Lewis, Nicklous Giunta,
John Winters

Police Department

Chief of Police: Chad Osborn
Administrative Assistant: Christi Walls
Sergeant: Brian Simmons
Full-time Officers: John Hewczuk, Richard McAllister,
John O'Donnell, John Rappold, Kevin Simmons

Agricultural Security Committee

Chairman: Wilson T. Lambert, Jr.
Members: Arthur DeLeo, Clarence Rhoades III
Joseph Heffern, Jillian Federoff

Municipal Building Committee Members

Katja DiRado, Michael Domboski, John Ionata,
Wilson T. Lambert, Jr., Jennifer Wright, Jerry Dickinson,
Advisor: Scott Swichar

Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC)

Members: John Nielsen, Tanner Burns, Jeanne Berlin,
Charles Reed, Deane Madsen, Teri Dickinson,
Paul Brenner, Robert Diest, Roger Mustalish,
Katja DiRado (Alternate)

Parks and Recreation Committee

Chair: Teri Dickinson
Vice Chair: Clare Small
Members: Fred Weiss, Robin Barnes Burdick,
Jonathan Egger, Stephanie Scotton,
Joyce Madding, Jennifer Wright

Historic Commission

Chairman: Joe McCormick
Secretary: Sue Monaghan
Members: Clarence Rhoades III,
Connie McLaughlin, Chad Peterson

Planning Commission

Chairman: Michael Domboski
Vice Chair: Deborah Stoff
Members: Joe Perzan, Sue Monaghan,
Joseph Heffern, Guido Giuntini, Ray Smith,
Alternate member: Jerry Dickinson

Zoning Hearing Board

Members: Ellis Weiss, Kathleen Moffitt, Jason Hewson

NEW TO THE TOWNSHIP?

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WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/EASTFALLOWFIELDTOWNSHIP

Are You Curious Where Your Tax Dollars Go?

It's a question we often receive at the Township Building, because the collection of real estate taxes can be a little confusing. So, here's the answer...

A real estate tax bill includes three separate taxes... the property tax that's levied by Cheser County, the property tax that's levied by Coatesville Area School District (CASD), and the property tax that's levied by East Fallowfield Township.

Each entity has a different tax rate, so each entity receives a different percentage of the total taxes paid.

So, who gets the property taxes that are paid by property owners in East Fallowfield Township?

83% is collected by the Coatesville Area School District

10% is collected by Chester County

7% is collected by East Fallowfield Township

Despite receiving just 7% of the overall tax revenue, East Fallowfield Township continues to maximize resources to provide essential services and amenities for residents at the highest level the community expects. These include:

Road maintenance	Parks and recreational facilities
24/7 police protection	Community events
Fire and ambulance services	Free electronics recycling

New Online Permitting System Coming Soon!

Exciting news for East Fallowfield Township! We are transitioning from paper-based building permits to a modern online permitting system called Cloudpermit, with plans to launch this summer.

"The online permitting software will streamline the application process, making it easier, faster, and more user-friendly for residents, contractors, and developers," said Township Manager Scott Swichar.

Benefits of the New System:

Convenient Online Access – Apply for permits, track progress, and receive approvals from anywhere.

Online Payments – Secure and hassle-free payment options.

Resident & Contractor Portal – A dedicated space for users to manage applications.

Contractor Registration – Register and stay up to date online.

Website Integration – Easily access the system through our township website.

Stay tuned for more details! We will be sharing updates on social media, and tutorials will be available to help residents and contractors navigate the new system.

East Fallowfield Environmental Advisory Council Spring 2025 Update

By John Nielsen, EAC Chair

Our Township's Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resources Plan (ORERP) has been completed with the help of consultant Simone Collins. This document will aid us in preserving and protecting our natural, historic and cultural resources. Based on recommendations in the plan, the EAC is in the process of evaluating a Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) grant opportunity that would enable the township to convert a portion of a grassy lawn at the township park to a meadow field. The project would target certain areas at the park that require frequent mowing. The potential meadow created through this project would reduce costly mowing, provide a riparian buffer for Dennis Run, increase biodiversity, serve as a buffer for the walking paths, and create a more pleasing view.

