

AVONDALE BOROUGH 2015 SPRING NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2015



From the Mayor's Desk

GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN UP

Once again, the Borough has signed up to join the Great American Clean up. We ask that each resident of Avondale Borough clean up around your homes and get rid of all the unwanted trash that has accumulated. You can bring your trash for disposal to Pomeroy Avenue where the Borough will have large trash containers placed that you can put your trash into for free disposal. The trash containers will be at the Borough building on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Start your cleanup now but please don't bring your trash to the Borough building until the day of the cleanup.

PARK CLEAN UP

We are also asking for volunteers to help clean up the parks in town. Please call the Borough building to register for the event or just show up. We will meet at the Watson Park on Second Street on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 9:00 am. The Borough will furnish gloves and vests and bags for the clean up. After the cleanup, we will meet back at the park for a light lunch. Please help us clean up the Borough because the Borough belongs to you. Your kids deserve a clean safe place to play.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2015 9:00 am. Hope to see you there.

Lunch will be sponsored by Rich Walkup, owner of Avondale Apartments.

Thank you. Call the Borough Office with questions 610-268-8501.

SPRING CLEAN UP TIME IS HERE

BRUSH AND LAWN WASTE PICK-UP

The Borough requires you to use biodegradable paper yard waste bags.

Bags can be purchased at the Borough Office during business hours or call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 to make arrangements to purchase bags. **\$5.00 for 15 bags**

MONDAY PICK-UP STARTING APRIL 1ST through DECEMBER 1ST Please have your bags out by 7:00 a.m.

COMPOSTING WILL NOT BE PICKED UP IN ANY OTHER TYPE BAG. NO EXCEPTIONS!

The Composting Facility is for the use of Borough Residents only. No Contractors

All brush and tree limbs are to be cut in lengths no longer than 3 feet and tied in bundles one person can handle (2 to 3 feet around).

Any tree limbs or brush not tied and bundled and any lawn waste not in paper bags will not be picked up.

OPEN BURNING IN THE BOROUGH IS PROHIBITED!



TRASH AND RECYCLING

Trash and recycling are picked up on Tuesdays.

One bulk item will be picked up on the last Tuesday of each month. Following are some samples of bulk items:

sofa or chair
mattress and box spring is considered one item
washer, dryer, or stove

Appliances with Freon will **not be accepted. SECCRA Landfill accepts appliances with Freon at a cost of \$12.00 each. They remove the Freon.

Car and Truck tires will **not accepted. SECCRA Landfill accepts auto tires for a fee of \$3.00 each. Truck Tires (no rims) \$10.00 each.

You can also take auto batteries and motor oil to the landfill. There is no charge.

RECYCLING MATERIALS ACCEPTED

- ◇ The entire newspaper including inserts.
- ◇ Aluminum, steel, and bimetal cans: Food and beverage cans only
- ◇ Glass: bottles & jars-food and beverage containers marked #1 thru #7
- ◇ Plastic: Food and beverage containers marked #1 thru #7
- ◇ Please rinse all containers listed above
- ◇ Misc paper: Magazines, junk mail, cardboard, phone books & paperboard (cereal & clean pizza boxes).
- ◇ All kinds of cartons: milk juice, etc.



WORK SESSIONS

Work Sessions are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Please come to this meeting if you have a question or a concern about water or sewer.

WATER & SEWER EMERGENCY

If you have a water or sewer emergency Call:

610-268-2498

Someone is on call 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

RENT OR LEASE ANY UNITS IN YOUR DWELLING?

If you rent or lease any units in your dwelling, a yearly inspection is required. You need to get an inspection every year or if you change a tenant during that year. It is up to the homeowner to call the Borough Office for your yearly inspection.

SELLING YOUR HOME ?

If you are selling your home, you will need an inspection to acquire an occupancy permit. This is required before you can go to settlement.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
BOROUGH OFFICE



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From the Desk of Emergency Management Coordinator Bill Shore

PREPARING FOR TORNADOES

Even though tornadoes are more common in the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest, they can occur in any state and at any time of the year. In Pennsylvania, there have been 170 tornadoes recorded in just the last 10 years (source: National Climactic Data Center). With tornadoes, planning and practicing specifically how and where you take shelter is a matter of survival.

