

BERN TOWNSHIP



in the news.....

WINTER 2022

2021 in Review

One good thing can be said for 2021: it wasn't as tumultuous as 2020, which put in a claim as the worst year ever. For a moment in early summer it seemed that Covid-19 was in the rearview mirror. Vaccines were distributed and by the end of the year over 200 million Americans would be fully vaccinated. Amid loosening mandates for mask wearing and social distancing measures, the arrival of the more contagious variants of the virus dampened hopes for a return to pre-pandemic life. We have also had challenges with supply chains and inflation. Some of the things we ordered online floated around in the oceans for a while after we paid higher prices to get them.

While the world was trying to hit the restart button, Bern Township continued in our effort to be a high-quality municipality for our constituents. We did our best to continue to provide quality service at a decent cost to you. This newsletter will report to you some of the accomplishments and activities of our organization during 2021.

Some good things happened in Bern Township during the year. The World War II weekend and the Berks County Fair returned to please the crowds. Enersys held their Fourth of July event to the delight of many. The Reading Airport again hosted a 5K running race to support the Camel Project. Penn State Health St. Joseph established a Covid-19 testing site on MacArthur Road and gave over 69,000 tests before closing the facility. They also partnered with Enersys to establish a vaccination site at the former Arrow / Teleflex facility. The state also established a Covid-19 testing site at the Directlink facility near the end of 2021.

We again thank our committee / board members

and paid staff for their service to our community. We thank those who volunteer their personal time to serve our community for no compensation. All of you are very important to Bern Township and we recognize your dedication to the quality of life in your community. At Bern Township, in everything we do, we believe in providing the best service possible to our residents. We do this by continually training / learning, coming to work inspired and making our best effort. Welcome to Bern Township!!

For those of you new to Bern Township, residents and businesses, we welcome you to the community. Together, we can continue to make Bern Township a great place to be. ❖

Census Results

The results of the 2020 Census are in. The total population of Bern Township, according to the Census Bureau, is 6,706. This is a decrease of 91 persons from our 2010 census total.

Did you know that the population of the Berks Jail and Berks Heim count in our census population? ❖

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SUPERVISORS MEETING

1st Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 pm

Township Staff

Brian Potts	Manager
Diane DeJesus	Secretary / Treasurer
Wesley Waugh	Chief of Police
Kevin Cogan	Assistant Road Foreman

Township Contacts

LTL Consultants 610-987-9290	Building Inspector / Zoning Officer
Lori Hozza 610-916-9919	Municipal Authority
Jamie Jamison 610-916-8955	Tax Collector
Berks Envirotech 610-375-7640	Sewage Officer
Kevin Hinkle For emergencies call 911	Emergency Management

Non-Emergency for Police, Fire, Rescue & Medical
610-655-4911

Township Monthly Meetings

Planning Commission	2nd Tuesday at 7:30 pm
Municipal Authority	4th Wed. at 11:00 am
Solid Waste Commission	Meeting dates as needed
Zoning Hearing Board	Meeting dates as needed
Recreation Board	Meeting dates as needed

POLLING PLACES

1st Precinct	Bern Township Municipal Building
2nd Precinct	Ontelaunee Grange Hall
3rd Precinct	Greenfields Fire Co. Social Hall

TRASH COLLECTION INFO

Bern Township Trash Collection Districts:

Greenfields / Riveredge Acres

Orchard Hill Area

(West Leesport & Rick Road)

Bern Manor Area

(Prison Road, Kercher & Mull Ave, Burdan Drive)

Willows Area

(Cathy & Christina Drive, Almark Way)

Northwest Area

(Ziegler, Park Roads, Brossman Court)

About Bern Trash Collections:

*Every week - six (6) 35 gallon bags or cans per household, one (1) bulk item per week allowed
NO items containing Freon, automotive tires, hazardous waste, oil or epoxy paint cans or construction material*

Collection Dates:

Apr. 4, 11, 18, 25; May 2, 9, 16, 23, 31

June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 5, 11, 18, 25;

Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; Sept. 6, 12, 19, 26;

Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; Nov. 7, 14, 21, 28;

Dec. 5, 12, 19, 26

CALL 610-926-2267 the day of collection to report a missed trash collection - messages can be left on the answering machine until midnight

RECYCLING COLLECTION INFO

About Bern Recycling Collections:

Every other week

DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS!