We are also working with the Parks & Recreation Committee on a tree planting initiative at the township park. The mature trees will serve as riparian buffers and provide shade near the playground, pavilion and walking path areas.

If you are interested in learning how to care for our local trees and waterways, the Penn State Extension programs offer two useful training opportunities: The "Tree Tenders" program (8 hours in person) teaches you how to restore and maintain the tree canopy in our community. The "Master Watershed Steward" training



course teaches individuals how to protect and improve our local waterways. For more information visit: www.extension.psu.edu.

This past January, members of our team collected water samples from several Township streams: Buck Run, Shale Run, Dennis Run, the Brandywine Creek and 2 unnamed creeks. The samples will be analyzed by Stroud Water Research for salinity and conductivity, giving a "synoptic snapshot" of water pollution from winter road salt. Once we receive the results they will be published on the Township website with a link to Stroud Center. This is a statewide effort to determine the extent of pollution from road salt. Visit: <http://stroudcenter.org> for further information.

The EAC is also working to expand our community engagement efforts. This initiative will focus on educating residents on environmental issues pertinent to the Township and providing volunteer opportunities aligned with our mission of protecting and preserving the natural beauty of our Township. We encourage residents to join the EAC Facebook page via the link below to stay abreast of upcoming events and projects. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/286293246824642>

Remember Tuesday, April 22 is Earth Day and Saturday, April 12 will be Spring Park Clean-Up Day so come on out and help keep East Fallowfield Township beautiful!



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Coffee With a Cop on May 21, 2025

The East Fallowfield Police Department will be conducting our third annual “Coffee with a Cop” event from 08:30 to 10:30 a.m on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The event will be hosted by 7 T’s located at 580 Doe Run Road at the intersection of Doe Run Road and Strasburg Road. We encourage citizens to come out and engage with members of the East Fallowfield Police Department in casual conversations about topics that are important to you. There will be coffee and light refreshments provided throughout the event. Special thanks to local business owners Rich and Kim Tomassetti from 7T’s Pizza for hosting the event!

SCAM ALERT: Protect Yourself from Fraud

The East Fallowfield Police Department and agencies nationwide are seeing a rise in scams aimed at stealing your money and identity. Scammers use fear and urgency to pressure victims into quick action. Here are some common scams reported in our area:

- ◊ **PECO Scam** – You get a call claiming your power will be shut off immediately due to unpaid bills. The scammer demands payment via gift cards.
- ◊ **Chester County Sheriff Scam** – A caller claims you’ll be arrested for missing jury duty or a minor infraction unless you pay immediately—again, using gift cards.
- ◊ **Grandparent Scam** – A scammer poses as a grandchild in distress, claiming they’ve been arrested and need money for bail or an attorney. They urge secrecy and quick payment.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Don’t answer calls from unknown numbers.
- Hang up if someone pressures you for immediate payment.
- Verify claims independently—contact PECO, the Sheriff’s Office, or family members directly using official numbers.
- Think before acting—scammers try to create panic to stop you from questioning them.

East Fallowfield Police Department Officer of the Year 2024

The East Fallowfield Police Department is honored to recognize Officer John O’Donnell as the 2024 Officer of the Year! Selected by his peers, Officer O’Donnell exemplifies dedication, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to his colleagues and the community. Known for his willingness to lend a helping hand, provide valuable insights, and offer guidance, Officer O’Donnell consistently goes above and beyond in his duties. As a Field Training Officer, he played a critical role in the recruitment and training of two new officers in 2024, ensuring they were well-prepared to serve the department and community effectively.

In addition to his fieldwork, Officer O’Donnell, a 10-year veteran of the force, serves as the department’s evidence technician. His instrumental efforts in transitioning to a new electronic evidence system have been key to the program’s success. Committed to professional growth, Officer O’Donnell continued to expand his expertise in 2024 by attending advanced training courses in patrol procedures and leadership, further enhancing his ability to serve and support the department.

Congratulations, Officer John O’Donnell, on this well-deserved recognition! Your dedication and excellence are an inspiration to us all!