- Determine a place where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning. Storm cellars or basements provide the best protection.
- If underground shelter is not available, go into an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they attract debris.
- A vehicle, trailer or mobile home does not provide good protection. Trailer parks should have a community storm shelter and a warden to monitor broadcasts throughout the severe storm emergency. Plan to go quickly to a building with a strong foundation, if possible.
- If shelter is not available, lie flat in a ditch or other low-lying area. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- Schools should have a designated shelter area (usually an interior hallway on the lowest floor). Stay out of auditoriums, gymnasiums and other structures with wide, free span roofs.
- Know the difference between a Tornado Watch and a Tornado Warning:

Tornado Watch	Tornado Warning
Conditions are favorable for tornadoes in and close to the watch area.	A tornado has been detected by Doppler Radar and/or has been sighted.



Avondale Borough

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS

Office hours to pay Borough real estate taxes in person at the Borough Hall

Friday, May 15th 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

If you can't make this date to pay in person, please use the mail for your payments.

Thank you,
Sherry Seace – Tax Collector



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SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER



SWIMMING POOLS

DON'T FILL THAT SWIMMING POOL UNTIL YOU READ THIS

Summer is just around the corner and if you are going to fill a swimming pool that is greater than 1,000 gallons, you can get relief from sewer charges.

You need to notify the Borough in writing not less than 5 business days in advance of filling your pool. The Borough's water department will come out and inspect the swimming pool and estimate the number of gallons it will take to fill the pool.

You need a permit for any pool over 2 feet deep. Call the Borough Office at 610-268-8501 if you have any questions.



HIGH GRASS ORDINANCE #119

Grass, weeds or any vegetation not edible or planted for ornamental purposes exceeding twelve (12) inches is prohibited in the Borough. In the case any person shall neglect, fail or refuse to comply with the ordinance, Borough Officials has the authority to cut the lawn at the cost to the owner with additional penalties.



CURFEW

Under Ordinance #115, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 18 years old to remain in or upon any public or private establishment in the Borough of Avondale between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent or guardian

Spring Fire Hydrant Testing and Water System Flushing

The Avondale Borough is scheduled to test the fire hydrants and flush the water system in May 2015. The flushing will take place the Week of May 4th. Flushing will begin on May 4th and be completed by May 8th. **The hours of activity will be between 11:00 PM and 4:00 AM.** During this time the water may be cloudy or rusty. This is normal due to sediment and rust in the water line being disturbed. If your water is cloudy or rusty please let your water run until it clears up. It is best to run the water in your tub when you do this. Also please check the strainers and filters on all your water fixtures to make sure there are not clogged with rust. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Cleve Price at 610-268-2498. If there is no answer please leave a message and he will get back to you as soon as possible.



Property Maintenance Requirement

Over the winter it was noted that many properties have vegetation and trees growing out into the street right of way. This effects visibility at intersections and covers street signs.

Ordinance 233 requires all property owners to cut back any tree or vegetation on your property that is within the street right of way.

COOKING OILS, FATS & GREASE

Please do not put any cooking oils, fats or grease down your sink/drain. This causes blockages in the Borough's sewer system and ends up costing the Borough money to have the sewer lines cleaned. This is prohibited under Ordinance #178.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

STREET LIGHTS ** STREET SIGNS**

Please call the Borough Office if you see a street light out or if you see a street sign missing, down or in need of repair.

COUNCIL MEETING DATE CHANGE FOR MAY

Due to the Primary Election, the May Council meeting has been changed to May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Otherwise, meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm.

If you have anything you would like to discuss at the meeting - please call the Borough Office no later than the Friday before the meeting to be placed on the agenda. If deemed necessary, Council meetings are also held on the fourth Tuesday of each month.



ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015

2015 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 25, 2015 Octorara High School Campus 226 Highland Road, Atglen, PA 19310

No Electronics, TV's or appliances will be accepted No items containing Freon will be accepted.

No more than 220 pounds or 25 gallons of Hazardous Products per household will be accepted. Hazardous cleaning and maintenance products will have the following cautionary words on the label: poisonous, caustic, toxic, flammable, ignitable, corrosive, reactive, caution, warning, danger, hazardous. Many items such as fertilizer or cleaning products, should just be used as they were designed to be used.

