

BOROUGH OF PERKASIE

Collection & Disposal of Refuse for the Year 2016

Schedule and Rules & Regulations

Perkasie Borough has a pay-as-you-throw trash 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 you utilize the recycling options, the fewer trash bags you will need to purchase and that will lower your trash removal costs. We ask that you place your trash curbside before 7:00 am the day of collection. There will be **NO** call backs for trash placed out after 7:00 am. If your trash day falls on a holiday, your trash will be the next business day. (see list of Holidays on 2nd page). **Trash bag costs are \$3.25 for a large bag holding up to 40 pounds of trash and \$2.25 for a small bag with a maximum capacity of 20 pounds.**

BAGGED REFUSE COLLECTION

Refuse must be placed in a Borough disposal bag that is closed at the top. Refuse includes garbage (when drained of liquids), paper, rags, leather, rubber, metals, metal foils, ceramics, crockery, plastics, and similar items normally produced by or originating from a private residence. In case of extreme weather cold, hot the Public Works Department may send out 2 trucks out to cover the route. This means your trash may be picked up earlier than usual. No call backs for trash placed out after 7:00am.

Ashes must be thoroughly extinguished and placed in a metal container. Attach an 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 ash.

Most bulky items are placed out for collection along with refuse collection. Bulky waste will not be picked up from any household unless at least one bag of trash, contained in a Borough trash bag, accompanies the bulky waste. See BULKY ITEM COLLECTION for details.

COMMINGLED CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Collected on Friday for all residents.

Commingled recyclables (including glass, plastic containers # 1- 7, tin and aluminum) are collected on Fridays. You may place your recyclables in a Borough container or use a bucket with holes so fluids can drain. ***No recyclables in plastic bags please.*** Please adhere to the following guidelines when placing recyclables curbside:

GLASS (all colors): Remove lids and neckbands from bottles or jars, and rinse. No need to remove labels. (No ceramics, light bulbs, or plate glass please).

ALUMINUM/TIN CANS: Flatten all cans if possible and remove labels, if any. Do not include aluminum foil and include only tin containers that held food (including pet foods). Paint cans, aerosol cans, and propane cylinders are not accepted.

PLASTIC CONTAINERS: Please remove caps from bottles and rinse the containers, removing all contents. Crush the plastic containers to reduce the size as much as possible, but keep them intact.

Recyclables should be combined in open containers with **drainage holes near the bottom** (available at the Borough Office). **Please Do Not Break Glass.** No plastic bags, no cans larger than 10 gallons or heavier than 40 lbs.

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. **No plastic bags allowed please.** Junk mail, magazines and chip board (such as cereal boxes) may be included. Wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood, nails and Styrofoam cannot be included and must be disposed of in a Borough Disposal Bag. Please keep newsprint and cardboard clean and free of soil, garbage, etc.

RECYCLING CENTER

The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasie Police Department, 311 South Ninth Street, is for the convenience of **Borough residents only.** Perkasie Borough staff may ask for identification when you use the center.

There are signs indicating where the recyclable materials are to be placed. Please prepare the recyclables as mentioned in other areas of this handout. Combine glass, aluminum, tin and plastic containers in the dumpsters that are marked as such and that have metal stairs. **Please empty your recyclables out of plastic bags into dumpster, DO NOT PUT PLASTIC BAGS IN DUMPSTER.** Combine newspaper and cardboard in the trailer. Trash and bulky items are not accepted at the Recycling Center. Yard waste and leaves are collected the first Saturday of every month at the Recycling Center from 7:30 am to 3:30 pm. Yard waste may be brought to the Center in brown paper yard waste bags or in a container and then emptied into the yard waste dumpster.

<p>Recycling Center Hours Monday through Friday: 7:30 am - 8:30 pm Saturdays: 7:30 am - 4:00 pm It is closed Sundays and most holidays.</p>

BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Cans that contained liquids (latex paints, driveway sealer, etc.) will be accepted once empty or the liquid has dried to a solid.

A \$10 fee is charged for the collection of specific items as listed below. An appliance requires the \$10 sticker regardless of its completeness. Large items that require stickers will be picked up on Wednesdays.

A \$10 sticker is required for: Washers, dryers, hot water heaters, trash compactors, garbage disposals, humidifiers, stoves (electric or gas), riding lawn mowers, dishwashers, air compressors, pool filters, snow blowers, electric generators, microwave ovens, and water softeners.