IF YOU’RE A VICTIM OF A SCAM:

-  **Call the East Fallowfield Police at 610-384-9163 or 911 to report the incident.**
-  **Report cyber scams to the FBI at ic3.gov or 1-800-CALL-FBI.**

Many scams originate outside the U.S., making prosecution difficult, but reporting helps authorities track trends and protect others. Stay vigilant and spread the word!

East Fallowfield Township 2025 MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Supervisors Meetings <small>Second & fourth Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30 p.m. (except *)</small>			Planning Commission Meetings <small>First & third Mondays of the month @ 6:30 p.m. (except *)</small>		
January 14 & 28	May 13 & 27	September 9 & 23	Jan. 13* & 20	May 5 & 19	September 8* & 15
February 11 & 25	June 10 & 24	October 14 & 28	February 3 & 17	June 2 & 16	October 6 & 20
March 11 & 25	July 8 & 22	November 18 & 25	March 3 & 17	July 7 & 21	November 3 & 17
April 8 & 22	August 12 & 26	Dec. 9, 16* & 23	April 7 & 21	August 4 & 18	December 1 & 15
Parks and Recreation Meetings <small>First & third Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30 p.m.</small>			Historic Commission Meetings <small>First & third Wednesdays of the month @ 6:30 p.m.</small>		
January 7 & 21	May 6 & 20	September 2 & 16	January 15	May 7 & 21	September 3 & 17
February 4 & 18	June 3 & 17	October 7 & 21	February 5 & 19	June 4 & 18	October 1 & 15
March 4 & 18	July 1 & 15	November 4 & 18	March 5 & 19	July 2 & 16	November 5 & 19
April 1 & 15	August 5 & 19	December 2 & 16	April 2 & 16	August 6 & 20	December 3 & 17
Environmental Advisory Council Meetings <small>Third Thursday of the month @ 6:30 p.m.</small>			Municipal Building Committee Meetings <small>Fourth Monday of the month @ 6:30 p.m. (except *)</small>		
January 16	May 15	September 18	January 27	May 28*	September 22
February 20	June 26*	October 16	February 24	June 23	October 27
March 20	July 17	November 20	March 24	July 28	November 24
April 17	August 21	December 18	April 28	August 25	December 22



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CAPL is a regional library serving the municipalities of the City of Coatesville, Caln, East Fallowfield, Modena, South Coatesville, Valley, and West Bradford.

Community members:

Construction is underway to repair and revamp the downstairs rooms at Coatesville Library. In July of 2024, a flood damaged all the downstairs program rooms of the library, but after many months of fundraising & planning, reconstruction of the downstairs has begun. The library has decided to take this opportunity to rearrange some spaces, reclaiming some storage areas and converting them into usable program space. So ‘keep an eye out’ for some of our exciting new projects like a new and improved Kid’s Zone, as well as a Teen space and a Maker Space.

Many East Fallowfield residents got to meet our new Head of Youth & Outreach Services, Miss Erin, at many of the magnificent events she attended this past fall. We loved seeing all your costumes at the East Fallowfield Trunk or Treat event! You can catch Miss Eri next at the CASD Kindergarten Carnival with Miss Erika, a local East Fallowfield resident and staff member.

The library will continue to be open during construction, with our main programs like Chess Club, Book Club, STEM club, and our weekly Storytimes continuing as usual. This Spring we are excited to host some great authors —like Zetta Elliott visiting in February— our favorite magician, the Magical Ed Schmitt, Nature Programs, and gardening programs. There is something for everyone at the Coatesville Area Public Library!”

Best Regards,
 Amber Timlin, MLIS, MFA
 Executive Director (she/her)
 Coatesville Area Public Library



Coatesville Area Public Library receives \$9000 donation from East Fallowfield Township.



East Fallowfield Township Parks & Recreation 2025 EVENTS

April

Spring Park Cleanup
Saturday, April 12

May

Rescue Rally
Saturday, May 17
(rain date May 24)

June

Summertime Concert in the Park
Thursday, June 12/5:30-8:30 p.m.

Star-Spangled Bike Parade
Saturday, June 28

July

Family Health Fair
Saturday, July 12

July

(continued)

Summertime Concert in the Park
Thursday, July 17/5:30-8:30 p.m.

