

East Donegal Township

190 Rock Point Road

Marietta, PA 17547

Phone: 717-426-3167

Fax: 717-426-4881

www.eastdonegaltwp.com

Monday-Thursday 8:00am-4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - Noon

Supervisors

Allen D. Esbenschade - Chairman

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Kenton Sweigart - Member

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Thomas M. Jones

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tjones@pahousegop.com

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James Malone

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Meeting Dates:

Board of Supervisors Meetings

First Thursday - 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings

Second Thursday - 7:00 pm

Board of Supervisors Workshop

Third Tuesday - 7:30 am

EDT Sewer Authority Meetings

Third Tuesday - 7:00 pm

Park Commission Meetings

Fourth Thursday - 7:00 pm

Zoning Hearing Board Meetings

Second Monday - 7:00 pm

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Coffee & Conversation

July 15 - 7:30 AM

September 16 - 7:30 AM

November 18 - 7:30 AM

Held at Township Building



East Donegal Township is partnering with West Donegal Township and Mount Joy Township to host a shredding event on Saturday, September 13, 2025, from 8:00am to Noon. This will be held at the East Donegal Township Municipal Building, 190 Rock Point Road just outside of Maytown. Anyone participating in this event is asked to bring donations of canned or boxed items (monetary donations will also be accepted) to be given to local food banks. Please no perishable or expired items. All items should be in unopened containers. Your support of the food banks is appreciated by those in need in our communities.

Acceptable Items: White/color paper, checks, envelopes, fax paper, file folders, green bar. Paperclips (if they cannot be removed) and staples are okay.

UNACCEPTABLE Items: Binder clips, Office supplies, ring binders, plastic binders, hanging file folders, hard drives, x-rays/microfiche, compact discs, electronics, batteries, syringes, medical waste, glass, cans, cardboard, Styrofoam, ink cartridges, toner, food, trash, hardback books. Metal items are the number one cause of shredding fires. 2nd is Lithium Batteries. Even food and trash can be harmful or damaging. Please check your items to be shredded to make sure they do not have any unacceptable items.

Work Zone Safety

We want workers to return home safely to their families. The following tips are ways YOU can help keep workers safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones. Motorists can make trips a little safer by remembering the following work zone safety tips.

- Do not speed in work zones; obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers, drive with caution.
- Don't change lanes unnecessarily.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts, and merge when directed to do so.
- Be Patient!

**SLOW FOR THE
CONE ZONE**



2025 Road work schedule:

Seal Coat is also known as oil & chipping.

Seal Coat: Rock Point Road, Fuhrman Road, Union School Road, Flory Road, Waynesboro Road.

Widen Donegal Springs Road between Mansion Lane & Colebrook Road.

Replace storm pipes crossing Engle Road & Donegal Springs Road.

Paving Apple Street from River Street to King Street

Finish Long Lane Project between #441 & Bridge. This will be **one way** out to #441 with a right turn only onto #441.



PHONE NUMBERS:

East Donegal Township

Office • 717-426-3167

Sewer Authority • 717-426-2855

Zoning Officer • 717-426-3167

Fax Number • 717-426-4881

Susquehanna Regional Police

Emergency 911

Business • 717-426-1164

Non-emergency • 717-426-1158

Or 1-800-957-2677

Mount Joy Borough

Office • 717-653-2300

Water/Sewer • 717-653-2300

Marietta Borough

Office • 717-426-4143

Columbia Water Co.

Office • 717-684-2188

E-MAILS:

Township Manager: Scott Kingsboro

Scott@eastdonegaltwp.com

Public Works Director/Roadmaster: Robert Ansell

robert@eastdonegaltwp.com

Township Treasurer: Jodi Diaz

jodi@eastdonegaltwp.com

Receptionist: Victricia McConnell

vicki@eastdonegaltwp.com

Zoning Officer: Craig Underwood

craig@eastdonegaltwp.com

Sewer Authority:

edsa@eastdonegaltwp.com

Susquehanna Regional Police

Chief Anthony J. Hall

halla@srpd27.com

Municipal Emergency Service Authority

Wade Amick – Executive Director

wamick@mesalancasterpa.gov

Web Sites

East Donegal Township

www.eastdonegaltwp.com

Municipal Emergency Service Authority

www.mesalancasterpa.gov

Fire Department Mount Joy

www.fdmj.com



Milanof-Schock Library

www.mslibrary.org

Phone: 717-653-1510

1184 Anderson Ferry Rd.

Mount Joy, PA 17552

East Donegal Township has a no burning ordinance.



**No burning trash,
recyclables,
or yard waste.**

PPL Lights Out

If you have a streetlight out, you may call PPL at 1-800-342-5775. There are two strips of numbers on the pole. Please have these numbers handy along with the location of the pole and the problem (out all of the time, going dim, cycling on & off, etc.) when you call.



