

SPRING 2025

Newsletter



WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

"Between the Brandywines"

WEDNESDAY IS HOLIDAY COLLECTION DAY

If a regularly scheduled refuse, recycling or large item collection day falls on a holiday, collection for that day will be rescheduled for the Wednesday of the holiday week.

FOR THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAY:

Monday, May 26 (Memorial Day)

REFUSE & LARGE ITEM OR RECYCLING COLLECTION WILL OCCUR ON:

Wednesday, May 28

If your collection day for refuse and large item or recycling is on Monday, for the week of the Memorial Day holiday, your Monday collection will move to Wednesday. On Wednesday, only place out the collection (refuse and large item or recycling) that would normally occur on Monday, the holiday. Your Tuesday collection will remain on the scheduled day. *If your trash or recycling does not fall on the holiday, your schedule is not affected.*

A REMINDER: Per Township Ordinance, please do not put your recyclable toter out on refuse day, or your refuse toter out on recyclable day. Do not put trash in your recyclables or recyclables in your trash.

2025 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

At press time Chester County had not published their 2025 hazardous waste event schedule. Please check their website at www.chestercountyswa.org for updates. Coming soon in March.

**WEST
BRADFORD
DAY**

Sunday, May 18 - 12 to 4 pm

Broad Run Park

Pony Rides

The Amazing Spaghetti

Face Painting

Bounce Obstacle Course

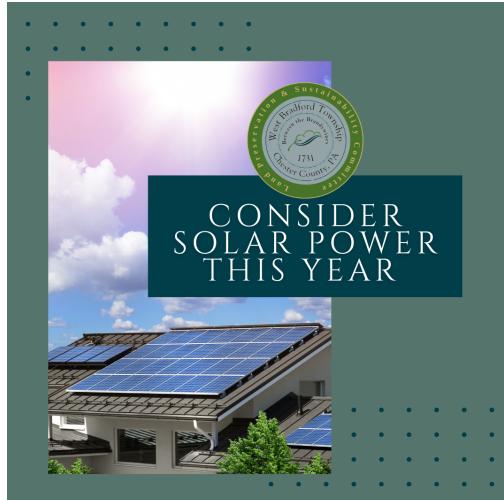
Considering Solar Power for Your Home?

Many useful online tools exist to help you consider solar power for your home and get the current 30% federal tax rebate. Google's Project Sunroof estimates your address's solar potential and electricity bill savings. According to Forbes, it takes 5-10 years to pay back the cost of a solar system, but it can save you up to \$33,000 over its lifetime.

Solarize Greater West Chester takes a non-commercial "neighbors helping neighbors" approach by assessing your property, answering questions, and then, if you choose, connecting you with vetted installers for the best price. A guide to installers is also available at PA Solar Center. Want U.S.-built solar panels? Check out their website at pasolarcenter.org.

If putting solar on your house is not an option, you can still switch your home or business to a renewable supplier through PA Power Switch. Pennsylvania allows you to choose your power generator (though your bill still comes from PECO). All you have to do is enter some simple information to find the renewables offer that matches your preferences.

By embracing renewables, West Bradford township residents can embrace an economical and healthier future! ☺



Curbside Leaf Collection

West Bradford Township will offer curbside collection of leaves, sticks, and brush on three Wednesdays this Spring... **March 26th, April 9th, and April 23rd**. This convenient service is available to West Bradford residents at no cost, as yard waste in toters is prohibited. Repeat offenders who put yard waste in their toters will be fined.



Leaves must be placed in biodegradable collection bags purchased at the Township Building (\$0.50 /bag) or at local hardware stores. Please do not mix sticks in with the leaves, place them in separate bags or bundle them together. Do not staple bags shut. All brush must be in manageable bundles no longer than four feet and tied with biodegradable twine (such as cotton or hemp). Please note, branches thicker than four inches cannot be accepted.

