



Crossroads

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Benner Township will be conducting its Fall "On Call" brush collection. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your name, address and phone number no later than 10/20/11. Guidelines for brush collection are:

*Brush must be piled with cut ends of limbs in the same direction towards the street.

*Limbs must be cut to be able to be fed into the chipper. Limbs larger than 4 inches in diameter will not be collected.

*Do not tie brush in bundles.

*Stumps, old firewood, construction material, thorn bushes, grasses, grapevines and plant waste will not be picked up.

*Maintenance crews will not enter private property.

*Crews will spend no more than 20 minutes at one property. If your pile is too large to be chipped in 20 minutes, please make other arrangements.

*Do not pile brush in front of or block fire hydrants or storm drains.

*This collection is for trimming of bushes and trees, not for tree removal or site clearing.

Fall Leaf Collection - Call for an appointment by 10/27.

Benner Township will be conducting its Fall "On Call" leaf collection. To schedule a leaf pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 and leave your name, address and phone number no later than 10/27/11. Office staff will then assign you a day to have your leaves gathered for pick up. Guidelines for leaf pick up are:

*Leaves must be placed curbside prior to 7 a.m. on the date that you are scheduled.

*Please pile leaves within five feet of the edge of the road.

*Do not pile leaves on the roadway, in drainage ways or near hydrants.

***Grass or other yard waste (dead flowers, shrubs, etc.) will NOT be collected.** If grass or yard waste is mixed in with your leaves, your pile *won't* be collected.

*Leaves and brush piles must be separated.

*If desired, place tarp over leaf piles to prevent blowing away. Crews will uncover leaves and place your tarp on your property.

Township staff asks for patience during this time of collection as we are uncertain what kind of response we will have.

Haunted Trail at Buffalo Run Community Park

Saturday, October 22 from 7 to 9 (Rain Date - October 29)

Join us for a free night out and take a walk through the "Haunted Trail at the Buffalo Run Community Park" on Saturday, October 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. October is perfect for ghosts, goblins, and spooks to terrorize trail walkers.

Benner Township wishes to thank Boy Scout Troop 370, the Bellefonte Key Cub, the Logan Fire Police as well as many other volunteers for helping organize the trail again this year. We can always use more volunteers. If you are interested in participating as a "scare character", or have unwanted Halloween items to donate, please contact the Township at 355-1419 or drop them off at 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte.



Watt Saving Tips from Allegheny Power

- Add insulation to your existing home where possible. Your home should have a minimum of R-30 insulation in the ceiling or attic.
- Install a tight-fitting damper and glass doors on your fireplace, and close them when you're not using the fireplace. Open dampers allow the natural draft of chimneys to pull heated air from inside your home.
- Keep the garage door closed to prevent cold air from infiltrating your home.
- Set your heating thermostat as low as comfort permits. Each degree above 68 degrees F can add three percent to the amount of energy needed for heating.
- Set the temperature control on your water heater to 120 to 140 degrees F if you have a dishwasher. The higher the temperature of the water sitting in the tank the more heat it loses.
- Add flow restrictors to showerheads and hot water faucets. These inexpensive and easy to install devices reduce the amount of hot water and energy you use.
- Replace the incandescent light bulbs in your house with compact fluorescent lights.
- Set the water selector on your washer to warm or cold for most loads of wash.
- Unplug chargers for cell phones and MP3 players when not in use.
- Turn off the TV when no one is watching it.
- Clean or replace air filters on exhaust fans, humidifiers and other electronic appliances as needed.
- Vacuum condenser coils in the back of your refrigerator every three months.

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The purpose of *Crossroads* is to keep you informed about the issues facing Benner Township during this critical *Crossroads* in our development. We hope to inspire you to get involved in the Township that surrounds you.

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Proud of our past, focusing on our future.



Trick or Treat
Monday, October 31st
6 to 8

If you plan to participate, please turn your outside light on.