AFTER HOURS PAYMENT BOX

The drop box for after hour payments is located on the utility shed in the parking lot of the township building. The box is checked at the beginning and end of each business day. Accounts are credited based on the dates they are received by 4:00pm. Payments made after 4:00pm on the due date will be considered late.

Sign Up To Receive Township E-mails



In an effort to keep you informed, we offer the opportunity for residents, and interested non-residents, to receive E-mails directly from East

Donegal Township. These E-mails may include news regarding up-coming events or meetings, important notices and even a link to the Township newsletter on-line. To sign-up, go to the Township's website (www.eastdonegaltwp.com) and complete the on-line form. Be assured that the Township will not provide your E-mail address to anyone else and you will always have the option of being removed from our E-mail list.

**No batteries or devices
that contain batteries
in your trash or
recycling
cans**



Irresponsible battery disposal is causing fires.

Food Bank

The East Donegal/Conoy Christian Food Bank is located at 40 Coffee Goss Road, Maytown and is open Wednesday from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Donations may be dropped off at the Township Office. Call Pat Vogel at 717-426-2360 with questions.



Storm Drains and keeping them free of debris



Storm water becomes a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, trash and other pollutants. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and road side ditches that make up the storm sewer systems. It eventually flows directly to a lake, river, stream, wetland or coastal water. All of the pollutants storm water carries along the way also empty into the waters because storm water is not treated.

Grass clippings and leaves are very common pollutants in the storm drains. Please refrain from allowing your grass or any other pollutants (including water from swimming pools) to enter the storm drains. Reminders will be sent to residents throughout the year wherever there are excess amounts of pollutants entering the storm drains.

After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for several days. Being prepared means having your own food, water and other supplies to last for several days. A disaster supplies kit is a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.

Basic Disaster Supplies Kit

To assemble your kit store items in airtight plastic bags and put your entire disaster supplies kit in an easy-to-carry container such as plastic bin, include the following recommended items:

Water (one gallon per person per day for several days, for drinking and sanitation).

Food (supply of non-perishable food), battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert, flashlight, first aid kit, extra batteries, whistle, dust mask,

plastic sheeting, scissors and duct tape (to shelter in place), moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties, wrench or pliers (to turn off utilities), manual can opener, local maps, cell phone with chargers and a backup battery

Additional Emergency Supplies

Soap, hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes, prescription medications, non-prescription medications, prescription eyeglasses and contact lens solution, infant formula, bottles, diapers, wipes and diaper rash cream, Pet food and extra water for your pet, Cash or traveler's checks, important documents, copies of insurance policies, ID's and bank records saved electronically or in a waterproof container, sleeping bag or warm blanket, change of clothing, sturdy shoes, Fire extinguisher, matches in a waterproof container, personal hygiene items, mess kits, paper cups, plates, paper towels and plastic utensils, paper and pencil.

This is just a partial list. For a complete list go to <https://www.ready.gov/kit>.



Property Reassessment

Lancaster County is preparing for the 2027 property reassessment. Counties are required by law to conduct periodic reassessments of all properties. Property owners can check on their property records through the Property Assessment Website to ensure that all data on file is correct. Property owners who find incorrect or missing information should complete a Property Correction Form or may contact the Property Assessment Office by e-mailing paquestions@lancastercountypa.gov.

A reassessment is the process used to determine accurate and fair property values within the county.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Mount Joy, Marietta and Maytown residents can receive meals on wheels. A hot and cold meal will be delivered Mondays through Fridays to your home for a fee. You can choose if you want every day or just selected days. The meals arrive around 8:30 a.m. Clients are billed monthly for the meals received. There are no dietary restrictions. If you are interested call 717-653-5493 extension 226 and leave a message with your name and phone number. A scheduler will give you a call back. The local Meals on Wheels works with Lancaster County Office of the Aging.

THIS IS NOT A GARBAGE CAN.



Please refrain from putting any trash, grass, leaves, liquids chemicals, oil, pool water or any objects in the storm drain. **The only thing that should go into the storm drain is rainwater.**

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS, RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

Most any kind of improvement made on your property, in your home and/or place of business requires a permit. Please contact the Township office prior to undertaking any improvements to your home, business, or properties.



MAYTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Maytown Historical Society was founded in 1985 to help preserve the history of Maytown and the surrounding areas.

Maytown Historical Society
4 West High Street, Maytown, PA 17550
717-426-1526

WHAT GOES IN THE BIN?

1. Corrugated Cardboard

- a. Packing & shipping boxes with fluted sheet. (must be dry)

2. Plastic Bottles & Jugs

- a. Only plastic with a neck.

3. Metal Food & Beverage Cans

- a. Food & beverage cans (aluminum, steel, tin).

4. Glass Food & Beverage Bottles & Jars

- a. Clear, green & brown glass bottles & jars.



