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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
2025 SPRING/SUMMER NEWLETTER

The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor

Our mission is to provide safe, clean, healthy and productive building, infrastructure, programs and services as efficiently as possible for the People of York City.

CURBS & SIDEWALKS, REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS (Codified Ordinance 909.19)
Owners of property abutting on any public street or highway within the City, shall at their expense, construct, pave, curb, repave and re-curb the sidewalks and keep them in good repair along such property, in conformity with existing City ordinances. (Ord. 9-1945 §1.)

STORMWATER UPDATE
It will be soon time to break out the lawn mowers and start cleaning up our outdoor spaces. Here are a few reminders:
Remember to keep grass clippings out of the street, sidewalk, and gutters. Grass clippings in the street and other areas can be dangerous (especially if raining) to motorcyclists, bicyclists, and pedestrians. Did you know that grass clippings become almost as slippery as ice when wet? We want to ensure the safety of all our residents. Please sweep or blow the clippings back onto the grass and out of the street; or bag them and throw out with your regular trash.
Refrain from using an excessive amount of fertilizers or weed controllers to ensure the excess does not run off with the next rain storm. The chemicals will eventually reach our creeks and streams without any filtration, and can harm a wide variety of aquatic life.
Washing Vehicles on the street or driveway is illegal if you are using ANY type of soap or cleaning agents. Use just water, but no soaps. Pull vehicles up onto the grass to wash with soap, but the soap must not leave your property. If it does, a citation may be issued. If you have any questions, or would like to report an illicit discharge, please call 717-324-6532.

STREET SWEEPING HAS RESUMED.
City-wide street sweeping (weather permitting) hours are between 12:00 & 6:00 AM. Please visit our website for a complete list of areas designated for year-round cleaning. Please be sure to check the posted signage on your block. Questions Contact: Highway Bureau, Phone: 717-849-2320

Residents are asked not to park during the times indicated on the street signs. The fine for violating "No Parking Specified Hours" is \$40.00. Pay your parking ticket quickly online at www.yorkcity.org or by phone 717-983-3094. Service fee for payments made online and by phone will be applied upon payment. If you have questions concerning parking tickets please submit a parking ticket dispute at www.yorkcity.org.

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS
Bridge maintenance is underway for the Smith Street bridge and the West Jackson Street bridge. Work to be completed late spring.

PARK IMPROVEMENTS
New pavilions! The Parks Dept. has installed new pavilions at Yorktown Park, Albemarle Park and Girard Park.

101 S. George St., York, PA 17401
Office Hours: Mon. through Fri.
8-00 AM to 5-00 PM
Phone: 717-849-2245
www.yorkcity.org

EVENTS
Contact: LaQuinn Thompson - lthompson@yorkcity.org
• **Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on Saturday, April 19, 12:00 to 3:00 PM, Kiwanis Lake, ages 12 & under
Donations Needed! Empty plastic eggs and treat bags.
• **Juneteenth Celebration at Campus Park**, June 21, 12:00 to 3:00 PM. Vendors needed (food, merchandise).
• **Labor Day Festival, September 1** (Time TBA)
Contact: LaQuinn Thompson - lthompson@yorkcity.org
Contact: The Artist Foundation, 267-864-9681
• **Olde York Street Fair RETURNS** on Mother's Day, May 11, 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Vendors Needed!
• **Box Lunch Revue** will take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, May - August, Cherry Lane Park
• **Yorkfest Arts Festival**, Saturday, August 30 & 31 (Time TBA)

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
Contact: LaQuinn Thompson - lthompson@yorkcity.org
Summer Camp - June 16 - July 24 (ages 6 to 13)
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (Monday through Thursday)
Park Sites: Allen, Bantz, Farquhar, and Memorial
(30 students/per site)
Registration begins April 14 at City Hall, 101 S. George St.
Registration Fee Per Camper: City Residents \$100.00 / Non-City Residents \$150.00
Registration forms available at the Easter Egg Hunt.
NEW Youth Program - "Leaders in Training"
Ten spots available for students aged 14.

ANGELS OF THE PARK
Contact: Tom Landis, tlandis@yorkcity.org.
What Angels Do – Adopt a park of your choosing to help improve the greenspace by organizing clean-ups, making landscaping enhancements, planting trees, painting, and purchasing supplies and equipment. The options are endless.
PARK/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT
To reserve a park for your next gathering of family and friends (picnic, birthday party graduation party, wedding, baby shower) or special event, please visit our website to apply for an event permit. Website: www.yorkcity.org/york-city-event-permit
Email questions to webpermits@yorkcity.org.