Place #1 and #2 plastics, tin, Bi-metal and aluminum cans in your recycling container.

*NO GLASS. Place newspapers in paper bags or bundle. Cut cardboard and place in paper bags or bundle. **Items NOT collected for recycling:** glass, paint cans, tires, styrofoam, plastics #3 thru #7, batteries or large appliances.*

Collection Dates:

District #1:

April 7, 21; May 5, 19; June 3, 16, 30;

July 14, 28; Aug. 11, 25; Sept. 9, 22;

Oct. 6, 20; Nov. 3, 17; Dec. 1, 15, 29

District #2:

April 14, 28; May 12, 26; June 9, 23;

July 8, 21; Aug. 4, 18; Sept. 1, 15, 29;

Oct. 13, 27; Nov. 10, 25; Dec. 8, 22

CALL 610-926-2267 the day of collection to report a missed recycling collection - messages can be left on the answering machine until midnight

2021 in Review

2021 Finances

The township's General Fund revenue / income for the year totaled \$3,992,674. This amount is \$214,246 (5.6%) more than 2020. The following is a breakdown of the General Fund revenue amounts for 2021:

Real Estate Tax	\$1,695,600	43%
Act 511 Tax	\$1,492,888	37%
Permits & Licenses	\$220,210	6%
Fines	\$55,133	1%
Charges for Service	\$130,087	3%
State Pension Aid	\$148,716	4%
Gov't Revenue	\$48,655	1%
Reimbursements	\$153,310	4%
Police Services	\$48,075	1%

The General Fund expenses for the year came in at \$3,828,447. This amount is \$251,005 (7%) more than the expenses for 2020. The following is a breakdown of the township's General Fund expenses for 2021:

Police Protection	\$1,335,811	35%
Insurances	\$814,791	21%
Roads & Highways	\$547,087	14%
Pensions	\$482,303	13%
General Government	\$381,198	10%
Building Inspections	\$108,039	3%
Equipment Escrow	\$50,450	1%
Recycling Center	\$69,233	2%
Fire Companies	\$39,535	1%
Debt Service	\$0	0%

The general fund tax will remain at 2021 levels in 2022. The breakdown of the total 4.186 mill tax is:

General Fund	3.92 Mills
Capital Improvement	0.116 Mills
Fire Protection	0.15 Mills
TOTAL	4.186 Mills

Board of Supervisors / Administration

The Board of Supervisors were busy in 2021. The board approved a balanced budget of \$4,655,895 for 2022 that does not include a tax increase. The budgeted expenses for 2022 are \$53,070 higher than 2021. Trash (\$199 per unit), recycling (\$71 per unit) and light district (\$0.50 per front foot) fees also remain at 2021 levels.

The board completed negotiations with the police association on a five-year contract, began negotiations with Comcast on a new cable franchise agreement and approved the renewal of the contract with the Animal Rescue League. The board approved the vacation of Wayne Street in Greenfields, new commercial parking requirements for new commercial properties, the restructuring and updating of our subdivision and land development fees and updating plan submission requirements for land development and subdivision plans. The board also approved a few traffic related regulations – no parking, standing or stopping on Leisz's Bridge Road between Van Reed Road and Arnold Road, no U-turns on Route 183 near the southbound 222 ramp and no unregistered / unlicensed vehicles parked on public streets. The board agreed to participate in the Keystone Communities Enterprise Zone to provide grant opportunities for businesses and agreed to sponsor a grant for Penn State Health St. Joseph for their Cath Lab renovations.