Tips to Recycle Right

- Remove lids & discard them
- **No** plastic bags in the bin (recycle at the store)
- Items must be empty & rinsed out
- No other materials than listed are to be put in the bin
- **Flatten cardboard** (no grease or food on boxes)

Do not put oil containers or containers that held poisons such as herbicides or insecticides in the bin. WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!



Animal Control



Dog License: Contact Lancaster County Treasurer's Office (717) 299-8222 or www.padoglicense.com

Animal Abuse:

If there is an active crime or abuse in progress Dial 911. If there is no active crime or abuse in progress, call the police non-emergency number 717-426-1158 to make a report.

To report suspected animal cruelty in Lancaster County, PA:

- Contact the local municipal police department where the incident occurred, OR
- Call the State Police – Lancaster County barracks #: (717)-299-7650, OR
- Send an e-mail to the Lancaster County District Attorney's Tipline at Animalabuse@co.lancaster.pa.us or call (717) 299-8100. Important the tipline does not offer immediate assistance or response.

The Pennsylvania SPCA has a tipline:

- Report Cruelty: (866) 601-7722
- E-mail: Cruelty@pspca.org
- Use the online form: <https://www.pspca.org/form/report-animal-cruelty>

For tips involving large animals, contact Christine Stull at LAPS (Large Animal Protection Society) – (610)- 869-9880.

Reporting dead deer:

By law, the Township public works crew is not permitted to pick up or dispose of dead deer. Residents should report dead deer directly to the office that serves the county where the animal is located, and provide the exact location to aid in the retrieval efforts:

On a Township Road – Contact the PA Game Commission Southeast Regional Office at

(610)-926-3136 or (610) 926-3137. The Southeast Regional Office serves Lancaster County.

On a State Road/Highway – Contact PennDOT at (717) 299-7621 or (800) 349-7623.

Other Critters

The Township Public Works Crew is also NOT responsible for the saving, trapping, pickup, or disposal of animals such as -Birds, Squirrels, Rabbits, Skunks, Raccoons, Groundhogs, Opossums, Cats, Reptiles, Bats, Mice, etc. The following contacts are being provided strictly as informational resources and are not endorsed by the Township:

Raven Ridge Wildlife Center

- Rehab services for raptors (Birds of Prey), mammals, waterfowl.
- Phone: (717) 808-2652
- Website: ravenridgewildlifecenter.com

Acorn Acres Wildlife Rehab

- Rehab specializing in squirrels, bunnies, woodchucks
- Phone: (717) 327-4811
- Website: acornacreswr.com

PA Assoc. of Wildlife Rehabilitators

- For a list of contacts throughout various counties, go to the website PAWR.com

Feral Cats



If you're concerned about the well-being of feral cats, supporting a **Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR)** program is the most effective approach. This method prevents further breeding while allowing the cats to live out their lives in a stable colony.

Supporting or starting a TNR program ensures that while the cats are fed, their numbers are controlled, and their health is monitored. It's a compassionate, sustainable solution that reduces long-term dependence.

Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is the most effective way to control feral cat populations humanely. By trapping, neutering, and returning the cats to their colony, you help prevent future litters and improve the overall health of the cats.

Consider supporting local animal shelters or rescue groups that work with feral cats. Your donations can help cover the cost of veterinary care, food, and other resources necessary to manage feral cat colonies responsibly.

While feeding feral cats may seem like the kind-hearted thing to do, it can lead to significant problems if not handled properly. By focusing on sterilization, health management, and proper community involvement, you can make a meaningful difference for feral cats and ensure a more sustainable, healthy future for your neighborhood. Do NOT just drop cats off anywhere thinking that someone else will take care of them or they can take care of themselves.



SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

Helping Hands for Animals offers low-cost spay/neuter clinics at our facility, but you will need to call for an appointment. Clinics are designed for feral, free roaming and community cats as well as unconfined pet cats. All cats will be spayed or neutered, given rabies and FVRCP (distemper) vaccinations, treated with Revolution (flea, roundworm / hookworm and ear mite treatment) and ear tipped for identification as fixed animals.

The cost is \$40.00 and **AN APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY**. Appointments can be made by calling (717) 687-7297

There are animal shelters and rescues that focus specifically on finding great homes for cats in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Browse these rescues and shelters below.

Here are a few organizations closest to you:

Rescue

Pet Pantry of Lancaster County (Pa) • 26 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603
Pet Types: cats, dogs: 717-983-8878

Shelter

The Pennsylvania SPCA - Lancaster • 848 S Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603
Pet Types: cats, dogs: 717-917-6979

Rescue

Centerville Animal Rescue • 237 Centerville Rd, Suite 2, Lancaster, PA 17603
Pet Types: cats, birds, dogs, rabbits, reptiles, small animals: 717-405-3425

Rescue

Organization for Responsible Care of Animals
608 N. Lime Street, Lancaster, PA 17520
Pet Types: cats, dogs: Injured animals:
717-397-8922

Columbia Animal Shelter

265 South Tenth Street • Columbia, Penna 17512: 717-681-6858

Injured Wildlife

Raven Ridge Wildlife Rescue • Washington Boro, PA 17582: 717-808-2652

Animal Adoption

Humane League of Lancaster
2195 Lincoln Highway East • Lancaster, Pennsylvania, 17602
Phone: 717-393-6551

All Spay & Neuter is done through e-mail only: spay@humanepa.org.



