**EARL TOWNSHIP**

**Lancaster County**

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***Short Term and Long Term Rentals.***

The Earl Township Board of Supervisors have adopted Short Term Rental Regulation through the advertised and adopted Ordinance No. 2021-01. With this new law all short term rentals will require approval from the Earl Township Zoning Hearing Board for the use as a Special Exception and no properties will be grandfathered for the use. Once a Special Exception approval has been granted, a permit application shall be submitted to the Township, which will require that the property/home be inspected for safety compliance, to enable issuance of a Permit. The full Ordinance is available on the website under the heading of Ordinances/Documents/Forms.

An inspection and permitting procedures for the Long Term Rentals will soon be forthcoming.

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

The Township currently has the following vacancies, please consider serving. If you are interested, please contact the Township Secretary or any Elected Supervisor.

Park & Recreation Board

Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals

Earl Township Sewer Authority

**Employment Opportunity**

The Township is currently in need of staff for the Road Department and the Office. These are full time positions, with full benefits. Please apply at the Township Office.

**Storm Water Management Housekeeping**

We are requesting your cooperation in keeping storm water inlets and outfalls clean and clear of debris. Also, do not dump or discharge into these systems. We thank you in advance for helping keep your environment healthy and safe.

#### Township Meetings

#### Schedule

**Board of Supervisors** meet the 1st Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m., and the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 a.m. and as advertised.

**Planning Commission** meets the last Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

**Zoning Hearing Board** meets the 2nd Monday of the month as needed at 7:00 p.m.

**Western Heights Water Authority** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

**Earl Township Sewer Authority** meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

**Parks & Recreation Board** meets the 2nd Thursday of the month as needed at 7:00 p.m.

Our meeting agendas and minutes are now being posted on our web-site which is: [www.earltownship.com](http://www.earltownship.com), please check them out.

* **Please submit separate checks when paying** for the ***Earl Township Street Light, Waste and Recycling, Per Capita Tax,*** ***Western Heights Water Authority*** and ***Earl Township Sewer Authority.*** Each service provided shall be on a separate check to ensure payment is properly applied, due to these services are separate entities and utilize their own accounting systems. Thank you for your cooperation on this matter.

**Septage Receiving Tank**

The Earl Township Sewer Authority is accepting septage waste at the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), 250 Horning Road, starting in October. The Sewer Operators did a fantastic job building this septage receiving tank, which will now generate more revenue and help the new WWTP operate more efficiently. There are benefits to the environment and to the property owners by providing a safe and efficient way to dispose of on-site septic tank waste.

**ALERT – The public water and sewer’s 24-hour emergency service number is 717-661-9040. If you need to contact an Operator this is your best source.
 Residents that have grinder pumps need to call the emergency service number immediately if the light on the control panel box comes on. The emergency number is also on the box. If the Operators are not contacted immediately, the sewage can back up and cause problems of the sewage spilling out onto the property or issues inside the residence. (*We cannot stress enough the importance of calling the emergency number no matter the time of day. Please do not wait for regular office hours.)***

**Thanks for your help!**

**Staff Introduction**

Joy Oberholtzer is back as the Appointed Secretary/Treasurer for the Western Heights Water Authority and Earl Township Sewer Authority. Joy worked part-time for several years and is now back working a full time schedule. If you have any questions on your bills or need any assistance related to your public water or sewer services, please contact her at 717-354-0773 extension 3.

* **Attention Property Owners:** Please keep all water/sewer meters, sewer control panels, and grinder pumps free and clear of plants/shrubbery, buildings, and anything else that may prohibit the Operators accessing them. Easements shall also remain free and clear of any obstructions, like fences, decks, pools, etc.