The township recognized savings to residents during 2021 in the amount of \$1,204,275.05 by securing grant funding, completing certain work in-house instead of paying consultants, bulk purchasing, renegotiating service agreements, staffing economies, engaging volunteer residents, selling equipment, working safely (our Experience Modification Rate is 0.958) and re quoting services for savings. The total dollars saved since 2006 is now at **\$6,238,622.00**. We continue to prepare five year financial plans to maximize the power of your tax dollars. Our non-taxable land value is at 34%, causing a real estate tax loss of \$916,503.00. The township has closely monitored our revenue and expenses on a monthly basis through the pandemic. We also conduct annual fiscal monitoring exercises to verify that our community is financially healthy. We successfully submitted an application to secure a grant from the Federal Government through

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2021 in Review

Berks County Recycling News:

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Electronic Waste & Tire Recycling:

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays

8:00 am to Noon

Fees apply for tires

County Recycling Center

1316 Hilltop Road, Bern Township

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Date:

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

April 9, 2022

Governor Mifflin Intermediate School

600 Governor Drive, Shillington

Paper Shredding:

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

April 16, 2022

Governor Mifflin Intermediate School

600 Governor Drive, Shillington

Road Department

The road department encountered a number of staff changes during 2021. Kevin Cogan, Gary Bechtel and Joe Moyer were hired to fill open positions. Steve Edwards retired as the Assistant Road Foreman and Kevin Cogan was promoted to the position.

Joe Moyer and Gary Bechtel studied, practiced and successfully tested to secure their CDL "A" Licenses.

The township secured an easement from the property owner and the road crew constructed a stormwater facility at the corner of Grange Road and Snyder Drive. The system is designed to capture the rainwater and send it through perforated piping in amended soil to clean the water before it enters the tributary to the Schuylkill River. The project is basically finished but needs to be touched up in the spring. The department installed new stormwater controls on Ziegler Road and replaced piping under Rickenbach Road at various locations and resurfaced portions of the roadway.

The road crew removed the road surface and installed asphalt to re-profile Blessing Lane under the Route 222 bridge. Water was creeping out into the travel lanes and this work will keep the water to the side of the bridge opening.

The township received a grant award from the PA Dirt, Gravel and Low Volume Road Maintenance Program to make revisions at Washington Road to control the flooding problems that residents and farmers have experienced in recent years. The grant award is for \$39,175.00 for the \$94,263.00

valued project. The project includes installing drainage piping along the edge of the roadway, installing a stormwater piped system to collect water at Washington Road and send it towards the Schuylkill River and overlaying the road with asphalt to raise the surface to prevent water from crossing over the roadway. The road crew will be working on this project in the future.

The township monitored the contractor on the Palisades Bridge project stream bed filling. This was necessary due to the concrete base of the bridge being undermined from heavy rain storms causing the foundation to begin to show. The project is now complete and the bridge is in good shape.

The 2021 Road Project (repaving Park, Center and Ziegler Roads and seal coating a portion of Hilltop Road, a portion of Leisch's Bridge Road, a portion of Van Reed Road, Seidel's Run and Snyder Road), originally scheduled for 2020, was completed. The total cost of the project was \$368,550.00, which was \$10,870.00 under budget.

The process to vacate the stoned portion of Cedar Hill Drive was started during the year.

The road foreman conducted two stormwater inspections during the year and did not find any illegal discharges or dumping of hazardous materials. The department also finished updating the 10-year road plan after measuring streets and updated the Road Inventory Book to include additional information.

The department members continued to participate in the Berks County Public Works Association. Finally, the road foreman and the assistant road foreman conducted their annual inspection of the township roadways.

Projects for 2022 include construction of the last stormwater facility, stormwater projects, starting the Washington Road grant project and the 2022 road project which is the resurfacing of Homestead Drive and Rickenbach Road. ❖

Police Department

The Bern Township Police Department responded to 7,457 events and requests during 2021.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions during 2021, the department did not meet in person with our township business partners as much as we would have liked to. However, we adapted and adjusted through virtual meetings to make sure important information was still communicated.

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2021 in Review

Board of Supervisors (Continued from Page 4)

Pennsylvania for the American Rescue Plan funds in the amount of \$728,811.72. We are currently developing a plan on how these funds will be used.

While we all want to see the end of Covid-19, we are learning on how to live with the pandemic. We have re-opened the township building to the public, have returned to in-person public meetings, reopened the recreation facilities and reopened the leaf and yard waste drop off center. We ask that visitors to the building wear a mask while inside. We thank all of you, our residents and businesses, for bearing with us through these challenging times.

