



# MIDDLE SMITHFIELD TOWNSHIP NEWS

EARTH DAY



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## Township Cleanup And Freecycle (Aka Dumpster Day) 5/3 & 5/4



### A SIGN THAT YOU CARE! ADOPT A ROAD IN 2019!

Whether you are a resident, or a local business looking to get your name out there in the community, what better way to celebrate Earth Day than to Adopt a Road! The Adopt a Road program has grown by leaps and bounds, and is instrumental in keeping our township free of litter.

The MST Adopt a Road Program organizes our residents, businesses, and organizations who want to keep our streets litter-free. Individuals or groups can adopt a 2 mile stretch of road and pledge to pick up litter along their stretch at least twice a year. These cleanups can coincide with our twice yearly litter program, 1000 Feet of Street, or at any time at the adopter's convenience. Your two mile stretch is marked with a sign to let your neighbors know that you are helping to keep MST pretty.

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*The youngest member of the Perez family helped clean up Reservoir Road.*



# LITTER & BEAUTIFICATION

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## 2019 ANNUAL SPRING CLEANUP AND FREECYCLE, FRIDAY, MAY 3<sup>RD</sup> & SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

(also known as "Dumpster Day")

Twice a year (in the spring and in the fall) Middle Smithfield hosts "Dumpster Days" at the township building at 147 Municipal Drive to help residents do their fall and spring cleanings, as well as offer FREE PAPER SHREDDING. You can even save a trip to the Oak Grove Leaf Composting Facility, and drop off your leaves, too. Middle Smithfield Township's annual Spring Clean Up is Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 7am to 4pm both days, with free paper shredding on Saturday from 10a-3p. (Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, locked bins will be on the premises to drop off.)

Participating residents share the cost to operate the clean-up with the township: the clean-up costs \$5 per car load (slightly more for larger vehicles) and tire disposal starts at \$4 each tire. For residents, the township clean-up is much more economical and convenient than the closest dumps in Taylor and Pen Argyl, which charge a minimum of \$62-\$73 per vehicle. Still, if you literally have a ton of stuff, we included the dump information below this article.

Residents must bring proof of residency such as a tax bill, rent receipt, drivers license, etc. in order to participate. This is an extremely "user friendly" program!

Middle Smithfield will accept bulk items, furniture, toys, washers, dryers, bicycles, lawn mowers, water heaters, batteries, nails, screws, empty paint cans – just no household garbage, construction debris or hazardous materials. (Have more questions? See "DETAIL" at the end of this article.)

### Spring Clean Up:

Friday & Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>:  
7am-4pm

Residents can bring their refuse AND drop off Freecycle articles (but not pick up Freecycle articles.)

### Freecycle:

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>: 7am-2pm



The public can come, browse and take five (5) Freecycled items.

What is "Freecycle?" Residents can drop off their gently used items with the knowledge that they won't go to a landfill – but one of their neighbors or a charitable organization instead! Everyone wins – the Fall Clean Up costs the taxpayers less money (because we need less dumpsters), Pennsylvania landfills don't fill up as quickly, and residents and local charities receive needed goods at a price that can't be beat – FREE!

What do we do with leftovers? After the Freecycle event, charitable organizations such as Bushkill Outreach, the Salvation Army, and Women's Resources of Nassau County can come and pick up whatever is left over. Any books in good condition will be held by the township and delivered to the Hughes Library for their annual book sale.

### FEES:

\$5-\$40+ for carloads; \$4-\$14 for tires  
FREE Paper Shredding  
(Saturday 10/14, 9a-3p).....FREE

Fees are per vehicle and range from \$5.00 per car load for Automobiles and Small SUV's to \$40 for a one-ton dump truck.

Tire disposal cost \$4 to \$14 each depending on size and rims.

**Not Accepted:** Household garbage, autos or auto parts, cans of paint or paint thinners, hazardous materials such as pesticides, contractor waste (lumber, shingles, sheetrock, etc.)

**WE WILL ACCEPT:** Bulk items, for example: furniture, toys, washers, dryers, bicycles, lawn mowers, water heaters etc. BATTERIES WILL BE ACCEPTED. NAILS AND SCREWS - (MUST BE IN CLOSED CONTAINER)

## IF YOU LITERALLY HAVE A TON OF GARBAGE:

### Alliance Sanitary Landfill

389 S. Keyser Avenue

Taylor PA, 18517

Disposal Rate: approximately \$62/ton

Hours: Weekdays 7:30am to 3:00pm;  
occasionally on Saturdays

[www.alliancelandfill.wm.com](http://www.alliancelandfill.wm.com)

### Grand Central Sanitary Landfill

1963 Pen Argyl Road

Pen Argyl, PA 18072

Disposal Rate: approximately \$73/ton

Hours: Weekdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.;  
Saturdays: 7 to 9 a.m.

[www.wmsolutions.co](http://www.wmsolutions.co)



## 2019 SPRING LEAF COLLECTION

Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> through  
Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

The township will pick up leaves on township roads starting Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> (no sticks, limbs, stumps, grass clippings or any other yard waste.) Leaves must be at the road edge, and not in bags.

The schedule is subject to change without notice depending on weather, volume of leaves or any other emergency.

Under township ordinance, open burning of leaves is prohibited.

**4/22-5/3: Wooddale/Coolbaugh Area**

**5/6-5/10: Route 402/Oak Grove/Hidden Lake/Timothy Lake/Milford Road areas**

**5/13-5/17: Upper Lakeview Area**

For an individual street schedule, please contact Karen at 570-223-8920x118, or email: [kstapleton@mstownship.com](mailto:kstapleton@mstownship.com).