SAVE THIS INSERT

East Donegal Township Trash and Recycling Calendar

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- Offices Closed
- Trash Pickup East - East of Colebrook Road including Colebrook Road
- Trash Pickup West - West of Colebrook Road
- Appliance/Tire Pickup
- Yard Waste Pickup
- Leaf Pickup

Special Holiday Pickup Dates:

Week of Memorial Day: Trash/Recycling will be delayed one day.

Week of Labor Day: Trash/Recycling will be delayed one day.

The office will be closed on the following dates:

Memorial Day: Monday, May 26

Independence Day: close at noon Thursday, July 3, closed Friday, July 4

Labor Day: Monday, September 1

Columbus Day: Monday, October 13

Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11

Thanksgiving: close at noon Wednesday, November 26, reopen Monday, Dec. 1

Christmas: Wednesday, Dec. 24 & Thursday, December 25.

Missed Pickups



If your trash/recycling or yard waste is missed call the office 717-426-3167 asap. If you are calling after hours leave a message. If your trash was not out when the trucks went by it is NOT considered a miss.

Prices for Trash Pickup & Tags

Extra trash bag tag - \$1.00 each

Yard waste/grass tag - \$2.00 each

Oversized item tag - \$5.00 each

Appliance tags - \$15.00 per appliance

Tire tag - \$4.00 each

Wheel/rim tag - \$4.00 each

APPLIANCE/TIRE PICKUP

APRIL 28 & 29 ON YOUR TRASH DAY

Tags for appliances and tires are purchased at the Township Office. Appliances (washers, dryers, stoves, dishwashers, freezers, refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air-conditioners, hot water heaters, etc.) are \$15.00 each. Tire tags are \$4.00 each. Rims are \$4.00 each. When purchasing a tag, you will need to give your street address and identify the item you are putting out for pickup. Appliances/tires must be out the night before the designated pickup date.



Trash/Recycling:

Place trash & recycling curbside the night before your pickup day. Place trash/recycling where is easily visible for pick up.

Trash is limited to three bags.

Each bag maximum 32 gallon; weighing 30 lbs. or less.

Additional bags must be tagged as extra trash (\$1.00) each.

Bags over 30lbs. must have bulk item tag (\$5.00) each.

Larger items must have bulk item tag (\$5.00) each. Call to find out if it is acceptable.

Appliance (\$15.00) / Tire (\$4.00) / Rims (\$4.00) pick up is twice a year.

Yard waste is to be in the brown bags with green tags (\$2.00) each on specific dates.

No Construction debris is permitted in trash.

No yard waste is permitted in trash during yard waste season.

No burning of trash or yard waste is permitted at any time.

Tags for extra trash, bulk items, tires, appliances, yard waste are purchased at the Township building.

Occasionally the trash will be delayed a day or cancelled until the following week. If the trash is to be picked up the following week,

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double the amount of normal trash may be put out for pick up. Anyone signed up to receive Township e-mails will be notified by e-mail of any changes.

*Notes on Recycling:

There is a dumpster for corrugated cardboard located at the Township Building. If your corrugated cardboard does not fit into your bin take it to the cardboard dumpster.

- * Recycling is mandatory for everyone in the Township including all farms and businesses.
- * If it isn't on the list do NOT put it in the bin.
- * Do not put cardboard out if it is raining or windy.
- * Do not put plastic bags in the recycling bin for any reason. Recycle plastic bags at the grocery store.
- * Do not put recycling out on windy days.
- * If your trash or recycling is missed call the office 717-426-3167. If you are calling after hours leave a message. If your trash was not out when the trucks went by it is NOT considered missed.

Household Hazardous Waste: Keep these items out of the trash and recycling containers!

As part of the Transfer Station complex, the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility provides Lancaster County residents with convenient disposal of hazardous materials. This permanent facility was specifically designed to provide safe disposal of hazardous waste items for **free** to residents of Lancaster County. By disposing of the hazardous waste here it helps protect the environment and keep these items out of household trash. The following items are accepted at the HHW facility: adhesives, automotive fluids such as motor oil, antifreeze, etc. (5 gallon containers-max), batteries, chemistry sets, cooking and frying oils, ***covered devices** (desk top computers, laptops, monitors, computer peripherals (keyboard, mouse, printer, and speakers), televisions, and e-readers, ***E-waste** photo cameras, video cameras, cell phones and smart phones, cell phone peripherals (chargers, batteries, Bluetooth earpiece, air cards, clips, cases), DVD and VCR players, MP3 players and iPods, PDA's, portable electronic game players, video and game consoles, stereos and stereo peripherals (CD players, turntables, amplifiers, speakers) **NO wooden speakers**. Limit of 10 e-waste items per customer per day, fire extinguishers, floor and furniture polish, Fuel: kerosene, gasoline, propane, household cleaners, lawn treatments: herbicides, pesticides, Mercury containing items (ballasts, fluorescent bulbs, thermostats and thermometers), paint, rust inhibitors, stains, turpentine and thinners, Photographic and pool chemicals.



