



# Crossroads

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## Spring Bulk Pick Up May 16—20 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.

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## Spring Brush Collection - April 25th—April 29th

Benner Township will be conducting its "On Call" brush collection during the week of April 25th—29th. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 by April 21st for an appointment. 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.

## Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority

### Sewer Payments

**Direct Payment** - For any customers who may be interested, our Authority is offering Direct Payment for paying your sewer bill. Upon completion of the required paperwork, our Authority will debit your bank account on the due date of your invoice. Please realize that an invoice will no longer be sent through the US Postal Service; however, a bill can be emailed as a reminder that will include the amount and due date of the bill. The Authorization form for Direct Payment can be accessed through our website at [www.sbwja.com](http://www.sbwja.com). Please remember to attach a voided check to the paperwork when mailing it to our office.

**On-Line Bill Payment** - In 2010, our Authority began offering its customers the ability to pay their sewer bill on-line through our website. This task can only be completed if the customer has a PayPal account established. Please realize a handling fee will be assessed based on the amount of the payment.

### Inflow & Infiltration (I&I)

Our Authority has noticed a significant flow increase at our meter pits during times of heavy rains. This storm water must be treated the same as raw sewage and the costs for treatment are increasing; therefore, in 2006 we implemented an in-home inspection program to identify illegal connections to the sanitary sewer. These illegal connections include, but are not limited to: floor drains, sump pumps, HVAC condensate lines, down spouts, etc. Currently, we are completing in-home inspections of all homes that are transferring ownership, but eventually we will be contacting all homeowners for an inspection. If an illegal connection is located, a \$50.00 inspection fee is assessed and the homeowner is required to make the necessary corrections within fifteen (15) days to avoid an additional I&I surcharge of \$62.50 per quarter.

### Waste Oil

The Spring-Benner-Walker Joint Authority is still accepting waste oil at our office which is used to heat our garage. Please call 355-4778 for further details.

As always, if you have any questions concerning sewer related matters, please contact our office.

## Fall Festival—Saturday—September 17th

### *Crossroads*

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.

Benner Township Municipal Building  
1224 Buffalo Run Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823  
(814) 355-1419  
(814) 355-1448 (Zoning)  
(814) 355-0719 (FAX)  
[www.centreconnect.org](http://www.centreconnect.org)

*Proud of our past, focusing on our future.*

The Benner Township Fall Festival is scheduled for Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Some of our festival events will include the weirdest shaped pumpkin, pumpkin piling contest, pumpkin decorating, and of course, the largest pumpkin! The Festival will still have everyone's favorite craft and food vendors along with children's games and entertainment. Vendor space is still available. Are you crafty? For a \$15 booth space, this is the perfect place to sell your goods. Volunteers are always needed. Whether you can help for a couple hours or all day, we would appreciate your help. Call us at 355-1419 and let us know what area you would like to help with. This is a great time for High School Students to get those community service hours in.

## Halloween Volunteers Needed

We need volunteers or groups interested in participating in this year's Haunted Trail held annually at the Buffalo Run Community Park in October.

If you have a creative mind, like to paint, want to be a scary character, or have any special talent you think would help with the trail, we need you! We need help creating sets and putting together the trail. Early preparations make the event a success. If you can help a little or a lot, any time spent is very much appreciated. Interested? Call us! 355-1419.

Any donations of Halloween items can be dropped off at the Benner Township building.



## Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for June 20 through July 29 for children ages 5 through 12. Children need to be 5 by June 1 and no older than 12 by June 1. Camp entrance fees remain the same this year—\$30 per child for Benner Township residents and \$120 per child for Non-residents. Camp registration forms will be distributed to the Benner Elementary School in May. If your child doesn't attend this school, please call the Township Building at 355-1419 and we will see that one is sent to you. To assist in planning, we are asking that registrations be returned to the township by June 3rd if at all possible.



## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event



On Friday, April 29 and Saturday, April 30 the Centre County Solid Waste Authority, in cooperation with many other agencies, will be hosting an household hazardous waste collection event. This service is available free of charge to all Centre County residents.

Items NOT being accepted are: used motor oil, anti-freeze, batteries, tires, latex paint, radioactive or medical material, explosives or ammunition.

For additional information about the event, call the Centre County Solid Waste Authority at 238-7005 or visit their website at [www.centrecountyrecycles.com](http://www.centrecountyrecycles.com)

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Centre Co. Solid Waste Authority

253 Transfer Road  
Bellefonte, PA 16823

Friday, April 29  
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 30  
9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

### Acceptable Materials

Insecticides	Weed Killers
Pool Chemicals	Cleaners
Poisons	Corrosives
Flammables	Oil based paints
Many other household chemicals	

## Spring Creek Clean Up—Saturday - April 23rd

The annual Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 23rd. Benner residents interested in participating in the Clean-up should come to the Township Building between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. Gloves, bags, bottled water, as well as a picnic lunch at 1 p.m. at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center will be provided for all volunteers. If you are aware of an area that needs cleaned up, please call the Township office at 355-1419. *School Students needing community service . . . here is another opportunity for you.*



Need earned income tax forms? They can be downloaded from the Township's web page at <http://benner.centreconnect.org>

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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 <b>MUST be tied in bundles or placed in a can.</b> Loose piles of wood & lumber (and anything underneath or mixed in with the pile) will NOT be collected.	
<b>YES</b>	The following items will be collected: furniture, bedding, appliances (see preparation information above), tires (see preparation information above), <b>BUNDLED old lumber/homeowner-generated small project construction materials</b> (see preparation information above), carpeting (see preparation information above), other oversized items too large to fit into a collection container.
<b>NO</b>	The following items will <b>NOT</b> be collected: <b>contractor-generated construction materials</b> , 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.**

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