**Top 10 Things Not to Flush**

* **Medications** – prescription, over-the-counter, vitamins, illegal drugs, patches, and hypodermic needles
* **Cloth** – cleaning rags, nylon stockings, underwear, shop towels, mop heads, dental floss
* **Feminine Products** – sanitary pads, tampons, applicators
* **Plastic** – plastic bags, plastic cotton swabs, disposable lighters, hotel shampoo bottles
* **Chemicals** – cleaning products, herbicides, insecticides, solvents
* **Grease** – auto, industrial
* **Wipes** – baby wipes, “disposable/flushable” wipes, personal hygiene wipes, cleaning wipes
* **Cooking Oil/Grease** – fats, oils, cooking grease – used or unused
* **Condoms** – condoms and condom wrapper
* **Diapers** – paper or cloth, no matter how dirty

**Information for Earl Township Sewer Authority and Western Heights Water Authority Customers**

**Public Roadways:**

**\*Do not deposit leaves in the street or gutters, we do not provide or have a street sweeping pickup program.**

**\*\*With winter fast approaching please remember it is illegal to push snow and ice into or across the street, this creates a hazardous condition for all traveling the roadway.**

***\*\*\*Finally, please remember you are required to maintain the sidewalks abutting your property and to clear the sidewalks of any snow or ice within 12 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to fall.***

If possible, please consider moving your vehicles parked on the street to off street parking. This will enable the snowplow operators to clear all the snow from the cartway.

 **Waste & Recycling Information:**

**A STATE MANDATE as of APRIL 2013 REQUIRES THAT ALL EARL TOWNSHIP PROPERTIES RECYCLE; this includes all BUSINESSES, RESIDENTS, INSTITUTIONS and GOVERNMENT**.

***RECYCLING WILL BE COLLECTED FROM All EARL TOWNSHIP CURBSIDE CUSTOMERS.*** Per contract and state law the hauler must collect recycling.

Earl Township’s curbside trash & recycling program participant reminders:

**All trash and recycling shall be placed curbside the night before service day, this is critical because the hauler start early and the route may be changed periodically. A trash can with lid is recommended to keep pest out of the garbage.**

**Please do not place trash within your recycling bin, all may be rejected.** To learn more on recyclables, visit this website:[**www.earth911.com**](http://www.earth911.com) **or www.lcswma.org**

**Burning trash and recyclables is now prohibited within the Township. This includes yard waste, leaves and building materials.**

* **Ash (cold)** is limited to one five-gallon (5 gal.) bucket per week.
* **No construction material** shall be placed curbside, please order a roll-off, dumpster or self-deliver to LCSWMA transfer station.

**Due to many circumstances with the waste and recycling market, the Earl Township curbside waste and recycling program anticipates for the first time since it started an increase in the quarterly rate. At this time, it appears that an increase to $52.00 per quarter will be the rate for 2022, this will be finalized during the 2022 budgeting process. Compared to independent service this proposed rate is still considerably lower.**

**General Township Information**

PRSRT STD

US POSTAGE PAID

EPHRATA PA

PERMIT NO 219

EARL TOWNSHIP
517 N RAILROAD AVENUE

NEW HOLLAND PA 17557

CURRENT RESIDENT

3 AMBER CIRCLE

NEW HOLLAND PA 17557

**Dale L High, Sewage Enforcement Officer**

 Office # 717-371-4004

**Candie Johnson, Zoning Officer**

**Technicon Enterprises, Inc. II**

 Office # 610-286-1622

 And available at Township Office:

 Tuesdays 12 pm till 4 p.m.

**Police Department:**

 New Holland Police Department,

 Chief William Leighty

 Non-emergency # 717-354-4647

*For public water and sewer customers needing emergency service, please call the 24 hour number 717-661-9040. If you need to contact an Operator this is your best source.*

**Board of Supervisors**

Rick L Kochel, Chairman Supervisor

Ray M Martin, V Chairman Supervisor

Tom E Plitt, Supervisor

**Office Hours**

Monday—Thursday 7:30 am—4:00 pm

Fridays 7:30 am—12:00 pm

**Township Administration**

Brenda S Becker, Secretary/Treasurer

Lee Zimmerman, Road Master

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