Collection is by appointment only! To ensure your spot on our list, please fill out our convenient online sign-up form on our website under Recycling, Refuse & Compost/Leaf & Brush Collection, www.westbradford.org/196/Leaf-Brush-Collection or contact the Township at 610-269-4174. **Sign-ups must be completed by 12 noon the day before collection.** No exceptions. ☺

RECYCLING A TOOTHBRUSH?

By: Paige Tomczak, Recycling Coordinator

Since earning my Recycling Professional Certificate, it bothers me to throw something in the trash! I always think, "Can this item be recycled?" That said, I have



an appointment tomorrow at the dentist for a cleaning. What do they give me as a nice parting gift on each visit? A toothbrush.

It got me thinking about how many disposable toothbrushes we use in our home. When we're done with them, where do they go? In the trash. I did a quick search online and found a company called TerraCycle (www.terracycle.com), which has a program sponsored by Colgate that recycles not only used disposable toothbrushes but also the outer packaging, toothpaste tubes and caps, toothpaste outer packaging, and dental floss containers. Any brand is accepted, not just Colgate, and participation in the program is free.

Participation is easy: create an account on the TerraCycle website, place your items in a box, and when the box is full, request a shipping label. Seal your box, affix the prepaid label, and send it to TerraCycle for recycling. They also offer many other free recycling programs on their website, so be sure to check those out!

Additionally, they have Zero Waste Boxes, which are boxes you can purchase for recycling certain items (for example, alkaline batteries, used fabric/clothing, art supplies, baby gear, baby food pouches, backpacks—the list goes on). The price of the box covers both shipping and recycling of the items inside. I was very happy to discover this company and wanted to share it with the residents of West Bradford. This company is not affiliated with West Bradford Township, and please use due diligence when participating in any program. Happy recycling!

WAYS TO PAY FOR YOUR UTILITY BILLS

West Bradford Township is excited to offer residents easy and convenient methods to pay their utility bills.

NO FEES:

- **Mail or bring a check** to the Township Building (1385 Campus Drive, Downingtown, PA 19335).
- **Online** bill pay through your bank (make sure to reference your 10 digit account number).
- **Go to TD Bank** at 3821 W Lincoln Highway, Downingtown, PA 19335 (only this branch) and bring your payment stub and check.
- **Set up automatic payments.** You can do this by going to our website to download the form. www.westbradford.org/documents/files/automatic-bill-payment-form-refuse-sanitary-sewer-and-hydrant-fees.

Complete the form and mail it to:
West Bradford Township
1385 Campus Drive
Downingtown, PA 19335

FEES:

- Call the Township or go to the Township Building and pay by credit card (there is a 2.50% fee).
- You may also make a payment by phone or check your account balance 24/7 with our automated phone service. Call (844) 810-7245 or make a payment by going to our website westbradford.org and click Online Payments. There is a per transaction limit of \$300.00.

A service fee of \$4.50 will be applied to all credit card payments and a fee of \$1.50 will be applied to all payments made via electronic check (ACH/EFT).



Residents who utilize their banking institutions "bill pay" feature, please confirm that the account number you are referencing matches exactly how it is displayed on your utility bill.

Parks & Recreation Events

WEST BRADFORD DAY 2025

Sunday, May 18, 2025; Noon to 4:00PM at Broad Run Park

- West Bradford Fire Company
- Food Vendors
- Games: Bouncy House, Ax Throwing, Basketball Shoot Out
- Entertainment: DJ and Magic by The Amazing Spaghetti
- Petting Zoo
- Pony Rides
- Face Painting
- Mini-Golf
- Tae-Kwon-Do
- And Much, Much, More



FREE YOGA IN THE PARK

Every Wednesday at Shadyside Park at 7:30 PM, from May 28 – August 27, 2025

LAND PRESERVATION AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE'S INVASIVE VEGETATION REMOVAL EVENT

Saturday, March 15, 2025, 9:00 AM to 12:00 noon(ish) at Broad Run Park

- Bring gloves, tools, good footwear, and appropriate clothing.
- Interested volunteers are encouraged to RSVP with the Township at jantonelli@westbradford.org.

EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 5, 2025, starting at 12:00 noon at Broad Run Park



ANNUAL BRANDYWINE CREEK CLEAN-UP

Saturday, April 12, 2025

- Local starting points for West Bradford are either to the north at Downingtown's Kerr Park or to the south at Brandywine Red Clay's Myrick Conservation Center.
- Materials are provided for all volunteers including bags, vests, gloves, and a route map.
- All volunteers are asked to pre-register so routes can be pre-assigned and to guarantee a t-shirt.
- More information and registration will be up on the website in early spring (brandywineredclay.org).
- Anyone interested in sponsoring the event can reach out to Brian Winslow, Watershed Conservation Director, at bwinslow@brandywineredclay.org.

Stay Tuned for this Summer's Events... Concerts in the Park and Family Movie Nights!



How Do I Dispose of _____?

(Fill in the Blank)

By: Patti Lynn, Recycling Resources Manager, CCSWA

At the Chester County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA), we get hundreds of inquiries each year that begin with those words. Some of the unusual things people have asked us about include:

- Credit cards, water filters, taxidermy, and plastic soda rings. (These can all go in trash; NOT for recycling collection.)
- And what about road flares, pepper spray, and nail polish remover? (For these, you should register for a Household Hazardous Waste event.)
- Are you confused about how to recycle right? Watch video online at www.chestercountyswa.org/163/How-Do-I-Recycle.



Why is this important? Mostly because it demonstrates the Chester County public is concerned about solid waste generation and disposal. Chester County's population is growing, and everyone creates trash for our two landfills. Can something be repaired, donated or reused? Can the item be recycled somewhere other than your convenient curbside or drop off system?

The CCSWA operates the Lanchester Landfill and Reclamation Center (LLARC) for the northern county region. Our website, www.chestercountyswa.org, offers guidance for disposal of many products with our A-Z list, composting resources, curbside and drop off recycling, donations, hazardous waste, electronics, light bulbs, and batteries. There are a few videos you can watch, too.

The Southeastern Chester County Refuse Authority operates the SECCRA Landfill for the southern region. Visit their website at seccra.org.

Both landfills offer ways to contact them for more specific guidance depending on where you live. Thanks for being Trash Smart! 

Chester County 250 Wants YOU!



A STAR-SPANGLED INVITATION FROM AMERICA 250 PA CHESTER COUNTY COMMISSION

In 2026, America celebrates the 250th anniversary of the founding of our nation. Please join us as we journey— together—to 2026. Let's inspire and engage all our communities in commemoration of America's founding, connecting Chester County's stories to the nation's past, present and future.

For more information visit america250chesco.org.



BETWEEN THE BRANDYWINES—A HISTORY OF WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP BY CATHERINE QUILLMAN

Between the Brandywines contains more than 400 pages and includes over 250 photos, maps, and drawings. The book is available for purchase at the Township Building for \$25.



TEMPLE-WEBSTER-STONER HOUSE 15" X 20½" ART PRINTS BY RICHARD BOLLINGER

Produced on the finest quality acid-free paper, each print has been personally signed and numbered by the renowned artist Richard Bollinger. Each print is \$75, 15" x 20 ½" unframed, and is available for purchase at the Township Building.

DOWNTOWN AREA RECREATION CONSORTIUM (DARC)

DARC offers a diverse range of recreational activities for individuals and families of all ages. Join us in exploring the vibrant and enriching opportunities our community has to offer. Please go to www.darc.info for more information.



WEST BRADFORD YOUTH ATHLETICS (WBYA)

WBYA is a volunteer, non-profit organization providing year-round recreational sports programs for children in our community. Our focus is to give the kids a safe place to play, with a focus on teamwork, sportsmanship, respect and fun.



