

Perkasie Borough Report



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You “CAN” Stay Informed

Through the efforts of the Bucks County Commissioners and Bucks County Emergency Management Agency, the Borough of Perkasie is a subscriber to the Community Alerting Network, CAN. This resource places the distribution of vital information for significant emergency events at our fingertips to the benefit of the residents, churches, schools, and business within the borough.

If an emergency event is either pending or happening, borough emergency management officials will be able to produce an informational message and have that message sent to the affected residents within only a few minutes by utilizing the CAN functions. The CAN capacity is over 13,000 notifications per hour.

For example, if there would be a severe weather event to occur within the next 4-6 hours, officials will contact CAN and select the area of the borough to alert, such as those residents along the East Branch of the Perkiomen Creek due to the potential for flooding. CAN will dial all of the registered home and cell phone numbers and send out the voice message with whatever information or instructions needed at that time. Information may identify the potential for flooding, recommendation for seeking alternate shelter due to flooding and/or shelter information.

CAN will also be used to provide updates after the initial event has occurred. CAN activations can encompass small geographic areas of the borough or the entire borough depending upon the scope of the emergency event.

This is an excellent way to stay informed. If you are a resident, church, school or business owner and would like to have your phone number(s) registered, please do the following:

- Call Perkasie Borough Police Department at 215-257-6876
 - Call the Perkasie Borough Office at 215-257-5065
 - Call Bucks County EMA at 215-340-8700
- Register online at: www.buckscounty.org/government/departments/EmergencyServices/EmergencyManagement/EmergencyNotificationform.aspx

You will need to supply your name, facility name (if registering a business number), address and any telephone numbers that you use. It is especially important if your phone number is unlisted to register. It will remain unlisted to the public but will be added to the emergency notification database. Cell phone numbers can be included, which benefits you if you are away and an event occurs. Information provided remains confidential and is only used for the CAN process.

The Perkasie Emergency Management Agency will periodically test the CAN functionality to ensure this notification system is operating properly. The call will contain an informational message from Perkasie Borough Emergency Management.

Communication and public emergency notification is vital for preparing and responding to emergencies. This is just one of the ways that the Borough of Perkasie is working to improve the safety of our citizens, churches, schools, and businesses.

If you have any other questions, please email Stephen H. Reichman, Emergency Management Coordinator, at emc@perkasie-ema.net

Visit their website at www.perkasie-ema.net



Borough of Perkasio Trash and Recycling Rules and Regulations

Perkasio Borough utilizes a "Pay As You Throw" program in which all residential properties must participate. Residents pay for Borough Disposal Bags to dispose of trash. All recycling is free of charge. The more that our recycling options are utilized, the fewer trash bags will need to be purchased, subsequently lowering trash removal costs. Refuse must be placed in Borough Disposal Bags that are closed at the top. Refuse includes garbage (drained of liquids), paper, rags, leather, rubber, metals, metal foils, ceramics, crockery, plastics and similar items normally originating from a private residence. **Ashes must be thoroughly extinguished and placed in a metal container.** Attach and empty Borough Disposal Bag to the container for the corresponding weight of the ash as your proof of purchase. The bag will be collected with the ash.

The prices for bags are as follows:

Large (Green) bags are \$2.75/piece and are intended to hold a 40lb. maximum capacity.

Small (Black) bags are \$1.75/piece and are intended to hold a 20lb. maximum capacity.

Multiple Family Dwellings (Rental Units)

All multi-family unit owners must provide containers for designated recyclable materials and provide written instructions to all persons occupying each unit to ensure all designated recyclable materials are source separated.

Commingled Curbside Recycling

Recycling is mandatory for both residents and businesses within the Borough of Perkasio. All designated recyclables and leaf waste shall be kept separate from municipal waste.

Commingled recyclables (including glass, plastic containers, tin and aluminum) are collected on Fridays. Please adhere to the following guidelines when placing recyclables curbside:

Glass (All colors): Remove lids and neckbands from bottles and jars, and rinse. Removing labels is not necessary. Ceramics, light bulbs, and plate glass are not permitted.