August

Children's Concert Event
Saturday, August 2

Summertime Concert in the Park
Thursday, August 21/5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

September

Touch a Truck
Saturday, September 6

Flea Market & Vendor Fair
Saturday, September 27

October

Fall Festival/Cornhole Tourney
Saturday, October 11

Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 25

November

Fall Park Cleanup
Saturday, November 8

December

Holiday Tree Lighting
Saturday, December 6 or 13 (TBD)

For event details and updates, follow East Fallowfield Township on FB

2025 PARKS AND RECREATION YEAR IN REVIEW

By: Teri Dickinson, Parks and Recreation Chair

A successful park system embodies specific core values, and our Township Park is once again seeking to balance exciting programming with ecological and sustainable park practices. To be sustainable, we must care for our natural resources, protect our wildlife, support conservation practices, and ensure that our Park will be healthy for generations to come.

In 2025, we will continue to protect and plant only native plants and trees on Park property. Twenty-two new native saplings have been ordered and will be planted this Spring. Native trees are best adapted to our local environment and create natural habitats for local wildlife, birds, and beneficial insects. A Riparian buffer system, courtesy of the Stroud Riparian Buffer Assistance Program, will help protect the Park's water quality, reduce erosion, and provide further wildlife habitats!

Let us not forget about our beautiful water feature in the Park! The Parks team is investigating pond revitalization as a priority in 2025. The newly adopted Open Space, Recreation, and Environmental Resources Plan identified the pond as an area in need of improvement. As Invasive plants have encroached along the pond's edges, the accumulated sediment and debris have created a less-than-ideal ecosystem for fish and wildlife.

Ideally, we could restock the pond and make it accessible for catch and release fishing fun for our residents!

Be on the lookout for improvements throughout the Park in 2025. We have recommended that the Township improve and expand the playground swing system. The new swings will allow more seats for older children and a face-to-face "mommy and me" swing! The two kiosks in the Park will provide updated information throughout the Spring and Summer months so be sure to check it out! Additionally, please check out our Facebook page (East Fallowfield Parks & Recreation) or our Instagram page (eftparksandrec).

The Parks and Recreation team constantly seeks innovative ways to better deliver park programming and services to the residents of East Fallowfield Township and our surrounding communities. Each year, we listen to community feedback when we plan our calendar of events, building and improving upon our past successes while creating new and diverse programs to reach even more residents! We cannot operate without the help of volunteers. Please consider helping or donating your skills at an event or just join us for a meeting and see what we are all about! For more information, please contact me at tad411@comcast.net.

East Fallowfield Township 2025 Recycling Schedule

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Observed holidays are noted in **BLUE**. Collection days that fall on or after the holiday will be delayed one day. **EXCEPTION:** If holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, there is no change in service prior to or after the holiday.

Important Information from East Fallowfield Township:

- The first scheduled trash pickup will be during a "scheduled" holiday week, so it will be pushed back one day from Friday, January 3 to **Saturday, January 4, 2025**.
- The first scheduled recycle day for the **WEST** side will be on **Saturday, January 4, 2025**. The next West recycle day will be two weeks later, on Friday, January 17, and so on.
- The first scheduled recycle day for the **EAST** side will be on **Friday, January 10, 2025**. The next East recycle day will be two weeks later, on Friday, January 24, and so on.
- If you have any questions or need to report a missed pickup, please contact the East Fallowfield Township office at trash@eastfallowfield.org, or call 610-384-7144 and press the prompt for "TRASH."



General Information On Trash And Recycling Collection

A.J. Blosenski is the contracted hauler for residential trash and recycling collection for East Fallowfield Township. Trash pick-up is every Friday. Please note that 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.

Collection of trash is limited to what will fit inside the 96 gallon Township-provided container. Please put your trash toters out Thursday night to ensure your trash is not missed during pickup.

Recycling collection is every other Friday, and is determined by East or West designation, depending on where you live. Recycling collection is unlimited. All Recyclable materials are placed together in a single recycling container. Materials include flattened cardboard, magazines, office paper, brown paper bags, paperboard, newspapers, junk mail, phone books, aluminum cans foil and pie tins, clear and colored glass bottles, and jars, tins or steel cans, and plastic bottles #1-7. Should your recyclables not fit in your 96-gallon Township-provided container, you could use your own container clearly labeled as 'Recycling,' or place flattened cardboard that will not fit inside the recycling container next to your recycling container.