Administrative staff attended over 58 training events and remained involved with the county stormwater steering committee, the county cooperative purchasing council, the Center for Excellence in Local Government community advisory council, the Tulpehocken Creek Watershed Association, the county tax collection committee and the Reading Behavioral Health community advisory council.

Diane DeJesus was chosen for the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors Secretary / Treasurer Hall of Fame. We congratulate Diane on her accomplishment!

Staff participated on a panel to give information to other municipalities on how to apply for the American Rescue Plan grant funds.

The township responded to a DEP surprise audit of our stormwater program. No violations were found and the DEP listed eight pages of program criteria that our program met.

The township communicated to residents via email blasts on a range of topics including information related to Covid-19, road closures, blood drives and trash / recycling schedule changes.

Please contact the township office if you would like to be added to our email address list. All email addresses are kept confidential.

Staff projects for 2022 include finishing the fire company study, requesting bids for a new three-year trash and recycling hauling contract, finish developing a plan on how the ARP funds will be used, facilitate the negotiation of a new road crew contract, begin the process of planning for a police department locker / shower room project, updating our stormwater ordinance, renewing our stormwater permit with DEP, continue our financial planning and monitor our revenues and expenses. ❖

Bern Township Committees

The various Bern Township Committees met during the year, in person and virtually, to conduct business on behalf of the township.

Ag Security Commission

The Agricultural Security Commission did not receive any applications in 2021 that would require the commission to meet.

Solid Waste Advisory Commission

The Solid Waste Advisory Commission did not have a need to meet in 2021.

The township completed and submitted the 2020 Recycling Performance Grant application to DEP for 2,025 tons of recycled material and received an award of \$19,727.00 for our recycling efforts. We received \$6,435.00 more than our 2019 grant award by recycling 749 tons more than 2019.

The township curbside recycling program collected a total of 231 tons of material in 2021 at a cost of \$17,207.25 to the township. This was approximately 24 tons less than 2020's amount (255 tons).

The total recycling of all materials in 2020 for residential and businesses, including yard waste, was over 6,013 tons which is 2,787 tons higher than 2019.

The current three-year trash and recycling contracts enter the final year in 2022. A.J. Blosenski will continue to collect recyclables on Thursdays and Republic Services will continue to collect trash on Mondays.

Glass and plastics 3 through 7 are no longer recyclable. The hauler will not collect any of your recyclables if these materials are amongst them.

The township continues to participate in the Berks County Cooperative Purchasing Contract for leaf and yard waste removal.

The township received a payment of \$23,453 from DEP to pay off our 2017 dump truck lease through the recycling equipment grant we were awarded in 2018.

Lisa McDonald and Michael Gross were added to the Solid Waste Advisory Commission. The commission will be meeting this year to develop the bid request for trash and recycling services for 2023 through 2025.

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission met in person or virtually 12 times through the year to review Land Development and Subdivision Plans to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

The commission reviewed and recommended approvals of subdivision plans for Grandview Estates,

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2021 in Review

Bern Committees (Continued from Page 5)

Eaton Farms and three residential properties. The commission also reviewed and recommended approvals for Willow Hollow Golf Course and the Suncap facility behind the airport. The Commission also reviewed plans for the Misco Products addition, Ammeraal Beltech, two Penske projects, Berks Park Building H, Logistics 222 and the Reitnauer residential subdivision. The Logistics 222 Development project was withdrawn during the year. The commission reviewed updated commercial parking regulations and made recommendations for approval.

Development projects in the township during the year included the completion of the Aviation Road improvements behind the airport and the U.G.I. facility on Stinson Drive. Projects started during the year included G&T Industries at Van Reed Road and the next phase of the Holiday Village apartment complex on Woodward Drive.

The group experienced staff changes again during 2021. Jim Rumbaugh was appointed to fill a vacant position from 2020. Russ Adams retired from the commission at the end of the year and Marge Rumbaugh stepped down as secretary. The commission is still looking for a secretary. Please contact the township building if you are interested in the position.

Zoning Hearing Board

The Zoning Hearing Board met to consider variance applications submitted for the Misco addition project and the Burkey Warehouse project.