Aluminum & Tin Cans: Rinse and flatten all cans if possible, and remove labels. This includes cans that held foods as well as pet foods. Aluminum foil, paint cans, aerosol cans and propane cylinders are not permitted.

Plastic Containers: Please remove caps from containers and rinse. Crush all containers to reduce size as much as possible.

Recyclables should be combined in open containers with drainage holes in the bottom. Please do not break any glass. If you should have broken glass, place in a separate container with a lid and put out with trash.

Newspaper and Cardboard

Newspaper and cardboard will be collected on the third Wednesday of each month. Cardboard must be flattened. Newspaper and cardboard can be bundled and tied securely or inserted into a durable paper bag. Junk mail, magazines, and chip board (cereal boxes) may be included. Wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood, nails, and Styrofoam cannot be included and must be disposed of in Borough Disposal Bags.

Borough Recycling Center

The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasio Police Department, 311 South Ninth Street, is for the convenience of Borough Residents only. Perkasio Borough Staff may ask for identification when you enter the premises. There are signs indicating where certain recyclables are to be placed. Please prepare the recyclables as mentioned above. Combine glass, aluminum, tin and plastic in the dumpsters marked as such with metal stairs. Combine newspaper and cardboard in the trailer. Common trash, bulky items, and cardboard are not accepted at the Recycling Center.

Absolutely no construction materials, aluminum/plastic siding, window glass or shutters, laundry baskets, plastic trash cans, large tin (popcorn) containers, fish tanks, or mirrors are accepted at the Recycling Center.



Borough of Perkasio Trash and Recycling Rules and Regulations

Bulky Item Collection

Large bulky items not requiring a sticker, such as furniture and non-motorized household appliances will be collected from **residential customers only**, at no charge, along with regular trash collection. This collection is limited to items generated within the household and to a single item per household per week. A single bulky item is considered one large household appliance or its equivalent in size. Cans that contained liquids such as latex paints or driveway sealant will be collected once the contents have dried to a solid.

A \$10 bulky item sticker is required for washers, dryers, hot water heaters, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, stoves (electric or gas), riding lawn mowers, dishwashers, wood stoves, air compressors, pool filters, snow blowers, electric generators, water softeners, and any similar large items. You may purchase the bulk trash stickers at Borough Hall on weekdays between 8:00AM and 4:30PM. Purchase no later than 3:00PM on Tuesday for pickup the following Wednesday. Place the appliance curbside before 7:00AM on the collection day (but not before 6:00PM the night prior) with the sticker attached in view from the street. There will be no recalls for items. The following items will not be collected by Perkasio Borough: Multiple storm doors/windows, tires (on or off wheels), parts of any type of vehicle including batteries, all types of heaters (gas, wood, coal or oil), oil tanks, remodeling materials, outbuildings, and carpeting/padding exceeding 9'X12'.



Items Containing Freon

Residents are reminded that Perkasio Borough does not collect appliances that contain Freon, such as refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, and dehumidifiers, even if they are assumed to have been drained of Freon. Ask the dealer where you purchase your new appliance about removal of the old appliance or contact your local dealer about removal. Companies such as Delaware Valley Scrap, Joe Mattero Recycling Inc., and Shulberger's may be able to assist you in disposal.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings must be bagged in Borough Disposal Bags and placed out with household refuse. However, Perkasio Borough does promote "grass-cycling" - cutting the grass before it gets too high or using a mulching mower in order to allow the grass clippings to remain on the ground to nourish the soil. You are encouraged to compost leaves and garden debris as a means of recycling this material as valuable mulch and nutrients for your lawn and garden.

Brush Collection

Brush collection is done the first Wednesday of each month. Should the first Wednesday fall on a holiday, brush will be collected the next business day. Please contact the Borough office at least 24 hours prior to the collection date to have your name put on the list for collection. Please bind the bunches with string for collection.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees (without wire) are picked up along with recyclables during the first three weeks of January. Wreaths with or without wire will be collected with refuse. Live-balled Christmas trees may be donated for planting at the Borough parks.

