

# 2021 Blakely Borough Garbage & Recycling Schedule

**Recycling Guidelines on Back**

**Large Trash or Recycling cans over 33 gallon capacity will not be picked up.**

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 GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICKUP  
 GARBAGE PICKUP ONLY

 OFFICIAL BOROUGH HOLIDAY. PICKUP IS A DAY LATER  
 BRUSH, LEAVES & GRASS - **DO NOT PLACE IN PLASTIC**

 GARBAGE - BRUSH, LEAVES & GRASS  
 PAPER ONLY PICKUP

 NO PICKUP

Large amounts of garbage/ construction/ demolition require a dumpster.

Garbage is NOT to be out earlier than 24hr. before pick up.

Appliances & Furniture need a Sticker.

Electronics will NO Longer be picked up by the borough.

Pickup for brush will be every Friday starting on April 2nd and ending on November 20th, except 7/12, 10/18 and 11/15.

Paper bags are now allowed for brush, leaves & grass pickup.

# PUBLIC EDUCATION (IMPORTANT STORM WATER MANAGEMENT INFORMATION)

## What is Storm Water?

Storm water is water from precipitation that flows across the ground or pavement when it rains, or when snow and ice have melted. The water seeps into the ground, or it drains into storm sewers or storm drains. These can be seen at street corners and along low points on the sides of local streets. Collectively, this draining water is called storm water runoff.

## Problems with "Rain and Drain"

Storm water can become a problem when it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants along its path, or when it causes flooding and erosion of stream banks. Storm water travels through a system of pipes and roadside ditches that make up storm drainage systems. Eventually, the water flows into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Storm water does not get treated. Rain is an important part of nature's water cycle, but there are times it can do more harm than good.

## Problems related to storm water runoff can include:

- Flooding caused by too much water flowing over hard surfaces such as roads and parking lots, instead of soaking into the ground.
- High costs may result when storm drains, clogged with excessive amounts of dirt and debris, must be maintained and cleaned frequently.
- Storm water carries sediment and pollutants that degrade fish habitats, decreasing sportfish populations.
- More expensive treatment technologies must be found to remove pollutants from storm water that eventually can reach the drinking water supply.
- Swimming and other water sports are adversely affected by increased bacteria levels that make these practices unsafe.

## How to Prevent Storm Water Pollution

- Properly dispose of hazardous substances such as used oil, cleaning supplies and paint. Never pour any of these items into any part of a storm drain system, and report to authorities anyone who does.
- Use pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff.
- Report any poorly-managed construction sites in the area that may be responsible for leaving worksite debris in the storm water system.
- Install rain gardens or rain barrels on residential property, to capture rainwater and keep it on site, instead of letting it drain away into the storm drainage system.
- Report any discharges from storm water outfalls noticed during periods of dry weather. (Outfalls are points at which storm water drains from a storm drainage system into a receiving body of water such as a lake, stream, or river.)
- Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess, whether in the back yard or in a park, storm water runoff can carry the waste from the land through the storm sewer system, to a stream or other body of water. Pet waste can contribute harmful bacteria, parasites and viruses to water.
- Properly dispose of vehicle fluids such as oil, grease, gas, antifreeze, and brake fluid that may leak or drip onto paved areas.
- Refrain from dumping debris, leaves, etc. into storm drain inlets.

## What's Being Done...

Blakely Borough, in conjunction with State and Federal departments, is preventing storm water pollution through its Storm Water Management Program, which addresses pollution issues from construction and development sites, illegal commercial and residential dumping. The program emphasizes and enforces proper, safe housekeeping practices and pollution prevention, and continues to educate residents to get the community involved in ensuring that our storm waters are kept clean.

## Rain has been around since the beginning of time, why all of a sudden are we hearing about stormwater?

Since 1978, Pennsylvania has had laws in place to control stormwater, as required by the Federal Government. (The State had not intensely focused on issues until the devastation caused by the flooding from Hurricane Floyd in September of 1999.) Property destruction, personal losses, and litigation forced the state and federal governments to step up efforts and work towards controlling the effects of development as they may contribute to downstream flooding conditions.

## What is an illicit connection?

Any physical connection to the storm drain system not expressly authorized by the Borough is considered an illicit connection and is prohibited.

## What do I do if I see someone dumping materials into the storm drain?

Contact the Blakely Borough at 570-383-3340. Please write down the address where you saw the pollutants being dumped, and if possible, what pollutants are being dumped and the approximate quantity. The Public Works Department will respond.

## Recycling Guidelines\*

- Comingled - Cans (tin/aluminum only), glass bottles/jars (no lids), plastic water, soda, milk bottles (all sizes), detergent, shampoo, dish soap, condiment bottles (all sizes). Picked up every 2 weeks
- Cardboard - Boxes, food boxes, etc. Picked up every 2 weeks.
- Paper- Newspaper, printer paper, magazines. Picked up the last Wednesday of every month.
- Brush/Yard Waste. Grass & leaves must be placed in cans or paper bags. Brush/Branches must be cut down to 2ft. in length and bundled.

***\*Recycling Guidelines Subject to Change at Anytime\****