We were thrilled to have well over 400 kids participating in our popular winter BASKETBALL league. Spring brings us back outdoors with SOCCER, GOLF and LACROSSE programs. The kids love STREET HOCKEY and TRACK & FIELD in the summer, with SOCCER AND GOLF coming back around in the fall.

Create an account on wbya.org to receive email notifications and program info when registrations open.

Every spring, WBYA proudly provides financial scholarships to graduating DASD seniors heading off to college. If you're interested in donating to our Scholar Athlete Fund, sponsoring WBYA or volunteering to support the kids in our amazing community... or if you'd like more information about our programs, contact us at office@wbya.org.

West Bradford Fire Company

West Bradford Fire Company is always looking for additional volunteers! We will provide you with training, protective equipment and comradery that will last a lifetime, and we get to do some really neat things! We currently have members from all occupations as well as students who are learning to become firefighters and EMTs. We are certain you will enjoy your time spent with us.

Currently we are an all-volunteer organization, our numbers are dwindling, and to keep our costs down we are seeking some new volunteers to help. In most cases a full-time paid firefighter costs approximately \$80,000.00, we would like to continue the tradition of volunteerism, however, need your support. Please stop by on Thursday evenings around 7:00pm or send us an email at info@wbfc.org or chief@wbfc.org and we will be sure to get in touch with you. We also appreciate any financial donation you can provide during our annual fund drive. 



Downington Library

Good relationships make good neighbors! Downington Library Board Chair Francine Dague and Outreach Committee Chair Emily Interrante presented Minquas Fire Co. No. 2 with a donation to thank them for hosting our annual D-Town Brew-Down event in October. Minquas is the perfect place to hold one of our favorite library fundraisers! (Mark your calendar now with the tentative date of October 25, 2025 for this year's Brew-Down).



We are offering these exciting programs and events, plus many more!

Friends of the Downington Library Spring Used Book Sale
(donations accepted 3/17-3/28)
Friday, April 4th – Sunday, April 6th

Designer Bag Bingo
Friday, May 9th at Raymour & Flanigan in Exton (more details to come on our website)

Storytimes with Miss Rebecca
(various age groups and times, see website)

Film Forum
(adults, in-person or virtual)
2nd Tuesday each month, 6-7:30pm

Conversational English (ESL Virtual Program)
(adults & young adults)
Tuesdays, 12-1pm

Drop-In Family Storytime
3rd Friday each month (all ages)

"Color Our World" Summer Reading Program (more details to come on our website)

Please shop at Kimberton Whole Foods in Downington during the month of March and Round Up at the Register to donate to the Downington Library!

For more programs, visit www.DowningtonLibrary.org. 

Flush With Care

UNDER TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE, PROPERTY OWNERS WHO DAMAGE GRINDER PUMPS WILL PAY FOR REPAIRS.

Sewage grinder pumps are a critical component in the Township's wastewater treatment system. The pumps, which are in operation at hundreds of properties throughout West Bradford, help to properly convey wastewater to the treatment plant for processing.

While located on private property, grinder pumps are owned and maintained by West Bradford Township. A grinder pump will last many years under normal operating conditions. And when the pump requires repair or replacement due to expected wear and tear, the Township provides this service at no cost to the property owner.

But under an Ordinance adopted by the Township, property owners who cause damage to their grinder pumps by discharging unauthorized materials into the wastewater system, or by other acts, will be required to pay for the pump's repair... **a cost that can easily exceed \$3,000!**

So before you flush and send other things down the sink drain, please remember that the only materials permitted to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system are...

1. human waste and toilet paper;
2. greywater from showers, sinks, tubs and dishwashers;
3. conventional food wastes (**not oil or grease!**) as processed through an in-sink garbage disposal unit; and,
4. laundry washing machine discharge.

All other materials are not permitted to be discharged into the Township's sewer system, as these materials can damage or destroy your grinder pump. This includes so-called "flushable" wipes (Warning!...All varieties of wipes, cleaning or personal, will damage your grinder pump!), feminine products, diapers, plastics, latex, dental floss, hair, kitty litter, paint, egg shells and oil or grease.