How are we doing? Your feedback on municipal operations helps your elected representatives and borough employees know what you think of the services provided, how they can be streamlined or improved and whether they are being provided courteously and effectively. You are encouraged to call or write with your comments, both critical and complimentary to **Borough of Perkasio, PO Box 96, Perkasio, Pa. 18944, 215-257-5065, perkasioborough.org comment page or E-mail to perkasio@comcast.net.**

Leaf Collection

With fall approaching, our trees are rapidly losing their foliage and creating a mess in our yards! Borough leaf collection will begin in mid-October and continue through November, weather permitting. Rake your leaves into the street along the curb line without blocking or clogging storm drains. Please keep vehicles away from where leaves are piled. Leaves will be collected when scheduling allows. There are no set collection days for areas in the borough. The Publics Works crew will follow a specific route and do so cyclically throughout the leaf collection period. Leaves gathered during times other than normal leaf collection days, along with garden debris, may be put in non-Borough trash bags and placed out with your regular trash collection. If you mix household waste or grass with the leaves, the bags will not be collected.

Will you help us control curbside weeds?

Curbside weeds not only create an eyesore, they allow water to penetrate and break up road surfaces. Please do your part to help maintain our weed killers by removing weeds from the curbside.

Like many communities, Perkasio apply herbicides to control curbside weeds. and, according to state regulatory agency, in response to the concerns of some curbside spraying program over the past weeds with less use of chemicals is preferable. Keeping your curbs swept clean and free of weeds will maintain the roads and reduce the need for spraying.



roads and reduce the need to use chemical curb lines around your property. This program has been effective, economical, and poses extremely low health risks. However, residents, the Borough has cut back its annual two years. We can all agree that controlling weeds with less use of chemicals is preferable. Keeping your curbs swept clean and free of weeds will maintain the roads and reduce the need for spraying.



Perkasie Borough wishes all of its residents a spooky and safe Halloween!!!



Perkasie's Code Book is available to the public on computer at the Samuel Pierce Branch of the Bucks County Free Library 491 Arthur Avenue Perkasie, Pa. (located directly beside Menlo Pool in Menlo Park)

Library staff can assist you with its use.

Call 215-257-2821 for library hours.

Perkasie's 16th Annual Fall Festival

Offered Fun for the Entire Family

Perkasie Borough's 16th Annual Fall Festival was a huge success this year with new attractions. There were so many things to do that all members of the family, all with varied interests, could find something of interest. The biggest hits were build your own scarecrow and Sadie Greene Sales Jug Band.

Gift certificates, ribbons and certificates were given for all contests: Thank you to local businesses for donating gift certificates for all contests.

Scarecrows - Adult

1st place - Debbie Minnion, Perkasie

Scarecrow - Child

1st place - Jack, Cole, Justin, Sellersville
 2nd place - Guth Kids Care, Perkasie
 3rd place - Vanessa Matern, Perkasie

Pie - Adult

1st place - Maureen Hickey, Lansdale
 2nd place - Brenda Matern, Perkasie



3rd place - Maureen Hickey, Lansdale

Carved Pumpkin - Adult

1st place - Debbie Minnion, Perkasie



Carved Pumpkin - Children

1st place - Vanessa Matern, Perkasie
 2nd place - Sabrina & Sierra, Perkasie
 3rd place - Erin Hardy, Perkasie

Decorated Pumpkin - Adult

1st place - 1st place - Megan Minnion, Perkasie

Decorated Pumpkin - Child

1st place - Kailee Eves, Perkasie
 2nd place - Vanessa Matern, Perkasie

**Keep a look out for
 Perkasie Borough's Parks and Recreation
 2008 Program Guide**

For more information on any Parks and Recreation programs, please call 215-257-5065

Family Fridays Scheduled 2nd Friday of the Month

Family Fridays are held the 2nd Friday of the month at the Pennridge High School Cafeteria on 5th Street in Perkasie. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. for dinner that consists of pizza, hot dogs, drinks and snacks. Entertainment begins at 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Admission to the show is \$3.00 for adults and children 12 years and over, \$2.00 for children under 12 years of age and free for children 2 years and under.