If you feel you need an extra recycling container, let us know! The Township has a limited supply of extra (pre-owned) containers that we can make available at no charge. Contact us for more information on how to receive an additional container.

BULK TRASH PICKUP

Bulk trash is collected on the first Friday of each month. There is a limit of two bulk items once a month for each collection day.

What are 'Bulk Items?' Any items including carpet (cut and tied bundle measuring no more than 4 feet in length), furniture, exercise equipment, lawn furniture, large toys, mattresses/box springs, storm sashes, screens, and other household waste. Note: E-Waste, Construction Waste, Hazardous Waste, or Tires will NOT be accepted.

No appointment is necessary for collection of your bulk items.

Bulk waste must be placed curbside the night before, or prior to 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled day of collection. **Please note that A.J. Blosenski requires that all mattresses and box springs placed outside for bulk collection must be wrapped in plastic. This is in accordance with industry standards and is for the safety of hauler employees. Unwrapped mattresses are a hazard risk due to potential pests as well as the potential for excessive weight due to precipitation. Plastic mattress bags may be purchased at most hardware and home improvement stores.**

Appliances containing Freon must have a certified tag from a technician to document that the Freon has been properly removed. Appliances are collected by appointment only. Call us at 610-384-2104 or email: trash@eastfallowfield.org to schedule collection.

YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Curbside Wood Chipping Service Curbside collection is done the first Monday of every month. Please note that there is no need to call us to schedule collection! However, your clippings MUST be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the collection date. If they are not out on time, collection crews will not go back to pick them up. Note that depending on weather conditions and the amount of yard waste placed at the curb, there may be delays and collection may take up to five days.

Limbs/branches shall be no more than six feet in length. No single piece shall be more than four inches in diameter. Tree and Shrub trimmings only; No Vines. Trimmings, which include vines, will not be picked up. All trimmings must be piled next to the curb or at the end of the driveway. Trimmings should be piled neatly with the cutoff ends pointed toward the curb. Township employees will not come on private property to remove trimmings.



Curbside Seasonal Leaf Collection: Curbside collection service is only available each Monday during the middle of October through the middle of December. Yard waste MUST be at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the collection day. If it is not out on time, collection crews will not go back to pick it up. If you must dispose of clippings or leaves please containerize them (preferably paper bags). Plastic bags will not be taken. Collection service is free, but there is a limit of ten paper bags for each collection.

If you want to avoid raking, an environmentally friendly alternative is 'mower mulching' over your leaves, providing nutrients and natural fertilizer to your lawn.

Drop off Yard Waste Service: Residents can also drop off yard waste year-round at the Central Chester County Recycling Authority. This composting service is available on the second Saturday of every month (second and fourth Saturday during the months of April, May, August, and September) from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2240 Upper Gap Road, Coatesville (South Coatesville). This is a free service available to Township residents.

For more information about the Township's trash/recycling program, call 610-384-2104 or email us at: trash@eastfallowfield.org.

Acceptable Items



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METAL:

- Aluminum beverage cans
- Steel food & beverage cans, aerosol cans, paint cans

GLASS:

- Clear, brown, blue, and green glass food & beverage containers

PLASTIC:

- #1 through #7 – *All materials must be thoroughly cleaned before placing them in your recycle container.*

- ✓ Remove caps/lids
- ✓ Rinse thoroughly to remove all contaminants
- ✓ It is OK to leave on labels and neck rings

PAPER, PAPERBOARD & CARDBOARD:

Recycle Any Size. Any Quantity.