BATTING CAGES (MEMORIAL PARK COMPLEX) 717-854-1587
Opening Day Monday April 14!
Hours of Operation (weather permitting): Monday – Thursday 5:00 to 9:00 PM & Saturday – Sunday, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
POTHoles - How do I report?
Call the 24-hour hotline service, 717-849-2228, give an exact location (street name, block), and leave a message.
STREETLIGHTS OUT - How do I report a problem? Identify the exact location (street name, closest address of a building), include the pole number (ten-digit number located on a yellow metal tag on the pole, example 22550-28665). If the number is missing from the pole, please report. Identify the problem (light out, goes on and off). Call the Electrical Bureau at 717-845-9351 or email cgodfrey@yorkcity.org.
TREE TRIMMING (Codified Ordinance Article 913.03)
(a) Any tree or shrub which overhangs any sidewalk, street or public place in such a way as to impeded or interfere with traffic or travel on such public place including City street sweepers and other vehicles requiring a high clearance on roadways, shall be trimmed by the owner of the abutting premises on which such trees or shrub grows, to a height of a minimum of fourteen feet above the roadway and eight feet above the sidewalk so that the obstruction shall cease (Ord. 5-1995. Passed 4-18-95) (b) Any tree or limb of a tree which has become likely to fall on or across any public way or place, shall be removed by the owner of the premises on which such tree grows or stands.

2025 Sponsorship Opportunities!
#RethinkRecreation
When you partner with the City of York, you become an integral part of our mission to offer safe and engaging recreation options for our citizens. Your support will enable us to expand our youth programs, family events, and enhance our green spaces, which ultimately benefits the well-being of our community. Contact: LaQuinn Thompson - lthompson@yorkcity.org



SCAN TO LEARN MORE

MEET OUR NEW HAULER
Goods Disposal Service has been servicing residential and commercial accounts since 1970. Goods Disposal is a full service facility, with over 120 collection trucks and 220 employees.
NOW HIRING!
Visit Goods Disposal website.
<https://www.goodsdisposalservice.com>

LARGE ITEM SCHEDULING
Scan to schedule bulk items.



MISSED COLLECTIONS
Scan to submit.
(refuse, recycling, yard waste, bulk items)



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The Environmental Bureau works to provide a clean, healthy and beautiful City by managing refuse, recycling, large item and yard waste collections. All York City residents and commercial, municipal and institutional establishments are mandated to recycle designated material according to the State’s Act 101 and York City’s Ordinance, Article 952.

RECYCLING was mandated in 1989 by local and state laws for all residential, commercial, and industrial properties within the City of York. Since 2018, some items that were being marketed to China are no longer accepted. Those materials were removed from our curbside recyclable program.

Do not line recycling containers with bags.

Knowing what to put in your recycling bin is very important. If you put items into your recycling bin that do not belong there, the entire bin might be considered “contaminated.”

NOT every metal, glass, plastic, or paper item is recyclable. Only these (metal, glass, and plastic) containers below, along with clean corrugated cardboard and newspaper should be placed for recycling in York City.



Metal Cans Glass Bottles/Jars

(RINSED cans, bottles and jars that had food or drink in them direct from the grocery store; No lids; NO household dishes, glasses, mugs, mirrors, window glass



Plastic Bottles/Jars

(RINSED drink, food, laundry, bath bottles, and jars that have #1 or #2 in a triangle on the bottom of the container; No bags/deli, yogurt, or butter, bowls, cups, trays, film, toys, etc.



Newspaper must be clean and dry; not glossy or contaminated newspaper.



Corrugated Cardboard Boxes must be clean, dry, flattened and contaminated newspaper bundled; No paperboard/chipboard)

LARGE- ITEM COLLECTION

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM
York City Curbside Customers may schedule up to 5 normal household furniture/appliance items. Some excluded items must be handled privately. ANY ITEMS WITH BEDBUGS (dead or alive) MUST BE BAGGED (in large mattress bags) AND SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE prior to scheduling. Bags are available at stores such as Walmart, Lowes, Home Depot and at U-Haul.

Save time with our latest feature - online scheduling!

No more waiting on the line. Easily request large item pick-up by scanning the provided QR code on the front page. If you prefer a more traditional approach, feel free to reach out to us through phone at 717-843-1240 during our office hours.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS Republic Services is the current curbside collections hauler through 4/30/2025. NOTE: City Ordinance, Art 951 - ALL TRASH MUST BE IN SECURELY TIED TRASH BAGS EVEN WHEN USING A TRASH CAN. Tied bags may be placed alone or inside a plastic or metal trash can with a detached lid and handles Max: 32 gallons (contents should never extend above the top edge of any container); Max: 40 pounds; Tied bundles of building wood not to exceed 3’ x 1’ x 1’. Do NOT use for trash: contractor/leaf/grocery bags, large “tote” carts or any can over 32-gals, cans with attached lids, plastic or metal drums, cardboard boxes, milk crates, and baskets. Illegal containers may be discarded and NO Refund/Replacement will be given. Use sturdy bags sold specifically for trash disposal; max 32-gals.

Trash Collection Tips:

Cooking Oil Pour cooled cooking oil, in a thick plastic detergent bottle with a tight-fitting lid. Discard in a securely tied (double-bagged) trash bag. (This bottle should NOT be recycled).