Household Hazardous Waste
1299 Harrisburg Pike Lancaster, PA 17603
www.lcswma.org

LITTER:

Who is responsible for the litter along the roads, in the fields, parking lots, sidewalks and everywhere else. Everyone is. You might think it isn't your problem. Think again. You may knowingly or unknowingly be littering by placing your recycling out on windy days or not bagging your trash. You might be someone who tosses a cigarette butt on the ground, no big deal, right(?). Or maybe a few pieces of paper fell out of your car, and you think oh well there are not that many pieces. You might see litter on the ground & walk right by, after all it isn't your problem. The truth is litter is everyone's problem. The litter from the nearby developments that land in the farmers' fields contaminate the ground. This is where food is grown that you eat. If an animal eats the litter, it could injure or even kill them. The trash & litter that pollute the streams and storm drains in the Township all run into the Susquehanna River. You don't like cleaning up litter. No one does. So let's find a solution. Our next newsletter comes out in October. If you think you have an answer and would like to submit an article on solving the litter problem send it to us by the beginning of September. We will choose one (or two) submissions to be printed in the next newsletter. Remember to sign your name. Everyone is welcome to write an article.

Please Keep Grass Clippings Off Roadway

Warmer weather is finally here! With the changing season many of you have already begun mowing your lawns. We wanted to remind you all to not blow or leave grass clippings on the roadway as it can pose a severe hazard. Grass clippings on the roadway, whether wet or dry, can be especially hazardous to motorcycle riders or bicyclists. Their tires need to have good contact with the road surface, especially while negotiating curves. Wet grass clippings become slippery. Motorcycle riders could crash if they hit the brakes or attempt to turn. Dry clippings can potentially blow into a cyclist's face causing a vision issue. Additionally, leaving grass clippings on the road can harm local storm sewers and aquatic life. The next time you are out mowing your lawn, please be mindful of motorcycle riders and cyclists. A small shift in your routine can save a life. Thank you for your cooperation.



Compost Facility: Key Fobs Required

The compost facility in Mount Joy is **only** accessible with the purchase of a key fob. Applications for a key fob can be found on Mount Joy Borough's website or at the Mount Joy Borough office. The cost of the key fob is \$40.00 per year.

Please follow the directional signage and place all items in the designated areas. Separate Woody Waste (tree trunks, limbs, branches) from yard waste (leaves, green plants, garden waste). Tree branches must be less than 19 inches in diameter and less than 8 feet in length.

NO rocks, stones, grass clippings, tree stumps, trash, garbage, construction or demolition waste, painted wood, pressure treated wood, railroad ties, landscaping timbers or plastic bags for any reason. No smoking on the property.

Items to Burn in a Fire Pit

By Geoffrey Moore; July 28, 2009

Public fire pits often suffer from people burning trash and other debris in them. Unfortunately, this can have very bad side effects on the air quality and the surrounding environment. Trash was never meant to be burned in a public fire pit.

If you are at a loss as to what you can burn try to remember WGGC. That stands for wood, gas, gel and coal. Propane gas and gel probably have the least amount of environmental impact in terms of giving off smoke and other undesirables for the surrounding area. Wood gives off more smoke especially if it hasn't dried well, but has been used for ages.

Most people are not familiar with using gel. It is similar to the substance used by professional caterers when warming up food. Newer fire pits can be equipped with special gel canisters that are easy to light and extinguish.

Propane also has the advantage of being easy to start and finish. Custom builders are also incorporating what are called fire glass for use in propane pits. The small pieces of glass are usually place over propane tubing and actually emit about five times as much heat as the propane itself.

Wood has been used since the beginning of time and while oftentimes more associated with grilling, coal can be used as well. However, you need to check the instructions on your item to ensure that coals are okay. Coal can be good especially if you are considering cooking hot dogs or other items.

While it may be tempting to throw any old thing that lights up it is important to stick with the four primary fuel sources WGGC (Wood, Gas, Gel and Coal) to minimize any environmental impact of your fire pit.

Geoffrey F. Moore; Fire Pits [http://www.myfirepits.com]

***The Township has a Burning Ordinance which prohibits the burning of trash, yard debris and recyclables.**



Burning Ordinance

§202. Open Fires and Outdoor Fires.

1. No person shall ignite, feed, cause, allow, permit, or maintain on any property any open fire outside of any building for any purpose other than that specifically allowed herein.
2. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to burn municipal waste, hazardous waste, or designated recyclable materials in any fire.