The grinder pump Ordinance may be viewed at westbradford.org.

Not sure if your property has a grinder pump? If a cream colored or gray-colored control box (with a red plastic light on top) is attached to the side or rear of your house, your property is serviced by a grinder pump. If you have additional questions about grinder pumps and your property please call the Township at **(610) 269-4174.** 



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Extreme Weather Emergency Numbers

If you are in immediate danger	911	Aqua Water	1-877-987-2782
PennDOT Road Conditions	511	PennDOT	1-484-340-3200
Health, Housing & Human Services	211	Dist. 6 Maint.	610-486-6280
PECO	1-800-841-4141 (report outages or gas emergencies)	PA State Police Embreeville, Non-Emergency	610-344-5000
		Chester Co. Dept. of Emergency Services	

For Emergency Alert Notifications
ReadyChesco.org

PA Emergency Preparedness
Ready.PA.gov

WEST BRADFORD SCOUTING MINUTE

By: John J. Bossong, III, West Bradford Scouting Coordinator

Troop 52 would like to thank everyone who had us pick up their tree for our annual fundraiser. Our scouts picked up 350+ trees over 3 weekends, taking them to the Compost Site creating a mountain of trees! The money from this fundraiser goes towards paying for the scout's summer camp. Each year we camp for a week (sometimes several different weeks) at our council's Camp Horseshoe in Rising Sun, Maryland. The troop also embarks on high adventure trips every other year at Camp Philmont in New Mexico and/or Camp Sea Base in Florida, where the scouts learn how to live off the land without electronics and other distractions.

The Troop will be going on several trips and council events such as our annual Klondike Derby. This is the council's annual winter camping trip where scouts build a sled and compete against other troops from Chester County. The trip is even better when it snows! We have several scouts working on their Eagle projects, such as AED training and acquiring an AED for a nursing home, as well as building a box for flags to be retired at the Township Building. We are always looking for ideas for Eagle projects that will benefit our community!

If you want to join the fun, Pack 152 has their pinewood derby coming up! Our ladies Troop 19 is always busy and looking for new scouts to be involved. For more information write WBScoutingUnits@gmail.com.

NO ELECTRICITY = NO FLUSHING

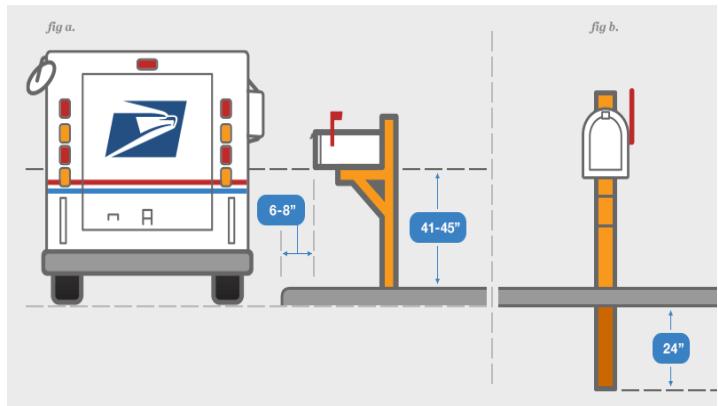
Why did sewage back up into my home during Hurricane Irene?

Your grinder pump needs electricity to operate. If the electricity is out wastewater will quickly fill the grinder pump's small holding tank and eventually back into your home! (Note: The holding tank is about 100 gallons, and the average home generates approximately 200 gallons of wastewater each day.) So the next time your home loses electricity please remember to minimize all water use until the power is restored.

Where to Place the Mailbox

Here are some helpful guidelines to follow when placing your mailbox:

- Position your mailbox 41" to 45" from the road surface to the bottom of the mailbox or point of mail entry.
- Place your mailbox 6" to 8" back from the curb. If you do not have a raised curb, contact your local postmaster for guidance.
- Put your house or apartment number on the mailbox.
- If your mailbox is on a different street from your house or apartment, put your full street address on the box.