*Please break down boxes as flat as possible and put them out next to your recycle bin(s) on your pick-up day. * Please bundle excess cardboard.*

- All sizes of cardboard boxes
- Clean pizza boxes
- Food boxes (i.e. cereal & gelatin boxes)
- EMPTY paper towel and toilet paper rolls
- Paperboard packaging (i.e. tissue boxes)
- Office paper (any color)
- Newspapers and inserts
- Magazines, catalogs, and brochures
- Envelopes & junk mail
- Paper bags
- Phone books & other soft cover books
- Paperboard food & drink cartons

- ✓ Remove all packaging (Styrofoam, peanuts, plastic bubble wrap, plastic liners, etc.)
- ✓ Flatten ALL boxes
- ✓ Bundle all cardboard that does not fit into the recycling bin
- ✓ Cover loose paper with heavier items to prevent it from blowing away
- ✓ If the weather forecast calls for high winds or wet weather, if possible, keep your paper recyclables until next week. Wet paper products are difficult to process.

Non-Recyclable Items

NEEDLES & MEDICAL WASTE

DO NOT place used needles or any other medical waste with recycling! This is a serious health hazard to everyone!

- Broken glass
- Windows, mirrors, ceramics
- Drinking glasses
- Aluminum foil
- Scrap metal
- Clothing hangers (metal and plastic)
- Plastic tableware (knives, forks, spoons, etc.)
- Plastic grocery bags
- Light bulbs
- Food soiled material
- Wet papers or cardboard
- Shredded paper
- Plastic food wrappers
- Used paper towels or tissues
- Styrofoam
- Pool chemicals
- Packing peanuts
- Plastic bubble wrap
- Hose
- Christmas lights
- Diapers
- Food waste
- Propane tanks

The Covered Devices Recycling Act prohibits residents and businesses from placing their electronic waste at the curb or in their trash.

Covered devices include: desktop computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer, and speakers), televisions, or e-readers that browse the internet.



For more information on how to legally dispose of your electronic waste, please contact A.J. Blosenski, Inc. at 610-942-2707 or visit www.ajblosenski.com.



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Trash Talk

Trash service is one of the most talked-about topics in municipalities everywhere (yes, we hear the “trash talk” too!). Common questions we receive include: “Why is the trash delayed?” “Why didn’t they pick up my recycling this week?” “Why is recycling only once every two weeks?”

These are all valid questions we hear when residents email or call us. To help answer some of these questions, we’ll focus on trash-related questions in every issue, starting with this one:

How is recycling “unlimited” if it’s only picked up every two weeks?

Great question! Here’s how you can make the most of the unlimited recycling benefit in East Fallowfield Township:

1. If your township-provided recycling bin is full, you can use additional (unlimited!) recycling containers. You may use your own containers, and they must be marked “RECYCLE.”

Weather permitting, you may even use a cardboard box (with “Recycle” written on it) and place it next to your bin/s. (cardboard that cannot fit into your bin should be flattened and placed besides the bin). If you need an additional recycling bin, we do have extra “gently used” containers from our previous waste hauler. Contact us at trash@eastfallowfield.org or call/leave a message at **610-384-2104** to request your free bin.

2. We’ll take your recycling! Just bring proof of residency and stop by the office lobby (2264 Strasburg Road) Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. We have a recycling dumpster you may use.

For missed pickups, damaged bins, or other waste-related issues, contact the East Fallowfield Township Office directly at trash@eastfallowfield.org or 610-384-2104.

Stay tuned for more trash talk in the next newsletter!

2025 Composting Site Schedule

The Central Chester County Recycling Authority’s Composting Site is available for all residents of East Fallowfield, Modena, South Coatesville, and Valley Townships. It is located at 2240 Upper Gap Road in South Coatesville.

The site is open for residents to drop off compost materials on the **second Saturday** of every month (**sometimes twice a month as indicated***) from **8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.**

ACCEPTS: The compost site DOES ACCEPT small brush, leaves in biodegradable paper bags (plastic bags not permitted), and small tree branches (three inches in diameter or smaller).

DOES NOT ACCEPT: The compost site DOES NOT ACCEPT grass clippings, tree trunks, tree roots, stumps, lumber, or wooden pallets.

DATE
Saturday, January 11
Saturday, February 8
Saturday, March 8
Saturday, April 12
*Saturday, April 26
Saturday, May 10
*Saturday, May 24
Saturday, June 14
Saturday, July 12
Saturday, August 9
*Saturday, August 23
Saturday, September 13
*Saturday, September 27
Saturday, October 11
Saturday, November 8
Saturday, December 15

Volunteers Needed: Join The Historical Commission!