(Ord. 2012-1, 6/7/2012)

§203. Exemptions.

The activities prohibited in this Part are subject to the following exceptions:

- A.** Open fires may be set in the performance of any public officer if the fire is necessary for:
 - (1) The prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by other means.
 - (2) Open fires shall be permitted for firefighting training by volunteer fire companies.
- B.** Open fires do not include outside barbeques or any fire maintained in a commercially constructed grill or masonry-constructed grill for the purposes of cooking and preparing food.
- C.** Any campfire or bonfire solely for **organized recreational ceremonial purposes**.
- D.** Any fire set for the prevention and/or control of disease of pests or rats, snakes, bees, etc.
- E.** The burning of brush, exclusively for agricultural management and conservation practices and protection on any property of 10 acres or more, provided burning is located 100 feet or more from any building or structure, and provided that such fires are to be almost extinguished by sunset of the same day the fire is started.
Brush must originate from the same property. Notification shall be made before any fire is started to the Lancaster County Control Fire Dispatch at 1-800-691- 3473 or 717-664-1190.
- F.** The burning of farm building cleanup debris to be allowed, provided that such material is not considered municipal waste, hazardous waste, or designated recyclable materials. Agricultural paper bags shall be put out for trash or delivered to the incinerator. Notification shall be made before any fire is started to the Lancaster County Control Fire Dispatch at 1-800-691-3473 or 717-664-1190.

(Ord. 2012-1, 6/7/2012)

The FOG Monster

In the sewers there is a situation that is costing homeowners and your municipality thousands of dollars each year. Many communities refer to this problem simply as the FOG Monster (Fats, Oil, Grease) or the CLOG Monster since it is the main cause of sewer clogs. FOG hardens as it flows down the sewer pipe and attaches to solids normally found in the sewers forming clumps. The situation worsens until the pipe is clogged and sewage starts to back up into your house.

Clean water is critical to sustaining life and health, yet people take for granted the flow of water into and out of their homes and businesses. Where does the water go after we flush the toilet, empty the sink, take a shower or do laundry? Wastewater for most places drains into the community's sanitary system. This is an underground network of pipes that lead to the wastewater treatment plant. Sewers are designed to take away used dirty water from sinks, baths, showers, laundry and toilets. Flushing away items that should not be flushed adds to the cost of operating and maintaining sewers and wastewater treatment plants. Just because something is flushable does not mean that it is biodegradable. The only thing that should be flushed is human waste and the necessary amount of toilet paper.

RAIN GARDEN MAINTENANCE:

What You Need to Know About Rain Gardens and How to Maintain Them.

What is a Rain Garden?

A rain garden is a method of treating stormwater by capturing and allowing filtering and settling of sediment and pollutants through plantings and a mulch layer. The root systems of plants enhance infiltration and improve water quality prior to infiltration. See the graphic below of a typical rain garden.

What Can I Use a Rain Garden For?

1. Reducing runoff volume in your yard.
2. Filtering pollutants
3. Recharging the groundwater by helping water to infiltrate.
4. Improve aesthetics and provide a bird or butterfly habitat.
5. Meeting a stormwater management requirement when obtaining a municipal permit for a building, shed, or driveway addition.

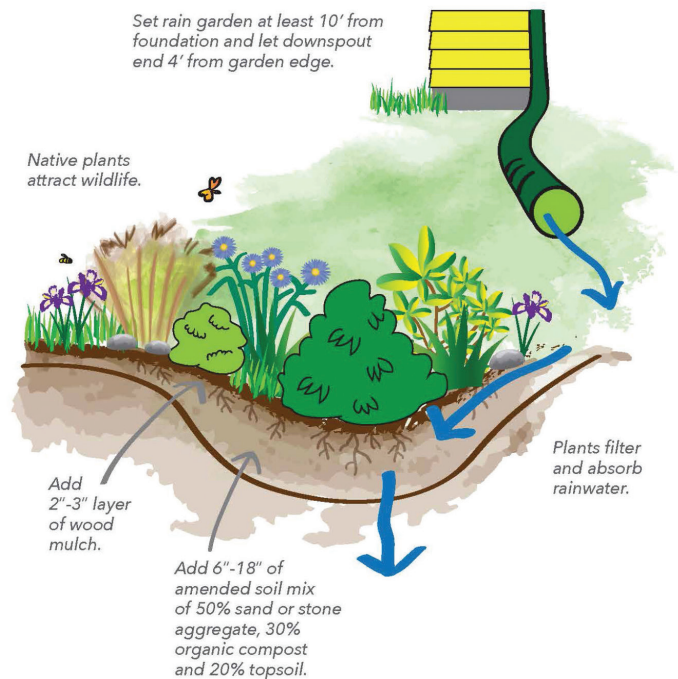
How do I Maintain my Rain Garden?