Installing the Mailbox Post

The best mailbox supports are stable but bend or fall away if a car hits them. The Federal Highway Administration recommends:

- A 4" x 4" wooden support or a 2"-diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe.
- Avoid unyielding and potentially dangerous supports, like heavy metal pipes, concrete posts, and farm equipment (e.g., milk cans filled with concrete).
- Bury your post no more than 24" deep.

Maintenance

Mailboxes take a beating from the weather, so we recommend an annual mailbox checkup to avoid damage to your mail or difficulty identifying your address.

- Tighten loose hinges on the door
- Take care of rusty or loose parts
- Replace missing or faded house numbers
- Keep the path to your mailbox clear

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**PET OF
THE
MONTH**

**SUBMIT YOUR PET
TODAY!**





PRESERVE & CONSERVE HONOREES

September–December 2024

West Bradford Township congratulates all of our residents who work consistently to preserve and conserve our township's beauty and ecological health, including:

- Catherine Beck
- Marie Borda
- Joseph Deutsch
- Jack and Marilyn Hines
- The Hoffman Family
- Sonya Legere
- Ana Laura Martinez and Bruce Durnan
- Nirmalananda Saraswati
- David Schwab
- Arthur Stefanczyk
- William Strake
- Cheryl Wanko
- Brock W. Yates

Their efforts will be memorialized in a tree planting this coming year.



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Phone lines open at 7:30am.

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SPRING 2025 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates and times are subject to change. Please check www.westbradford.org and follow us on Facebook for updates.

MARCH 2025

3/3	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
3/4	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
3/11	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
3/17	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
3/20	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
3/25	Large Item Collection - Tuesday Refuse Customers	
3/25	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
3/26	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection - Sign-up on our website by 12 noon the day before collection. No exceptions.	
3/27	Large Item Collection - Thursday Refuse Customers	
3/28	Large Item Collection - Friday Refuse Customers	
3/31	Large Item Collection - Monday Refuse Customers	

MAY 2025

5/5	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
5/6	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
5/13	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
5/15	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
5/18	West Bradford Day - Broad Run Park.	12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
5/19	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
5/26	Memorial Day Holiday	Office Closed
	No Refuse/Large Item or Recycle Collection. Collection will be on Wed., May 28	
5/27	Large Item Collection - Tuesday Refuse Customers	
5/27	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
5/28	Special Refuse/Large Item or Recycling Collection for Monday Customers	
5/29	Large Item Collection - Thursday Refuse Customers	
5/30	Large Item Collection - Friday Refuse Customers	

APRIL 2025

4/1	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
4/5	Easter Egg Hunt at Broad Run Park	12:00 pm
4/7	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
4/8	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
4/9	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection - Sign-up on our website by 12 noon the day before collection. No exceptions.	
4/17	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
4/21	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
4/22	Primary Election Day	
4/23	Curbside Leaf/Brush Collection - Sign-up on our website by 12 noon the day before collection. No exceptions.	
4/24	Large Item Collection - Thursday Refuse Customers	
4/25	Large Item Collection - Friday Refuse Customers	
4/28	Large Item Collection - Monday Refuse Customers	
4/29	Large Item Collection - Tuesday Refuse Customers	

JUNE 2025

6/2	Land Preservation & Sustainability Committee Meeting.....	7:00 pm
6/3	Planning Commission Meeting	7:00 pm
6/10	Board of Supervisors Meeting	7:00 pm
6/16	Recreation Commission Meeting	6:30 pm
6/19	Historical Commission Meeting.....	7:30 pm
6/24	Board of Supervisors Meeting (<i>if needed</i>).....	7:00 pm
6/24	Large Item Collection - Tuesday Refuse Customers	
6/26	Large Item Collection - Thursday Refuse Customers	
6/27	Large Item Collection - Friday Refuse Customers	
6/30	Large Item Collection - Monday Refuse Customers	