Purchase the bulk trash stickers at Borough Hall on weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Purchase your sticker no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday for pick up the following Wednesday.

Place the appliance curbside before 7:00 am on Wednesday (but not before 6:00 pm the night prior) with the sticker attached in view from the street. There will be no recalls for items put out too late.

The following items will not be collected by Perkasie Borough: TV's, computers, computer accessories, Multiple storm doors, multiple storm 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 (wood or metal, garages, wood sheds, etc.), carpeting and padding exceeding 9'x 12'.

Residents are reminded that **Perkasie Borough does not accept appliances that contain Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers and air conditioners even if the Freon is thought to be removed from the appliance.** Ask the dealer where you purchased your new appliance about removal of the old appliance or contact your local dealer about removal.

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 in Borough parks.

LEAF COLLECTION

Leaf collection will begin mid-October and continue through November, weather permitting. Rake leaves into the street along the curb line without blocking or clogging storm drains. Please keep vehicles away from areas where leaves are piled.

Leaves will be picked up when scheduling allows. There are no set collection days for areas of the Borough. The Public Works crew will follow a specific route and do so cyclically throughout the leaf collection days as noted above.

Leaves gathered during other than normal leaf collection days, along with garden debris, must be put in Borough trash bags and placed out with your regular trash collection. All yard waste must be placed in a Borough bag and will no longer be collected for free in a non-Borough bag. Yard waste is defined as leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and tree trimmings, and similar material but not including grass clippings (per Act 1988-101, Section 103). **As an alternative,** the Borough will provide free disposal of all yard waste at the Borough's recycling center the first Saturday of each month. Residents may take yard waste generated at their house to the recycling center. All yard waste deposited at the center must be loose or in a biodegradable paper bags. All yard waste delivered to the site in plastic bags must be emptied from the bag.

BRUSH AND SHRUBBERY CLIPPINGS

Brush and shrubbery clippings will be chipped curbside throughout Perkasie by Borough crews on the first Wednesday of each month. **Call for an appointment at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled collection day.** Tree branches must be cut in lengths of less than 6 feet, and then bundled with twine in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter. Branches over 8 inches in diameter should be placed curbside for bulk trash collection. The amount of branches picked up at each residence will be equivalent to the size of a freezer.

GRASS CLIPPINGS

Grass clippings must be bagged in Borough trash bags and placed out with household refuse. Perkasie Borough promotes "grass-cycling" - cutting the grass before it gets too high, or using a mulching mower, and letting the grass clippings 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 nutrient for your lawn and/or garden. Information on composting can be obtained at the Borough Office.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Refuse and recyclables must be placed at the curb or alley **no earlier than 6:00 pm on the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 7:00 am on the day of collection.** Household refuse must be placed in a securely tied Borough disposal bag, which does

not exceed the weight of forty (40) pounds for the large bag and twenty (20) pounds for the small bag. Bags of trash found to be in violation of any rules will be stickered with the violation noted. Bags in violation will NOT be picked up until the problem is rectified.

Borough disposal bags are available at the Borough Office, 620 West Chestnut Street, and at area retailers who display the Green Hickory Tree logo. Disposal bags or recycling containers cannot remain curbside for more than 24 hours.

Disposal of materials resulting from renovation,

Recycling within established rules and regulations is mandatory and failure to do so is a violation of Borough Ordinance.

repair, construction of buildings and structures, or the removal of trees, will not be collected by the Borough. Such items shall be removed by and at the expense of the property owner or the contractor.

Holiday Collection Days	
Good Friday Friday, March 25 (Recycling)	Friday, April 1 (Recycling)
Memorial Day Monday, May 30 (Trash)	Tuesday, May 31 (Trash)
Independence Day Monday, July 4 (Trash)	Tuesday, July 5 (Trash)
Labor Day Monday, September 5 (Trash)	Tuesday, September 6 (Trash)
Thanksgiving Thursday, November 24 (Trash) Friday, November 25 (Recycling)	Monday, November 28 (Trash) Friday, December 2 (Recycling)
Christmas Friday, Dec.23 (Recycling) Monday, Day after Christmas Dec. 26 (Trash)	Friday, December 30, (Recycling) Tuesday, December 27, (Trash)
<u>New Year's Day</u> <u>Friday,</u> <u>January 1, 2016</u> <u>(Trash)</u>	<u>Monday, January 8, 2017</u>