**2023 EARL TOWNSHIP WASTE & RECYCLING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ALL PROPERTY OWNERS**

1**. General Requirements for Placement and Collection of Regulated Municipal Waste and Designated Recyclable Materials**

 a. All persons who own or occupy Residential Units, Multi-Family Units or Non-Residential Units shall comply with the following requirements:

 (i) No Regulated Municipal Waste or Designated Recyclable Materials shall be placed at Curbside for collection more than twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the scheduled time for collection. Refuse Containers must be picked up no more than 24 hours after collection.

 (ii) Regulated Municipal Waste or Designated Recyclable Materials from Residential Units shall not be stored at Curbside prior to collection. Regulated Municipal Waste or Designated Recyclable Materials shall be stored in containers which shall prohibit the contents from being scattered by wind and rain and shall prohibit accessibility by rodents or other vermin.

 (iii) Regulated Municipal Waste and Designated Recyclable Materials from Multi-Family Units and Non-Residential Units may be placed in bulk containers of suitable size, shape and material to prohibit the contents from being scattered by wind and rain and shall prohibit accessibility by rodents or other vermin.

 b. All Permitted Collectors shall insure that collection of Regulated Municipal Waste and Designated Recyclable Materials shall comply with the following requirements:

 (i) Regulated Municipal Waste and Designated Recyclable Materials shall be collected on the same day from Residential Units, and collection shall be made a minimum of once a week.

 (ii) On-site Collection from Residential Units shall occur on weekdays between the hours of 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., prevailing time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Saturday collection will be permitted if a holiday has occurred in the week preceding the Saturday on which collection is to be made or if a holiday will occur on the Monday or Tuesday of the week following the Saturday collection. Saturday collections due to holidays may begin at 12:00 midnight.

 (iii) No Regulated Municipal Waste or Designated Recyclable Materials shall be blown, scattered or deposited upon the ground in the process of collection.

 (iv) Each Permitted Collector shall collect and deliver, separately to a LCSWMA Facility battery drop-off location, all Battery Bags placed at Curbside by Residential Units.

2. **Approval Process to Request Waiver of Section 9 (c) - Requirement to Utilize the Services of the Municipal Contractor or Permitted Collector:**

Any Person requesting approval to deliver Regulated Municipal Waste generated at such Person’s residence or Farm shall provide the following proof to the Municipality that the Regulated Municipal Waste is delivered to a LCSWMA Facility in a manner that is safe, sanitary, and environmentally sound.

 a. LCSWMA Weight Tickets verifying delivery of Waste to a LCSWMA Facility on no less than a frequency of once per month.

 b. LCSWMA Weight Tickets or other proof verifying delivery of Designated Recyclable Materials to a Facility.

 c. Provide written explanation of how Waste and Designated Recyclable Materials are stored on-site and delivered to a LCSWMA or other Facility.

3. **Backyard Composting:**

Residential Units may compost Yard Wastes which are generated at said Residential Unit according to the following guidelines:

a. Backyard Composting must be done in strict compliance of accepted standards and guidelines the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service, PA Department of Environmental Protection, and/or the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority (LCSWMA).

b. Composting must be done within an enclosed structure that controls access to animals and vectors.

c. Only Yard Wastes or other vegetative matter may be composted. No meat or Putrescible Waste may be composted.

d. Compost must be turned and mixed on a regular basis to prevent odors, attraction of vectors and to ensure degradation of materials being composted.

 e. Backyard Composters must be placed no less than one (1) foot from any property line.

4. **Appeal Process of Suspensions and Revocations of Collection Permits:**

 a. Appeal Fee is $500.00 .

b. Appeals must be submitted to the Municipal Secretary within ten (10) days of Collection Permit denial or suspension/revocation.

c. Appeals Committee shall be appointed by the Elected Body of the Municipality and shall be comprised of three (3) persons.

d. Appeals Committee shall render a written decision within ten (10) days of the date the Appeal is heard. Appellant has the right to appear before the Appeals Committee.

5. **Collection Service Fee Schedule for Earl Township’s Municipal Contract Collection Program:**

 The Collection Service Fees shall be as follows:

 a. Annual Collection Service Fee: $340.00 per year payable as:

(i) Quarterly Rate: $85.00

b. Extra Service Tags Schedule

(i) Extra Refuse Tags $2.00

(ii) Oversized Refuse Tags $5.00

(iii) White Good Tag $20.00

(iv) Tire Tag $5.00

c. Extra Service Bags Schedule

(i) Extra Refuse and Oversized Refuse Items will be collected weekly. No more than two (2) Oversized Refuse Items will be collected each week.

(ii) **Yard Waste** will be collected on the following schedule:

 **April 8th & 22nd, May 6th & 20th, June 10th & 17th, July 1st, 15th & 29th, Aug 12th, & 26th,**

 **Sept 16th & 23rd and October 7th & 21st, 2023.**

(iii) **Tires and White Goods** will be collected twice each year on dates established by the Municipality with appropriate tag: **May 20th and Nov 11th, 2023.**

 d. **Leaf Collection Schedule** which shall be bagged in kraft bags available at the Township Office or home supply store: **Nov 4th & 18th and December 2nd & 16th, 2023.**

e. Place your items curbside the evening prior to the service day, if you are missed on the scheduled service day, please contact the Township Office prior to noon that same day and leave a message.

**Changes due to holidays for waste and recycling pick-up are to the following Saturdays: June 3rd, July 8th, September 9th, November 25th, December 30th 2023 and January 6th, 2024.**

f. Ash shall be cold and is limited to a five (5) gallon can per week.

g. Trash is limited to three (3) 32-gallon bags or one (1) 96-gallon toter of trash per week. You may purchase extra refuse tags as needed.

h. Trash shall be easily lifted by two refuse collection staff.

1. Syringes need to be disposed of as trash. They should be placed in a heavy-duty container such as a laundry container so as not to pierce through bags and present a hazard to our workers.
2. **Trash & Recycling Toters are the property of The Contracted Hauler, please leave for next resident or for pick up. Green Recycling Bins are the property of the Township, when moving please leave the container for the new resident or return it to the Township Office.**