



# Crossroads

The Newsletter of Benner Township

## Spring Bulk Pick Up May 14—18 *On Your Regular Trash Day*

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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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## Do you escrow your real estate taxes? If you do, please read below.

The Pennsylvania state law requires Tax Collectors to provide all tax bills to the **homeowner**. Consequently, MOST escrow companies are now holding the HOMEOWNER responsible to send the tax bills to them for processing.

Unless you have been notified by Janet Houser that your escrow company has contacted her, **you should notify your lender immediately**, requesting they process your 2012 Centre County/Benner Township taxes. If you fail to send the bill to the escrow company in time to process, they may hold you responsible for any loss of discount, and/or added penalties and interest.

If your Centre County/Benner Township tax statement for 2012 had a note attached stating that your information was provided to an escrow company, then you need to take no further action. You are among the very few homeowners in Benner Township whose escrow service did request the tax information.

If you receive an **interim** tax bill which could be **dated either February 1st or July 1st**, please note that these bills **ARE NOT** sent to the escrow companies and in most instances the escrow company expects the homeowner to pay these bills.

Janet's regular tax office hours are on Wednesday's from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. You may reach her by telephone at 355-2441 or by mail at 1101 Valley View Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823. Should you wish to have a receipt mailed back to you, you must include a self addressed stamp envelope with your payment.

## Spring Brush Collection - April 23rd—April 27th

Benner Township will be conducting its "On Call" brush collection during the week of April 23rd—27th. To schedule a brush pick up, please call the office at 355-1419 **no later than** April 20th 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, vines 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 Creek Watershed Clean Up—Saturday - April 21st

The annual Spring Creek Watershed Clean-Up will be held on Saturday, April 21st. This year we're trying something different to get more residents involved in our clean up effort. We are asking volunteers to clean up the road you live on. We have volunteer coordinators for Seibert Road (Nate Campbell 357-4849), Barns Lane (Sandy Ross 238-1067) and Armagast Road (Rob Fugate 353-1102). If you live on one of these roads, please call your coordinator. They will tell you where to meet and will provide you with gloves, bags and bottled water while you work. Please give them a call by April 20th so they can ensure that they have enough supplies for you.

The Centre County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Senior Environmental Corps and the Spring Creek Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be cleaning up various other roads in the Township between 8 a.m. and Noon. Anyone wishing to help out should come to the Township Building (1224 Buffalo Run Road) Saturday morning (8 a.m.) for glove and bag supplies. If you are aware of an area that needs cleaned up or want to volunteer please call Genie Robine at 355-2530.

**Attention High School Students**—If you are in need of community service hours, here is an opportunity to get some needed time and clean up your neighborhood.

### *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.*

A special "Thanks" to the Benner Township Road Crew for picking up the gathered trash and delivering it to the Transfer Station for us!

All volunteers are invited to a "Thank You!" picnic lunch sponsored by ClearWater at the Spring Creek Park after the Cleanup. Hot dogs and snacks will be provided.



## Municipal Meeting Dates

Meetings listed below are held at the Municipal Building located at 1224 Buffalo Run Road, Bellefonte, PA 16823 unless otherwise advertised.

### Township Supervisors—7:30 p.m.

April 23	July 2	October 1
May 7	August 6	November 5
June 4	September 6	December 3

Additional Supervisor meetings may be added throughout the year, when necessary, and will be advertised in the Centre Daily Times and posted on the Township's website. Township Supervisor, John Elnitski, will be available to the public on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Township offices if residents have anything that they would like to discuss with him.

### Township Planning Commission—7:00 p.m.

2nd and 4th Thursdays each month (as needed)

### Benner Township Water Authority—6:30 p.m.

3rd Tuesday each month

## Summer Park & Rec.

Summer Park and Recreation is scheduled for **June 25th through August 3rd** for children ages 5 through 12. Children need to be **5 by June 1 and no older than 12 by June 1**. Camp registration 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 available to download on the Benner Elementary School's home page in May. If you don't have the ability to download documents, 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 11th.



*STOP means exactly that . . . STOP. And the same goes for SLOW. Please observe our road crew workers and work zone signs and use extreme caution when driving in these areas. We had too many "close calls" last year with workers almost getting hit by cars with drivers not paying attention. Remember, fines are doubled in work zones. So . . . please slow down, be patient, be alert and keep them safe.*

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event—April 27 & 28

On Friday, April 27 and Saturday, April 28 the Centre County Solid Waste Authority, in cooperation with many other agencies, will be hosting a 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 27  
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 28  
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	



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Bellefonte, PA 16823

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**

<b>PRESORTED STANDARD</b>
<b>U.S. POSTAGE</b>
<b>PAID</b>
<b>STATE COLLEGE, PA</b>
<b>PERMIT NO. 213</b>

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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 and labeled
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 <u>NOT</u> 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.