

AVONDALE BOROUGH SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2016

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 11th through DECEMBER 5th* *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!

REAL ESTATE TAX COLLECTIONS

The office hours to pay Borough real estate taxes in person are:

Thursday, May 19th 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M
Avondale Borough Hall
110 Pomeroy Avenue

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

Thank You

Sherry Seace

Tax Collector



Please keep your bushes and tree limbs trimmed so that they are not blocking traffic. If you have a sidewalk, please keep shrubbery and low branches cut back where people are walking. Let's keep our streets and sidewalks safe!



ELECTION DAY

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2016



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.



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU GOES TO RICK AND ANDREW FOR A GREAT JOB PLOWING OUR STREETS THIS PAST WINTER.
YOUR LONG, LATE HOURS OF HARD WORK ARE APPRECIATED BY ALL.....**

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.



No Electronic Equipment will be picked up!

**Take your electronics to SECCRA Community Landfill for recycling at:
219 Street Road
West Grove, PA 19390**

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 or 484-643-0024

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**



Borough of Avondale

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As spring approaches thoughts turn to cleaning up from a long winter, making repairs around the home and enjoying the outdoors. With it comes a timely reminder to keep your home safe from the threat of fire. In an effort to make this "Spring Cleanup" a fire safe one, here are some helpful tips;

INSIDE THE HOME

- Change batteries in smoke alarms, flashlights and carbon monoxide detectors.
- Check your fire extinguishers .
- Check for overloaded or damaged extension cords.
- Clean your garage of stored newspapers or other rubbish that can fuel a fire.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- To help prevent nuisance alarms, gently vacuum your smoke alarm every six months or as needed.
- Replace all smoke alarms every 10 years or as recommended by the manufacturer.
- Practice exit drills with your family so everyone knows what to do in the event of an emergency.

**FIRE
SAFETY**

OUTSIDE & AROUND THE YARD

- Make sure your address numbers are up and visible from the street. Test this; ask a neighbor or friend to see if they can spot them to make sure they are visible for emergency responders.
- Keep outdoor debris or dead vegetation away from the house.
- If you store gasoline, keep it outside your home in a shed or detached garage. Keep only small quantities in tightly sealed containers. Use gasoline only as a motor fuel - never as a cleaning agent.
- Get your barbecue grill cleaned and serviced.
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- Never use gasoline to start the grill fire, and don't add charcoal lighter fluid once the fire has started.
- Use barbecue grills outside only - never under overhangs or balconies, and away from combustibles. Check your propane barbecue grill hose for leaks and cracks; never store propane indoors.
- There is no open burning in the Borough of Avondale.



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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



About AGREM

We are an emergency management organization located in Chester County, Pennsylvania, providing support for the boroughs of Avondale and West Grove, and the Franklin, London Britain, London Grove, New London, and Penn Townships.



We were originally established in 1999 as the Avon Grove Regional Emergency Management Task Force, acting as a working group designated to help plan for, and respond to, any emergencies that might be triggered when the calendar year changed from 1999 to the year 2000.

Since those initial beginnings, the relationships established with the local municipalities have remained. AGREM changed from a task force to a regular working group, and our initial focus has shifted beyond the Y2K crisis to reflect more current events and needs. Major events such as terrorism (9-1-1, Kansas City Federal Building bombing), Hurricane's Katrina and Sandy, the BP Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, the severe snowstorms that have impacted the East Coast over the past several years, and even the school shootings at Sandy Hook have all served to highlight the importance of emergency preparedness and planning.



Today, AGREM continues its mission as a recognized Federal and Pennsylvania non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. We accept tax-deductible donations to support various programs and activities, and pursue state and federal grants to support our programs as well.

The above information was taken from the AGREM website. AGREM.ORG

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!

Property Maintenance Code Ordinance #244

Its that time of the year to spruce up your property. Here are a few of the items that our Code Enforcement Officer looks for when making a Borough inspection: These are all violations!

- Weeds or grass that are not cut in excess of 6 inches in height.
- Furniture not designed for outdoor use.
- Vehicles that are: unlicensed, wrecked, abandoned, in a state of disrepair , or incapable of being moved under it own power. Vehicles are only allowed on approved off street parking and street parking. **NO PARKING ON LAWNS!!!!**
- accumulation of trash, equipment, etc.