Do you have a passion for history and preserving our community’s heritage? The Township is seeking dedicated volunteers to join the **Historical Commission**. We currently have **three vacancies** available.

As a member of the Historical Commission, you’ll have the opportunity to:

- Advise the Board of Supervisors on historic preservation matters
- Review demolition permits for historic resources
- Evaluate applications for rehabilitation, enlargement, or alterations of historic sites
- Participate in exciting projects that enhance our Township’s historical legacy

The Commission meets **once a month**, and it’s a great way to get involved, meet like-minded neighbors, and make a meaningful impact.

If you’re interested, please submit a **letter of interest** via email to: manager@eastfallowfield.org

Help us protect and celebrate the history of our community—**volunteer today!**

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How Can I Recycle Computers, Laptops, TVs, Monitors, and Certain Electronic Equipment?

East Fallowfield Township offers a free year-round drop-off service for residents. State law prohibits certain electronics (such as televisions or computers) from being thrown away or disposed of at landfills.

The Township's drop-off site is located at the Township Building (2264 Strasburg Road). The site is open weekdays from 8:30AM to 4:00PM, unless the Township is closed due to a holiday. No appointment is necessary, and the service is free. However, anyone dropping off electronics **MUST** first stop at the Administrative Office and show a valid ID or a copy of a utility bill identifying that they are a resident of East Fallowfield Township. Electronics may **NOT** be left outside at the Municipal Building or collection site when the facility is closed.

***The Electronics Drop-Off
Recycling Program is provided
at no cost to East Fallowfield
Township taxpayers.***

Acceptable electronic items include:

- Televisions
- Computers
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Computer Keyboards
- Computer Mice
- Printers

STAYING SAFE *in the great outdoors*

Exploring the beautiful, vast Pennsylvania outdoors can be fun and memorable. However, the most important part of any trip is staying safe. In order to protect yourself and others who may be exploring with you on our remote, public lands, you first need to plan out your trip and learn what to do if you need help.

Plan Your Adventure

By taking the time to plan and follow a few basic rules, a hike, camping trip, or other activity can be a safe experience you can remember with great joy for a lifetime! Here are some tips to help you plan your safe adventure:

- Always plan out your trip ahead of time. It is important to lay out your trip, including where you are going, and, if it's a multiday trip, how far you will travel each day and how long you plan to stay in each area. Plan enough time for day trips to prevent you from traveling after dark without the proper nighttime equipment.
- Always tell someone where you are going and expected time of return. Write down your plans and indicate on a map where you are going. Let them know that you will call when you return. If they do not hear from you they can contact the proper authorities and a search can be started. Also leave a copy of your plan in your vehicle, too. Do not leave your plan on the dash or seat, where it can be easily spotted by someone hoping to break into vehicles.
- Don't rely on your cell phone; take a paper map with you. Cell phones and GPS units are not reliable in remote areas. You may experience a drained battery or no cellular reception. A compass is also a helpful tool that is a perfect companion to your map.
- Bring other helpful gear. Take matches, a knife, a whistle, food, and water with you. Also remember to always dress properly for the outdoors.
- Follow your plan. When you're on your adventure, stay on designated trails and learn what trail markings indicate the trail you need to be on.

If You Need Help

If you need help, do not wait to call for help. If you are calling for help for yourself using a cell phone, dial 911. If there is no 911 service, you will need to know the specific number to call or you will need to call someone you know to call help for you.

If You Become Lost

- Remain calm. While this sounds easy, many people will panic when in an undesirable, unfamiliar situation. Remaining calm will help a lost individual make sound, rational decisions.
- Stop walking. Walking with unfamiliar landmarks will often lead someone who is lost to wander in circles and potentially cause a longer rescue time.
- Seek/build shelter and a fire depending on weather conditions. Staying warm and dry are two key elements to surviving an extended period in the wild. Preventing hypothermia -- a condition where your body core temperature is too low to sustain your health -- is critical. Learn about hypothermia and ways to avoid it before you ever become lost in the woods.