- Weed your rain garden regularly.
- Ensure that your rain garden is not collecting leaf, branch, or sedimented debris. If it is clean and dispose of any debris properly.
- Ensure that mulch is reapplied as needed or at a minimum once a year. Mulch does not need to be reapplied in a thick layer. 1 ½ - 2 ½" is enough.
- Trim plantings on an as needed basis. This can be done 1-2 times a year or as needed.
- Replace dead or dying plants as needed.

Questions? Contact Us!


RAIN GARDEN CROSS-SECTION

The illustration below shows how a rain garden captures, absorbs and filters rainwater and runoff.



3 SIMPLE STEPS FOR FLASH FLOOD SAFETY

During a flood, water levels and the rate the water is flowing can quickly change. Remain aware and monitor local radio and television.



[weather.gov/flood](https://www.weather.gov/flood)

- 1 GET TO HIGHER GROUND**
Get out of the areas subject to flooding
- 2 DO NOT DRIVE INTO WATER**
Do NOT drive or walk into flooded areas. It only takes 6" of water to knock you off your feet.
- 3 STAY INFORMED**
Monitor local radar, television, weather radio, internet or social media for updates.

Spring Flood Awareness

As winter begins to wind down and we head into the spring months across Lancaster County, one of the big things we need to watch is for thunderstorms that bring heavy rainfall to the county and heighten our risk for flooding.

Flooding in Pennsylvania

Flooding is one of the most common disasters to occur in the United States and is the number one natural hazard in Pennsylvania. Flooding is where creeks, ponds, rivers, and streams overflow from their banks onto land that is typically dry the majority of the year.



BE WISE WHEN YOU FERTILIZE!

Follow the 4Rs of Nutrient Management

Right Source, Right Rate, Right Time, Right Place

Preventing fertilizer loss keeps your lawn healthy, saves you money, and protects our waterways

It is important to properly assess your lawn's nutrient needs prior to selecting and applying fertilizer.

The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture is working with homeowners and businesses to promote best practices and educational opportunities for understanding how to best meet our shared goals.

Environmental Conditions

- Do not apply near water, storm drains, or drainage ditches.
- Maintain a 15-foot buffer from waterways.
- Do not apply if heavy rain is expected.
- Do not apply if ground is snow-covered or frozen.
- Apply product using a properly calibrated fertilizer spreader.
- Apply only to the intended application site.
- Fertilizer that lands on an impervious surface (like roads, sidewalks, driveways) must be swept back onto turf.

For more information, visit the PA Department of Agriculture website at www.agriculture.pa.gov/fertilizer.



TAKE A TRIP BACK IN TIME TO THE 1800'S CELEBRATE MAYTOWN'S HISTORY

Saturday, May 3, 2025 10:00am – 4:00pm
All Events in Historic Maytown

Mayfest has returned for 2025, and all activities will be held right in Maytown. West High Street will be closed and lined with historical demonstrators along with activities to do and sights to see! A large variety of quality vendors and food trucks will be located along King Street and in the Legion Park.

Don't miss:

- 70 + vendors and many food trucks
- Scavenger Hunt with tricky clues to take you to historical places in Maytown to finally earn the "treasure".
- Display in the MHS Museum of Maytown pictures and artifacts in the 1800's
- Guided Historical Bus Tour of some of the businesses in town in the 1800's
- Agility Dog Demo with two performances @ 10:30 and 12:30
- Display of pillowcases and blankets made by the DIS Sewing Club
- Display of artwork from DIS students
- Children's Games and Chalk Drawing
- Bake Shop at the MHS Museum
- 2:00 program featuring a Wedding Ceremony of a local couple
- Second grade students' songs and dances
- Art contest for local first grade students with all pictures on display
- Traditional Maypole dance done by DIS students
- Penny Candy shop for the kids
- Ever popular town cake walk AROUND the SQUARE
- Live music and live art
- And more.....



Celebrating the history of our small town is important and we hope that this event will spark local interest and bring together young and old in our community! Won't you join us? (rain date – May 4...noon – 5:00)
Questions or to volunteer – Call the Museum and leave a message.
(717-426-1526) Service dogs permitted. Sponsored by the Maytown Historical Society.

Maytown Historical Society

The Executive Committee for Maytown Historical Society would like to "Thank" all involved for taking time to plan, help and support our fundraising events throughout 2024. Again, a very productive year with all your support.

As we are already into 2025, we have several events and a very important project planned for this year.

We started off with a soup and sandwich sale in February, our February Society Meeting with Lorraine Gilbert Singer, who gave a program on her parents and Gilbert Motors titled "Moonshine to Maytown", our upcoming April 24th Society Meeting with our own Deb Gepfer and Susan Heydt, who will be sharing how they researched an antique sampler made by Ann Frances Breneman of Maytown, the annual Mayfest event will be on May 3rd and a Memorial Day breakfast at the MHS museum from 7:00am to 10:00am on May 26th. We are also looking at the possibility of another bus trip August/September time period and possibly a fall/winter event. All to be confirmed over the next few weeks.

