



Berwick Borough News Major Announcement!

**BERWICK BOROUGH
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MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT PLEASE READ!!!!!!

Recently, the Borough of Berwick was mandated by Pennsylvania DEP to contract a single hauler for Recycling purposes. This change will take place on January 1, 2009. This is what you need to know:

- Recycling will now be picked up by J.A.W.S. Recycling. Your garbage hauler will **NO LONGER** pick up your Recycling at your residence. However, if you are a commercial business establishment, your private garbage hauler will still be mandated to pick up your Recycling. These changes are for **RESIDENTS ONLY!**
- The Recycling Pick-Up schedule is easy. The 1st Ward and 2nd Ward will be picked up the 1st Monday of the month. The 3rd and 4th Ward will be picked up the 2nd Monday of the month. If there is a holiday on the day you were scheduled (such as Labor Day), your day will be moved to the 3rd Monday of the month. Adverse weather can also cause a change to the 3rd Monday.

- **Recycling in the Borough of Berwick is the law** and like other laws carries penalties when violated. We are mandated to recycle through PA Act 101 of 1988.
- In the Borough of Berwick, it is required that residents recycle at least three: Materials to be collected at curbside are as follows: Clear, brown & green glass; aluminum cans; tin & bimetal food cans; newsprint (glossy inserts not accepted); magazines; Pete # 1 bottles (all types of Pete # 1 bottles accepted) and HDPE # 2 bottles (all types of HDPE # 2 bottles accepted).
- You **MUST** separate all of your recyclables. If you do not separate them, J.A.W.S. will not pick them up! You will see a rejection sticker. This is the policy!
- You **MUST** have your recycling out at curbside no later than 8:00AM.
- There will be a charge from the Borough for Recycling, as we must pay JAWS for their services. JAWS came in at over \$100,000 less than the next closest bidder; therefore, we were able to keep your cost to a minimum. For 2009, the fee for each residence will be \$10 for the entire year. We will send a bill to each property owner in the early part of the Spring. Remember, it is the law to recycle, therefore, each property owner (that has a residence on it) must pay the fee. J.A.W.S. will inform the

Borough of any residence not recycling.

- If you receive the fee in error because you do not have a building on the lot, please contact City Hall to discuss.
- **Recycling Schedule:**

1st and 2nd Ward (Includes all streets from Oak Street, east to the Salem Township line)

- January 5
- February 2
- March 2
- April 6
- May 4
- June 1
- July 6
- August 3
- September 21 (due to Labor Day)
- October 5
- November 2
- December 7

3rd and 4th Ward (Includes all streets west of Oak Street to the Briar Creek Borough line)

- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- July 13
- August 10
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9
- December 14

If J.A.W.S. misses your Recycling, please contact Andrew Holter at City Hall before the end of the day.

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• **Recycling Drop Off Location Added**

Our Recycling Contract with J.A.W.S. also includes a drop-off site for residents to drop off recycling. The drop-off site will be at the Borough's Compost Site, where brush can be dropped off.

The site will be open every Tuesday throughout the year! Drop-off of recyclables is free of charge. The hours for Recycling Drop-off are **1:00pm – 5:00pm from November – March. From April – October, the hours will be from 3:00pm – 7:00pm.** This also means that you will be able to **drop off brush all year around**, during the same hours as recycling. The same policies apply as before. You must show picture ID. Additionally, there are charges for more than one load of brush, etc. The site opens on January 6th!

Accepted Materials at the Site Include:

- Clear, brown, & green glass
- Aluminum cans
- PETE # 1 bottles – (all types of PETE # 1 bottles to be accepted)
- HDPE # 2 bottles – (all types of HDPE # 2 bottles to be accepted)
- Tin & bi-metal food cans
- Office Paper
- Corrugated Paper
- Newspaper – (glossy inserts not accepted)
- Glossy Magazines
- Chip Board

Christmas Tree Pick-Up:

January 5th – January 8th : 1st Ward Monday, 2nd Ward Tuesday,

3rd Ward Wednesday, 4th Ward Thursday. All nails and objects must be removed from the tree. A \$50 fee will be assessed **if you fail to remove a nail** or other harmful object from the tree, as it will cause damage to machinery. This is free of charge. If you do not have the tree in front of your home on the assigned day, you will be able to drop it off at the Compost Site the following Tuesday or we will also be picking up Christmas Trees every Monday throughout January, depending on weather.

If you have questions regarding **RECYCLING**, contact:

**Andrew Holter
Recycling Coordinator
andrew@berwick-pa.com
570-752-2723 ext. 16**

THERE'S A LOT GOING ON IN THE BOROUGH OF BERWICK. CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE TO GET UPDATES AND NEWS:

www.berwickborough.org

Remember the Snow Removal Ordinance!

Please remember, the Snow Removal Ordinance is in effect. You must remove all snow and ice from your sidewalks within 10 hours after the end of a storm. In addition, all vehicles parked on all Borough streets shall be moved to the side of the street with odd-numbered addresses within twelve (12) hours after the issuance of the Official Snow Removal Alert and no parking may be permitted on the even-side of all Borough streets until

such time as plowing, salting and/or cindering has been completed. All vehicles parked on all Borough streets shall be moved to the side of the street with even-numbered addresses within twenty-four (24) hours after the issuance of the Official Snow Removal Alert and no parking may be permitted on the odd-side of all Borough streets until such time as plowing, salting and/or cindering has been completed. Please see the remaining details of the Ordinance on our website.

Other News:

Unlike many of our neighbors this year, the Borough of Berwick will not be raising taxes in 2009. We will continue to strive to keep your costs as low as possible. We have done this in 2009 through innovative ways to pay for projects, such as grants. We will have challenges in 2010, especially with the increase in electrical and streetlighting from PPL. Speaking of grants, we have recently been awarded two new grants. The Columbia County Commissioners awarded the Borough a \$10,000 per year grant in conjunction with the town of Bloomsburg. This grant will go towards marketing our downtown as well as some of the major events in the Borough.

Additionally, many thanks go out to Representative David Millard, as he helped the Borough receive a \$29,000 DCED grant for the Bowers Lane Bridge. This grant will greatly offset the unexpected cost of the new bridge.

The Borough has recently completed the purchase of the new Police Station as well. The Police will be located at 1800 North Market Street, hopefully sometime in April.

Our next newsletter will be in the Spring, near the end of March.