Kathy Gees Larue was appointed as an alternate to the zoning hearing board alternates.

We thank all of the committee members for devoting their time on behalf of the township. We welcome the new members of the committees and hope all of you enjoy your service to our community. ❖

Emergency Management Committee

The township continued to do work related to the Covid-19 pandemic during the year. We assisted Penn State Health and Enersys to set up a Covid-19 vaccination site by waiving zoning and signage permits through the township Emergency Management Recovery Commission. This allowed the vaccination site at the Enersys Technology Center to open much faster.

The Emergency Management Coordinator created a Pandemic Response Plan and a Point of Distribution Plan for the township to support pandemic operations and needs.

The Coordinator was active in pre-planning for special events, participating in emergency drills and exercises, attending the monthly Berks Department of Emergency Services training meetings and surveying storm damage and reporting his findings to the county emergency services department.

We continued to request and receive emergency plans and updated contact information from institutions and businesses in the township. We also were invited to visit new facilities to become familiar with the layout and discuss how certain issues would be handled by first responders. We thank the businesses and institutions in the township that have cooperated with us on these initiatives to make our community safer.

The township participated in the Berks County Emergency Department address project update. Sub-addresses were identified and tabulated for the NextGen 911 system. Guidance was provided on how to give out new addresses, recommendations on creating new road names and how to change conflicting addresses to reduce confusion by first responders while trying to find the location of the call for help.

The Emergency Management Coordinator completed the setup of the Emergency Operations Center in the township building.

We again thank Stor4U for assisting the township by posting emergency messaging on their digital sign along Route 183 during the year.

The township updated the emergency operations plan including the Notification and Resource Manual and the Continuity of Operations Plan. This plan guides us in how we continue to provide our services to the community even if we lose our township building, staff or other vital equipment or infrastructure. These updates were provided to Berks Department of Emergency Services.

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2021 in Review

Thanks to our volunteer EMC, Kevin Hinkle, the township saved \$19,822.00 in EMC labor costs during the year.

Please remember the "Bern Township Guide to Emergency Preparedness" guide is available on our website. We encourage you to print or save a copy of the guide for yourself.

The 2022 goals of the emergency management staff includes additional education from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to increase certification levels, obtain facility emergency response plans from additional institutions in the township to coordinate any emergency response, the completion of the fire service study, to secure an emergency response vehicle and to continue to evaluate any potential threats to the safety of those within the township. ❖

Power Line Project

We have been advised that First Energy will be doing maintenance work and upgrades to their existing 69 KV transmission line through the township. The existing line runs from the Bern Church area over to the Cross Keys / Rickenbach Road area. The first phase of this project runs from the beginning of the year through May and is limited to the Bern Church area in the western part of the township. The majority of the work takes place in phase two occurring in September through November of 2022 in the area between Bern Church and Cross Keys Road.

This work does not involve the proposed transmission line from White Oak Lane to Van Reed Road. That project is currently on hold due to design adjustments at the Reading Airport area. The earliest that this transmission line could be built and in place is at the end of 2023. ❖

Tax Rates

How does our 4.186 mill general fund tax rate compare with our neighbor's tax rates? The City of Reading (18.129 mills), Muhlenberg (5.3 mills), Leesport (5.72 mills), Lower Heidelberg (6.75 mills) and Spring (4.45 mills) are higher. Ontelaunee (4.05 mills), Penn (1.5 mills) and Centre (0.36 mills) are lower. ❖

Bern Township wishes for you

a

happy and healthy 2022!

BERN TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY NEWS

Flushing Do's and Don'ts

What are the WORST items to dump down the drain:

Wipes – Wipes (even "flushable" wipes) do not break down like toilet paper, and can clog your household sewer pipes and pipes at the treatment plant. This can be an expensive fix.

Household Chemicals – like cleaners, painting products, and pesticides contain some chemicals that cannot be removed during the wastewater treatment process. Using biodegradable or plant-based cleaning products are more easily treated.