Fall Bulk Pick Up

October 17—21 *On Your Regular Trash Day*

*Do you have questions about what will and will not be collected?
Please call: **Veolia Environmental Services at 237-3713***

IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING ITEMS LEFT BEHIND, RESIDENTS SHOULD FOLLOW THESE IMPORTANT GUIDELINES:

All items **must** be at the curb by 7:00 AM on regular trash pick-up day. *Customers with door service must place bulk waste items at the CURB; bulk items will NOT be collected at the door.*

Items **must** be properly prepared – see preparation notes below, LOOSE PILES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Appliances and tires are collected by a separate truck, please keep these items separate from other bulk wastes: refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, air conditioners and water heaters. There is a limit of 1 of each type of appliance per household. Duplicate appliances will NOT be removed.

There is a limit of **10 tires** (no greater than 20 inches in diameter; rims removed) per household.

It is recommended NOT to use cardboard boxes as containers, because they are not sturdy enough to lift if they are overfilled or if they get wet. Soggy or overfilled boxes and their contents will NOT be collected. Do NOT overfill collection containers – instead, distribute items into multiple containers.

Keep in mind that there are only 2 workers per collection vehicle during this special collection week! Items that cannot safely be lifted by 2 workers WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

There are some items that either cannot fit on the collection vehicle or will damage the collection vehicle, and will therefore NOT be collected. Examples of such items include, but are not limited to: hot tubs, furnaces, cast iron items, pianos, organs, trailer/boat hitches. Residents must make their own arrangements for disposal of such items.

PROPER ITEM PREPARATION:

TIRES – must be removed from rims	CARPETING/PADDING – must be DRY, TIED, and CUT into 4 foot (max) lengths
APPLIANCES – doors must be removed	GLASS PANES – must be heavily taped or sealed in a box
WOOD/OLD LUMBER – must be CUT to 4 foot (max) length and 12 inch (max) width, and MUST be tied in bundles or placed in a can. Loose piles of wood & lumber (and anything underneath or mixed in with the pile) will NOT be collected.	

YES	The following items will be collected: furniture, bedding, appliances (see preparation information above), tires (see preparation information above), BUNDLED old lumber/homeowner-generated small project construction materials (see preparation information above), carpeting (see preparation information above), other oversized items too large to fit into a collection container.
NO	The following items will <u>NOT</u> be collected: contractor-generated construction materials , leaves, grass, soil/dirt, concrete, bricks, stones, railroad ties, propane tanks, liquid paints and solvents, batteries, dead animals, unprepared glass panes, unbundled wood/lumber, piles of loose debris or construction materials, tires other than passenger car tires (racing, tractor, etc.), items too large or too heavy for 2 workers to lift, items not prepared as per the above guidelines. For alternative disposal options, please call 238-7005.

ALL ITEMS THAT ARE ABLE TO BE CANNED/BAGGED MUST BE PLACED IN A BAG OR CAN, OR THEY WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. LOOSE PILES OF DEBRIS (AS WELL AS ANY ITEMS LOCATED UNDERNEATH LOOSE PILES OF DEBRIS) WILL NOT BE COLLECTED.

Got Dogs??? Some of us own dogs and love them as do our fellow neighbors and some do not. As more homes are built, the township has been receiving more complaints about dogs running at large while others are barking excessively. We want to just take a moment to remind everyone that there is a “State Leash Law” which requires dogs to be on a leash or kept on their owner’s property. The Township also has a barking dog ordinance. Under this Ordinance, dog owners may be taken to the District Magistrate if their dog barks for 10 consecutive minutes in an hour. As with all of these “doggie” matters, the Township encourages its residents to do the neighborly thing and talk with their neighbor prior to filing a complaint.



**Spring Creek Canyon
Cooperative Management Area
Commemoration Ceremony**

Friday—September 30th @ 2:00 P.M

The ceremony will be conducted at the end of Shiloh Road (accessible immediately off Interstate 99, Exit 76), next to Benner Spring State Fish Hatchery. The dedication announces the opening of the area's walking trails. The management area is a land partnership among Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, The Pennsylvania State University, Benner Township and Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission. The main trail runs a total distance of 4.4 miles from the Benner Spring State Fish Hatchery (south) to the Bellefonte State Fish Hatchery (north) and borders historic Spring Creek. In addition to hiking trails, this area also provides many recreational opportunities such as fishing, hunting and biking. For more information, visit www.springcreekcanyon.com.



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