2016 CHESTER COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30, 2016 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.

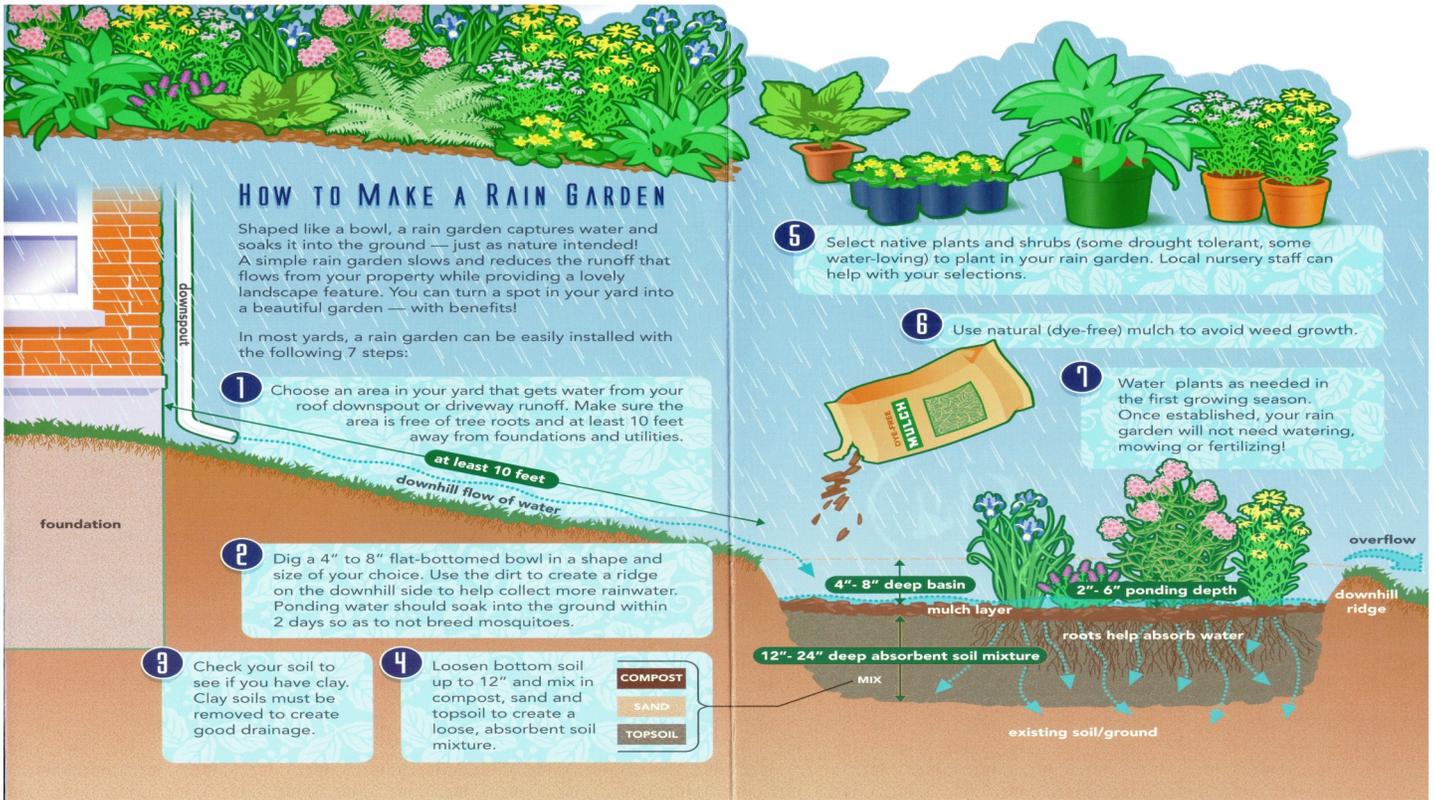
The following items will not be accepted: latex paint, used motor oil, tires, asbestos, explosives, propane, Helium gas cylinders, house-

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