Fats, Oils, Grease (FOG'S) – Cooking grease, leftover animal fats, and motor oil can become solid causing buildup in pipes when they are poured in the drain, or washed away. Other than motor oil, pour FOG's into a container to solidify and throw away in the trash. **Motor Oil should always be discarded at a hazardous waste collection site.** Cooking grease builds up in the wet wells of the sewer pump stations causing expensive removal costs and additional wear on the pumps.

Other items that should never go in a drain:

Medicines

Kitty Litter

Feminine Products

Cigarette Butts

Diapers

Disposable Toilet Brushes

When items are flushed that should not be it causes blockages in the flow meters. When these blockages occur it affects the flow meter reads. These erroneous reads inflate the amount of sewage BTMA sends to the sewer plants thus causing a higher sewer invoice for the treatment & transportation of the sewage. Blockages have been a major problem at both flow points where the flow is going to the Reading Regional Airport Authority. BTMA spends thousands of dollars for flow that doesn't exist due to residential and commercial customers flushing items that clog not just the flow through the meter but also is detrimental to the sewer plant operation. With your help, BTMA can lower its costs and keep the BTMA rates reasonable for our customers. ❖

Police Department (Continued from Page 4)

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic remains a rapidly evolving area for our township residents as well as the police department. Although our department is not large in numbers, the members of the Bern Township Police Department stepped up in many ways to make sure public safety continued to be a top priority during the peak surge of the Covid-19 pandemic for the residents of Bern Township. The police department would like to thank the Berks County Department of Emergency Services and Penn State Health (Emergency Outreach Department) for their dedication and support to our department throughout the pandemic.

In the Spring, the police department accepted applications for the position of Police Officer. The police department tested and interviewed applicants which resulted in the hiring of Officer Andrew T. Condon. This hiring maintains the department compliment at 12 full-time officers.

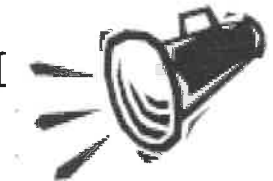
The department continues to contribute to the Berks County Emergency Response Team (BCERT) with one tactical operator and two negotiators. Additionally, the department continues

to contribute one officer to the Berks County District Attorney's Office Drug Task Force.

The department organized and hosted a Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Detail within Bern Township on September 28, 2021. The goal was to ensure Commercial Motor Vehicle compliance with the latest standards. In total, 40 commercial trucks were inspected resulting in 41 violations. Out of those 41 violations, officers issued 17 citations. Three drivers and two trucks were placed out of service. Typical reasons for drivers to be placed out of service were logbook violations or not having a commercial driver's license. Typical reasons for a truck to be placed out of service included various unsafe equipment such as bad brakes and bald tires.

The department wants to thank the residents it serves for their continued support. The police department understands that there needs to be a solid collaborative partnership between the department and the community it serves. The continued dedication of the partnership to seek out illegal activity in our community will keep Bern Township a safe and desirable place to live. ❖

Important news inside that affects YOU!



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Bern Township Recycling Districts

2022

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Recycling will only be picked up on these dates:

	Recycling District 1	Recycling District 2
January	13, 27	6, 20
February	10, 24	3, 17
March	10, 24	3, 17, 31
April	7, 21	14, 28
May	5, 19	12, 26
June	3, 16, 30	9, 23
July	14, 28	8, 21
August	11, 25	4, 18
September	9, 22	1, 15, 29
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Bern Township Solid Waste Advisory Commission

A. Taylor, Jeff Thompson, Michael Gross,
Lisa McDonald, Brian Potts

Please keep this flier until the end of 2022

Recycling District 1 SOUTH OF ROUTE 222 AND W OF ROUTE 183

Allison,
Almark,
Barlow,
Bernville Road
(both sides),
Beverly,
Blessing,
Blossom,
Boeing,
Burdan,
Cathy,
Christina,
Cullum,
Curtis,
Dennis,
Dickinson,
Egle,
Ernst,
Eveland,
Fisher,
Frontier,
Golf,
Green Lane,
Heather,
Hilltop,
Hilltop Court,
Jeffrey,
Kercher,
Lahoma,

Leisz's Bridge Rd
(South of Rt 222),
Lockheed,
Martin,
Mayo,
Meadow View,
Morrison,
Mull,
North Tulpehocken,
Oak Grove,
Palisades,
Penn-Bern,
Peters,
Poplar,
Prison,
Reber's Bridge,
Route 183
(both sides)
Scenic,
Seitz,
Shurt,
South Tulpehocken,
Stephen,
Suburban,
Sunshine,
Tully
Upper Van Reed,
Van Reed,
Victory Circle,
Wendy,



No recycling will be picked up on New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas. Recycling will only be picked up on dates in this flier.