Over the past 42 years, MHS has received, purchased and developed a very valuable inventory of artifacts and history and continue to document/archive and store items dating back from early Maytown/East Donegal Township. We have discussed and presented challenges in storing these items within an organized and controlled storage condition for many years.....Through the development of several committees starting in 2023, we have agreed and approved through our society to renovate our existing garage on the property of our museum at 4 West high St. to accommodate this challenge.

The MHS Executive Committee, Project Committees and several Society Members have started "A Campaign to SAVE Our History" fund raiser in support of this renovation project. If you haven't received a campaign brochure and are interested in supporting this important campaign, please let us know by contacting any of the executive committee members, Linda Good, Deb Gepfer, Janie Garber or Skip Nell.

Again, we appreciate your continued support and look forward to working with such a great society for achieving our events and project goals....

With Kind Regards

Maytown Historical Executive Committee

Memorial Day – a Long-Time Maytown Tradition

Please plan to be a part of Memorial Day in Maytown on Monday, May 26th, to honor and thank our men and women who have sacrificed for us, both those who have fought and those who are fighting today for our freedom.

The day will start with breakfast available at the Maytown Historical Society Museum at 4 West High Street. Breakfast will be served from 8:00am – 10:00am and will include a variety of breakfast items. Takeout will be available.

Also beginning at 8:00am will be the Antique/Art/Collectibles/Food event located on East High Street and around the square. This event is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 809.

At 12:00, there will be a program in the square which will begin with a prayer. Members of the Bainbridge Band will provide music, and wreaths will be placed on the Veterans' markers. The names of area Veterans who gave the ultimate sacrifice will be read. The ceremony will end with the traditional taps and a benediction.

Following the ceremony in the square, all children & families are invited to participate in decorating the graves of local Veterans with flowers provided by Floral Designs of Mount Joy. Those who want to help should meet at the Maytown Reformed UCC Church, 11 East Elizabeth Street immediately following the ceremony at the square. After decorating the graves in the Reformed Cemetery, the group will walk to the Lutheran and Union Cemeteries at St. John's Lutheran Church, 11 North Queen Street, to decorate graves of Veterans there. All are welcome to participate in this important Maytown community tradition.

The parade steps off promptly at 4:00pm from Legion Park. Judy and John Cook, the honored grand marshals, will lead the parade. Families and groups are invited to compete for prizes by dressing up or decorating to match the theme to honor our Veterans: "They Gave Up Their Tomorrows for Our Today's". Participants may either walk, ride bike or ride on a float. There will be 4 monetary prizes and judging will begin at 3:30pm at the parade lineup on West High Street. Veterans who would like to participate in the parade are welcome to ride on the Veterans Float.

To become a part of the Maytown Memorial Day Parade, please contact Janie Garber at jgarber416@gmail.com or 717-940-0037 or visit the Maytown Parade group on Facebook. All entrants MUST pre-register with Janie Garber and have the form to her before April 30th.





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2025 Summer Playground

Eight weeks of organized FUN! Energetic and enthusiastic playground leaders will guide participants in active games, board games, sports, tournaments, arts & crafts and much more! Schedule of weekly activities will be posted. Check out this exciting program designed to fill your child's summer with fun!

Ages 6-14 (must be 6 years old by June 16).
Monday through Friday;
June 16 – August 8 (no July 4).
9:00am to 12 Noon.
Fuhrman Park (190 Rock Point Road).
Fee: \$100.00 for residents of East Donegal Township. Fee: \$110.00 for nonresidents

To Register:
Register on-line through GEARS
(GetintoGEARS.org) Or Call: 717-367-0355



Mosquitoes: For information on the Mosquito-borne Disease Control Program please contact the Program Coordinator Lydia Mohn at 717-277-5275 x112 or e-mail lydia.mohn@lccd.org



East Donegal Township is divided into three districts for voting. The polling locations are:

- **Maytown:** East Donegal Township Building, 190 Rock Point Road, Marietta.
- **Maytown West:** Donegal Presbyterian Church, 1891 Donegal Springs Road, Mount Joy.
- **Springville:** Calvary Bible Church, 629 Union School Road, Mount Joy.

Your polling location is determined by the district where you reside. Not sure where to vote? Call 717-299-8293 or go to www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/Polling.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The East Donegal Township Supervisors and the East Donegal Township Park Commission invite the public to attend the 2025 Music in the Park Series. The music will be held in the Gazebo at Fuhrman Park, 110 Rock Point Road on Sunday evenings at 6:00. This music program is made possible through donations from businesses and individuals.

June 1	Bump City
June 8	Mitch and the Mood Swings
June 15	Fortunatos
June 22	Kracker Beez Band
June 29	3- Hour Tour
July 13	Nomads
July 20	Lancaster's AM Radio
July 27	PopScotch
August 3	Stu Huggens Band
August 10	Sound of Roses
August 17	Rohrerstown Band