As a last resort -- if no one knows your whereabouts, if you do not have the means to stay warm, and if you are at a point of last resort, find a stream and follow the water downstream. All streams in Pennsylvania will eventually lead to a road.



Please Don't Blow Grass in the Street!

When mowing your lawn please refrain from blowing grass into the street. Please blow it back into you yard. If blown into the street, grass clippings will find their way to storm drains and may clog them during heavy rain events that would contribute to localized flooding. The grass clippings in the street are also a hazard to motorcycles and bicycle riders.



What Is Grasscycling?

Grasscycling is the simple practice of leaving grass clippings on the lawn when mowing. Once cut, grass clippings first dehydrate, then decompose, quickly disappearing from view.

Grasscycling —

- Encourages a healthier lawn by returning nutrients to the soil beneath the lawn.
- Reduces work because you don't have to bag or rake and dispose of your clippings.
- Saves you money because you don't have to pay for disposal of your clippings.
- Benefits the environment by naturally recycling the clippings.
- Simply put, grasscycling is good for your lawn and can help you reduce waste. Learn how easy it is for you to begin grasscycling.

How To Begin

Proper mowing is required for successful grasscycling. Cut grass when the surface is dry, and keep mower blades sharp. Follow the "1/3 Rule": mow your lawn often enough so that no more than 1/3 of the length of the grass blade is cut in any one mowing. Frequent mowing will produce short clippings that will not cover up the grass surface. You may have to cut the lawn every 7 days when the lawn is growing fast but only every 7 to 14 days when the lawn is growing slowly.

You can grasscycle with most any mower (push, electric or gas). The mower collection bag should be removed to allow clippings to drop on the lawn. However, if your mower does not have a safety flap covering the opening where the bag fits into the chute, it is important that you purchase a retrofit kit from your local retailer.

Most lawnmower manufacturers have developed "mulching" mowers which cut grass blades into small pieces and force them into the soil. These types of mowers are effective in grasscycling and have become very popular. They are sold at many yard and garden equipment retailers, nurseries, and home supply stores.

Common Grasscycling Questions

Does grasscycling cause thatch?

No! Research has shown that grass roots are the primary cause of thatch, not grass clippings. Thatch is composed primarily of roots, stems, rhizomes, and other plant materials. These plant materials contain large amounts of lignin (fibrous material) and decompose slowly. Grass clippings are approximately 80-85 percent water with only small amounts of lignin, and decompose rapidly.

Does grasscycling spread lawn disease?

No. Improper watering and fertilizing are the primary cause of disease spread. If an accommodating environment for turfgrass disease is present, infestation will occur whether clippings are collected or not. Will grasscycling make my lawn look bad?

No! If a lawn is properly mowed, watered, and fertilized, grasscycling can actually produce a healthier looking lawn. It is important to cut the lawn frequently to produce small clippings that will decompose quickly. If a lawn is not cut frequently and clippings are left on the lawn, it will produce a "hay-like" look which can be unsightly.

Are there alternatives to grasscycling?

Yes! Grasscycling does not work in every situation. Prolonged wet weather, mower breakdowns, or infrequent mowing are situations where grass clippings should probably be bagged since a large number of clippings may be generated. But don't throw the clippings away! Add clippings to your compost pile, or use them as mulch around trees, flowerbeds, and shrubs.

Does grasscycling require special equipment?

Refer to your owner's manual or contact a local lawnmower dealer to learn if you can safely grasscycle. You may need to purchase a retrofit kit, and your mower dealer can assist you with selecting the correct one. Mulching mowers make grasscycling easy by cutting grass blades into small pieces and forcing them into the soil. Electric mulching mowers can also help reduce air pollution.



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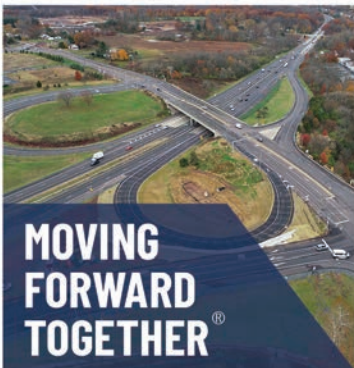
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