Recycling District 2 NORTH OF ROUTE 222 AND E OF ROUTE 183

Belfair,
Brossman,
Butter,
Cedar Hill,
Centre,
Chestnut,
Colonial Manor,
Crest,
Cross Keys,
Dunkleberger,
Eva,
Fairview,
Faller,
Grange,
High Meadows,
Hillview,
Homestead,
Jessica,
Leisz's Bridge Road
(North of Rt 222),
Mahlon,
Main,
McCoy,
Mill,
Oak Circle,
Old Bernville,
Park,
Peach Blossom,
Possum,

Rick,
Rickenbach,
Robby,
Seidel's Run,
Seifrit,
Sillman,
Snyder,
Stinson,
Strause,
Sunny,
Tobias,
Twin Oaks,
Ulrich,
Washington,
West Leesport,
West Pine,
West Reeser,
White Oak,
Zeigler,

Bern Township

Township-wide

Recycling Collection

2022

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To find out what district you're in look for your street on the other side of this page.

	DISTRICT 1	DISTRICT 2
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The yearly recycling fee for each residence or apartment is \$71.
Please keep this flier until the end of 2022

Place these items into your blue Recycling Container:

aluminum cans

bi-metal cans

bottles #1 plastic

bottles #2 plastic

containers #1 plastic

containers #2 plastic

- DO NOT use plastic bags
- Don't mix plastic and metal items with paper and cardboard or none of your recycling will be collected.
- Set recyclables out the night before collection day.
- Make sure materials are secure and container lid is firmly attached, especially in windy weather.

These items will NOT be accepted:

automotive tires
 construction materials
 glass - NO glass items of ANY kind
 hazardous waste
 items containing Freon
 paint
 Styrofoam

Please keep these items separate from your other recycling:

boxes

cardboard

corrugated boxes

gift boxes

gift wrap

junk mail

newspapers

magazines

paperback books

paper - whole pages
(put this paper into paper bags)

paper - shredded
(put this paper into paper bags)

phone books

If paper items are mixed in with cans, bottles or other kinds of recycling items, then nothing will be collected.

- ALL large items listed above must be cut down to the size of a folded newspaper, then placed in paper bags or tied in a bundle.
- Please DON'T use PLASTIC bags!

Bern Township Trash District Collection Dates

2022

www.berntownship.org

Note: →→→ If New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, or Christmas fall on a Monday, then trash collection will be Tuesday.

Dates on which trash will be collected:

January	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
February	7, 14, 21, 28
March	7, 14, 21, 28
April	4, 11, 18, 25,
May	2, 9, 16, 23, 31
June	6, 13, 20, 27
July	5, 11, 18, 25
August	1, 8, 15, 22, 29
September	6, 12, 19, 26
October	3, 10, 17, 24, 31
November	7, 14, 21, 28
December	5, 12, 19, 26

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From January 2022 the trash collection fee for each residence or apartment is \$199. Please keep this flier until the end of 2022

When it is & how much to put out:

- Put your trash out the night before your Collection Day.
- Trash District Collection will be on a MONDAY.(See holidays listed below.)
- Six (6) bags or cans of trash will be collected per residence or apartment.
- One (1) bulk item can be put out for trash collection each week.