Lumber Small quantities of building lumber may be placed for regular trash collection. Wood must be cut down and securely bundled. (Maximum bundle size: 3’ long x 1’ x 1’ and 40 pounds) Each bundle of building lumber (not broken furniture wood) replaces a bag of trash.

Medication Do NOT flush any medication. Instead, mix unused medication with undesirables (i.e., coffee grounds or used cat litter) and place in regular trash for incineration. Occasionally, there are medication drop-off programs held at local Police Departments.

Needles/Sharps Discard needles, scalpel blades, broken ampoules, or anything used by patients that may be considered contaminated, by placing them in a heavy plastic detergent bottle with a tight-fitting lid. Discard in a securely tied trash bag (This bottle should NOT be recycled).

Motor oil Outlets for used motor oil are ever changing. Contact the York County Solid Waste & Refuse Authority at 717-845-1066 or visit www.ycswa.com for the most up-to-date information.

Paint and Paint Products Add cat litter to liquid paint/product to absorb most of the moisture. Then, securely seal all containers before placing them, in small quantities, in securely tied (doubled) trash bags with normal trash. Bags should not exceed 40 pounds.

Tires ONLY Residential customers may place up to 2 passenger tires, off the rim, for regular trash collection. Each tire replaces a bag of trash and counts toward the overall bag limit. However, tires on the rim must be scheduled (7-10 days in advance) for large-item collection.

Commercial Units/Customers may NOT place any tires for curbside collection. This is considered ILLEGAL DUMPING and fines may be imposed up to \$600 per occurrence. The public is encouraged to report any person dumping tires to Public Works at 717-849-2245. Include a description of the person(s) and a license of their vehicle. Security video and photos are welcomed and can be extremely helpful.

CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS occur on your first trash day each week, this year from Mar 4th - Dec 10th, weather permitting. Yard waste must kept separate from the normal trash and must be prepared for collection according to these specifications:

BRUSH Bundled branches, each branch must be less than 4” in diameter (maximum bundle size: 3’ x 1’ and 40 pounds); or use authorized yellow yard waste cans (maximum: 40 pounds). Branches should NOT extend above rim of cans or bags.

LEAVES/PRUNINGS/GARDEN RESIDUE(NO GRASS CLIPPINGS):
Use biodegradable kraft paper bags (maximum: 32 gallons; 40 pounds); or use authorized yellow yard waste cans (maximum: 40 pounds). Yard waste should NOT extend above rim of cans or bags.

Customers are reminded that plastic bags are NOT accepted for yard waste and will result in no collection. Do NOT line yard waste cans with bags. Grass clippings should be placed in trash bags with regular trash and do count in the normal bag limit.

YARD WASTE FACILITY (Memorial Stadium; Closed January through March)
This site will open in April and is open the first Saturday of each month 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, weather permitting. (Bring proof of residency) NO GRASS!
Open: 4/5, 5/3, 6/7, 7/5, 8/2, 9/6, 10/4, 11/1

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Memorial Day – No collections on Monday, May 26.
All collections (Mon–Fri) this week will be delayed 1 day.
Independence Day – No collections on Friday, July 4.
All collections (Thurs–Fri) this week will be delayed 1 day.
Labor Day – No collections on Monday, September 1.
All collections (Mon–Fri) this week will be delayed 1 day.

RECYCLING & YARDWASTE CONTAINER PURCHASE

Green Recycling Bin OR Can: \$3.00 EA. (limit 1)
Yard Waste Cans: \$3.00 EA. (limit 1)
Customers must show proof of residency (i.e. driver’s license or bill).
Recycling containers must remain with the property.
Reduced pricing for containers is made possible, in part, due to a grant from the Dept. of Environmental Protection.

ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF PROGRAM

As of 1/24/13 these items were banned from the trash by DEP:
TVs, Computers, and items that connect to computers (such as printers, modems, keyboards, etc.).

York County Now Has New Electronics Recycling Locations!

Reworld™ and Goodwill Keystone Area have joined forces to provide free electronic waste recycling locations in central and southeastern Pennsylvania. This program utilizes Goodwill’s network of stores and donation centers as designated collection points for consumer electronics. Reworld™ then takes the electronics and responsibly recycles them. Reworld™ is a proven provider of e-waste recycling, recovery and environmentally responsible disposal, having recycled more than 135 million pounds of e-waste. Take advantage of this service at the following Goodwill locations:

- 965 Loucks Road, York
 - 1120 Roosevelt Ave, York
 - 450 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover
 - 535 S. Main Street Market Square Center, Shrewsbury
- Free electronics recycling is also available at the York County Resource Recovery Center. For additional information, visit www.ycswa.com/services/recycling/electronics/.

YCSWA will hold two FREE Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events this year! On Saturday, May3rd and on Saturday, October 11th, YCSWA will conduct FREE Hazardous Household Waste Collection Events from 9 am-1 pm. There is no fee for York County residents, but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Both HHW Collection Events will be help in the area behind YCSWA’s Recycling Drop-Off Center. Look for additional information and a registration link on the webpage below and on YCSWA social media pages closer to the time of each event. Visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/ for more details.