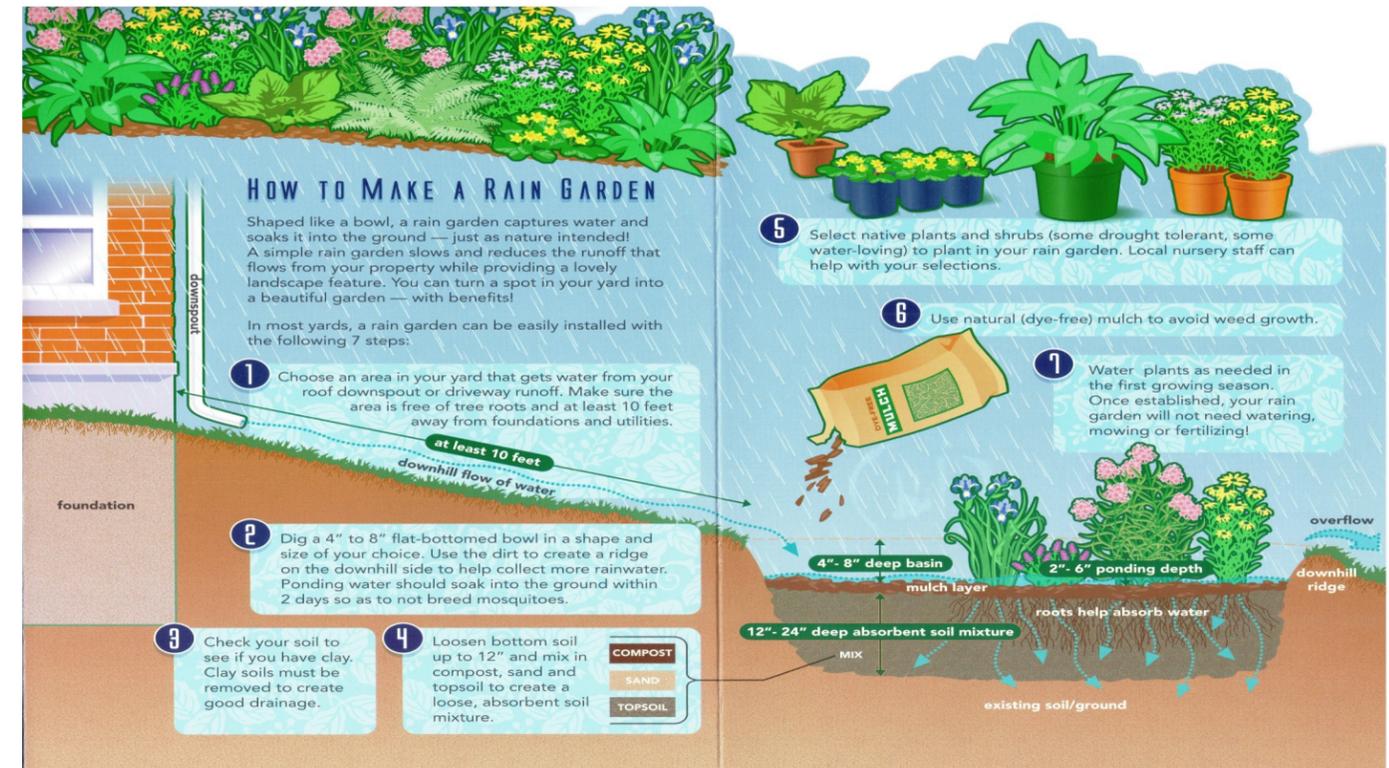
The following items will not be accepted: latex paint, used motor oil, tires, asbestos, explosives, propane, Helium gas cylinders, house-

alkaline batteries, PCB's, medical waste, unidentified waste, commercial and industrial waste, ammunition, computers, TVs, electrical appliances and appliances containing Freon.

Latex Paint is not Hazardous Waste: Residents should not bring latex paint to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events. Solidify latex paint by either air drying small quantities or pouring the paint into a plastic trash bag with sawdust, clay based kitty litter or rags and placing the bag and the opened can in the trash after the paint has solidified.

Oil based paint only should be brought to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

SLOW THE FLOW AND REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION



OTHER WAYS TO SLOW THE FLOW AND REDUCE STORMWATER POLLUTION

GRASS CYCLE

No need to chemically fertilize your lawn when you allow grass clippings to remain on the ground and compost naturally. Bonus – No Raking Required!

PICK UP THE POO

Pet waste is not a good natural fertilizer but it is a great source of bacterial pollution when it gets washed into the storm drains & local waterways.

CHOOSE LESS TOXIC PRODUCTS

Switching out toxic household cleaners, pesticides, etc. for more natural alternatives reduces household hazardous waste and creates a healthier environment in and outside your home.

KEEP LITTER OFF YOUR WALK AND STREET

Trash in creeks and rivers gets there from someone throwing it on the ground. Rain carries it to the waterways.
CLEAN STREETS = CLEAN STREAMS

For more information ways you can help, or to report any non stormwater discharge into local waterways please contact one of the agencies listed below.

Avondale Borough

610-268-8501

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

www.dep.state.pa.us

Keyword: Stormwater