These items will NOT be collected:

- Appliances (large items)
- Automotive tires
- Construction debris
- Construction materials
- Hazardous materials
- Items containing Freon
- Oil-based or Specialty Paints

Bern Township Trash Districts

Bern Manor	Burdan Drive, Kercher Street, Mull Avenue, Portions of Prison Road Greenfields Manor
Greenfields	Greenfields to the City of Reading boundary Areas South of Reading Airport and Areas West of Rt 183 Brossman Court
Northwest Area	Park Road between: Zeigler Road & Centre Township boundary Portions of Ziegler Road between: Fairview Drive & Penn Township boundary Areas South of the Airport and East of Rt 183 (Woodward Apts. are not in Trash District.) Area includes a small section of West
Riveredge Acres	Leesport Road between Old Bernville Road and Rick Road, and a small portion of the south side of Rick Road near West Leesport Road
West Leesport Rd/Rick Rd	Almark Way Cathy Drive Christina Drive
Willows Area	

Bern Township Leaf & Yard Waste Curb-side Collection 2022 www.berntownship.org

Plastic bags will NOT be collected !

Branches, Sticks, Shrubs & Cuttings:

- MUST be bundled and tied together
- Maximum length four (4) feet long
- Must not weigh more than 40 pounds

Christmas trees:

Take to Twp Drop-off area on Hilltop Rd

Leaves:

- Keep leaves separate from branches and sticks.
- Please do not throw leaves into the trash!
- Leaves will not be vacuumed in the Spring, ONLY in the Fall.
- For Spring collections both leaves and garden residue MUST be placed in BIODEGRADABLE bags

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SPRING Curb-side Collection

Leaves and garden waste MUST be placed in BIODEGRADABLE bags for Twp pick up.

IMPORTANT - Residents must call the Township between March 21 & April 15, and schedule a time for their biodegradable bags to be picked up between Monday, March 28 and Friday, April 22, 2022.

COLLECTION PRECINCTS ARE THE SAME
FOR BOTH SPRING AND FALL COLLECTIONS

COUNTY Precinct

Almark, Blessing, Blossom, Burdan, Cathy, Christina, Dickinson, Eveland, Hilltop, Hilltop Ct., Kercher, Meadow View, Mull, Palisades, Penn Bern, Prison, Reber's Bridge, Route 183 North of 2207 address), Scenic, Shurr, Suburban, Upper Van Reed, Van Reed (1000 to 1157 address), Victory Circle,

GRANGE Precinct

Brossman, Butter, Centre, Chestnut, Colonial Manor, Crest, Dunkleberger, Eva, Fairview (1342 to 1671 address), Grange, Mahlon, Main, Mill, Old Bernville (1228 to 1525 address), Park, Possum, Robby, Seyfrit, Snyder, Strause, Sunny, Tobias, White Oak (600 to 871 address), Zeigler

GREENFIELDS Precinct

Allison, Barlow, Beverly, Boeing, Cullum, Curtis, Dennis, Egle, Ernst, Fisher, Frontier, Green Lane, Golf, Heather, Jeffrey, Martin, Lahoma, Lockhead, Mayo, Morrison, North Tulpehocken, Oak Grove, Peters, Poplar, Route 183 or Bernville Rd (1600 to 2207 address), Seitz, South Tulpehocken, Stephen, Sunshine, Tully, Wendy, Woodward

SCHUYLKILL Precinct

Belfair, Cedar Hill, Cross Keys, Fairview (1000 to 1340 address), Faller, High Meadows, Hillview, Homestead, Jessica, Leisz's Bridge, McCoy, Oak Circle, Old Bernville (1000 to 1217 address), Peach Blossom, Rick, Rickenbach, Seidel's Run, Stiltman, Stinson, Twin Oaks, Ulrich, Van Reed (804 to 998 address), Washington, West Leesport, West Pine, West Reeser, White Oak (200 to 551 address)

FALL Curb-side Collection

Monday October 17, to Friday October 21
Greenfields Precinct

Monday October 24, to Friday October 28
Schuylkill Precinct
Grange Precinct
County Precinct

Monday October 31, to Friday December 9
Greenfields Precinct
Schuylkill Precinct
Grange Precinct
County Precinct

- During Fall Collection ONLY, place your leaves in one pile at the curb, away from mailboxes, trees and flower beds.

- No grass, sticks or stones should be placed in leaf piles.

- During Fall Collection only you do NOT need to call the Township to schedule an appointment to pick up loose leaf piles.

- No collections will be made on rainy days.

- ONLY use biodegradable bags. No plastic bags will be picked up.

- If you use biodegradable bags for Fall Collection please call the Township to schedule for your bags to be picked up.