November 9th - Music Medic DJ

Put on your dancing shoes! Our Music Medic DJ will spin the vinyl for a kid friendly dance fest. There will be games and prizes for the little ones and fun for all.



December 14th - Bingo

This has become one of our most popular Family Fridays. Everyone loves Bongo! Come out and enjoy a fun night with your family. With admission each family member will be given one bingo card. Extra cards will

be sold for \$0.50 each. Prizes are geared toward children.

January 11th 2008 - Richard Gustafson

Come check out Richard Gustafson and his wife performing their famous Magi comedy show. It is filled with lots of laughs, fun and amazing illusions that will have you talking for weeks to come.

February 8th, 2008 - Mr. David, Drawings and Songs

His Delightful drawings, spirited songs and wacky humor make him a hit with audiences of all ages. Armed with a guitar, harmonica, jumbo markers, playful props and puppets, he keeps everyone entertained with a mad-cap mix of sing-alongs, super sized pics. and comic antics.

March 14th, 2008 - Bingo

April 11th, 2008 - Bingo

Family Friday's will stop for the summer and continue in October 2008.

Permit Questions? Ask the Zoning Officer!

Often times Perkasio residents may wonder what types of construction or renovation requires a permit, and what does not. Dependant upon what type of work you are doing, you may need any combination of building, zoning, mechanical, plumbing, or dumpster permits, just to name a few. The following are a few answers to questions that the Planning and Zoning Department frequently are asked.

Building permits: A building permit is required for nearly every form of residential and commercial construction one might perform. There are however a few exceptions. You do not need permits for activities such as A) Any interior or exterior repair, remodeling or redecorating which does not require any structural change or any change of use of a building or portion thereof, B) Repair or replacement of a roof, deck, floor or banister of an enclosed porch or patio attached to the principal residential use, provided that the work has no structural impact on the principal use, and C) Repair or replacement in kind of doors, door frames, window sash or window frames, provided that the work has no structural impact.

Dumpster Permits: If you are performing a renovation that requires you to rent a dumpster for trash removal, the Borough requests that you place the dumpster on your property whenever possible. However, if you cannot and must put the dumpster on a Borough street, you must come to the borough offices and fill out a dumpster permit, notifying the borough of the location and duration of dumpster placement.

Fences: Perkasio borough does not require permits for fences. However, we do require residents to notify the borough whenever they intend to erect a fence, as there are a few guidelines to fence placement. Fences 1) cannot exceed a height of seven (7) feet, 2) cannot be built on a neighbor's property or upon any utility or access easements, and 3) cannot impair the line of sight of your property or your neighbor's when entering and exiting driveways.

Sheds: If a shed is purchased and built off-site and simply delivered to a residence, then only a zoning permit is needed. Sheds must be at least fifteen (15) feet behind the rearmost portion of your home, and at least five (5) feet off of side and rear property lines.

There are certainly other questions and situations unique to your property that you may have other than these. For any other zoning, building, or land use questions, contact Keith S. Truman, Director of Planning and Zoning at the Perkasio Borough Offices, 215-257-5065

How to Contact your Mayor and Council	
<u>Mayor</u>	
J. Robert Hunsicker	215-257-2005
<u>Ward 1 Council Members</u>	
Eadie Burke	215-453-0479
Ray Conville	215-257-7533
Nickole Collins	215-453-5090
<u>Ward 2 Council Members</u>	
James Boyer	215-257-1691
Harry McGonigal	215-257-1006
Randy Walck	215-257-4879
<u>Ward 3 Council Members</u>	
Earl Richard Hendricks	215-453-9869
Bill Delaney	215-453-9536
Joan Handy	215-258-3306
To correspond by mail, send to Perkasio Borough, P.O. Box 96, Perkasio, Pa. 18944 or send E-mail at perkasio@comcast.net.	

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