Not on a Township Road? No problem! You are welcome to drop off leaves and brush at a central location in your community designated by your HOA, or at the Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Facility located at 3305 Oak Grove Road, East Stroudsburg. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 7am-2pm. Closed Holidays.

# OAK GROVE & RECYCLING

www.ogmmcpb.com

Chairperson | Mike Dwyer



The Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing program is jointly operated and available to residents of Middle Smithfield, Smithfield and Lehman Townships. The facility is centrally located at 3305 Oak Grove Drive in Middle Smithfield Township and is open Monday – Saturday, 7am-2pm. Closed Holidays.

To use the facility you must be a resident of one of the participating townships or a commercial business (via permit only) located in the townships.

Acceptable materials include leaves, shrubs (no roots) and shrubbery, tree trimmings, and branches cut into 3-4 foot lengths and no larger than 12 inches in diameter.

The Oak Grove facility is a regular provider of FREE mulch and compost to the MST Community Gardens on Coolbaugh Road. Your garden can benefit too! Self-serve products and materials offered at the facility are free mulch and compost (pending availability), and you must load the materials yourself. If loading assistance is needed an appointment must be made in advance and the fee is \$10 for each 3 yards.

To make an appointment, purchase a commercial permit, or have any questions, please contact [kstapleton@mstowship.com](mailto:kstapleton@mstowship.com) or call 570-223-8920X118.



The 2018 “Pick Up the Poconos” campaign last September, organized by the Pocono Mountain Visitor’s Bureau and modeled after our own “1,000 Feet of Street” littler program was very successful, with over xxx volunteers across the Poconos picking up over xxx bags of trash. Mark your calendar for this fall, Pick Up the Poconos Day, taking place on Saturday, September 28, 2019!

<https://www.poconomountains.com/pick-up-the-poconos/#Pick%20Up>

## RECYCLING HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: THE WASTE AUTHORITY

All properties in Middle Smithfield Township are required to have a contract with a waste hauler, and all waster haulers must offer recycling. For those times when you have more recycling than your recycling can can handle, there's the Waste Authority. (570.643.6100, [www.TheWasteAuthority.com](http://www.TheWasteAuthority.com))

At their two drop-off locations, they accept the following:

- Acceptable Paper: Office paper, newspaper, magazines, catalogs, junk mail, cereal boxes, soda and beer cartons, soft cover and paper back books- No if contaminated with food or grease
- Acceptable Cardboard: Corrugated only. No Pizza boxes
- Acceptable Plastics: 1 and 2 only
- Acceptable Bi-Metal, Tin and Aluminum: Cans only
- Acceptable Glass: All color food and beverage bottles only.

NO ceramics, mirrors, plate glass, dishes, or light bulbs

If you deposit unacceptable items, you are contaminating the material and are illegally dumping.

### Drop Off Locations

#### DCNR

**Pocono Township**, 2174 PA-611, Swiftwater, PA 18370

**HOURS:** MON: 7:30 to 3:00, TUE: 9:30 to 5:00, WED: CLOSED, THU: 7:30 to 3:00, FRI: 9:30 to 5:00, SAT: 7:30 to 11:30, SUN: CLOSED

**Military Road Recycling Site**, Stroud Township, 1110 Military Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360

**HOURS:** MON: CLOSED, TUE: 9:30 to 5:00, WED: CLOSED, THU: 7:30 to 3:00, FRI: 9:30 to 5:00, SAT: 12:00 to 3:00, SUN: CLOSED

In addition to operating two recyclable drop off locations, the Monroe County Waste Authority, a private company offers a number of recycling programs for residents:

- Dead Deer Removal
- Tire Disposal
- Electronic Recycling
- CFL & Furescent Buld Recycling
- Household Hazardous Waste.

Visit their website to learn more about their programs.

### Other Ideas for Creative Recycling:

**Plastic Bags:** RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program: <http://www.monroecountypa.gov/rsvp>) will take your CLEAN plastic shopping bags, and the Merry Mat Makers will crochet them into sleeping mats for the homeless. Located at 411 Main Street, Suite 102-B in Stroudsburg, you can call them at (570) 420-3747

**Newspaper:** May local charitable organizations can use your newspapers! The Salvation Army Thrift store, for wrapping, as well as local animal welfare organizations such as AWSOM and Camp Papillon.

**Cardboard:** The Salvation Army Thrift Store could use cardboard boxes to pack items. The Penn State Master Gardener program often uses newspaper and cardboard in lasagna gardening as well as mulching. For example, the MST Community Gardens uses it to keep the weeks down. Call Christopher Rain at the township (570-223-8920, x119) or Penn State Co-Op Extension (570) 421-6430



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER



Wooddale Unite Methodist Church  
cleaned Wooddale Road.



Northpark Estates certainly  
cleaned up McCole Road!



Shawnee Mountain Ski area cleaned up Hollow Road.

## A SIGN THAT YOU CARE! ADOPT A ROAD IN 2019! *(continued from front cover)*

If you are interested in adopting a road, please contact Christopher Rain at 570-223-8920 x119, or email [crain@mstownship.com](mailto:crain@mstownship.com). A list of roads available for adoption can be provided. All cleanup equipment including bags, pickers, and gloves, are provided by the township when you clean your road.

*Thank you to our great residents, organizations, and businesses who adopt roads including:*

Big Ridge Drive – Jan Basler & Bruce Taylor  
Brushy Mountain & Barren Roads – PA Treatment & Healing  
Buroojy Court – Robert & Eileen Early  
Charley Drive – Darlene & Mark Picchanti  
Coolbaugh Road, south section – Monroe County Young Democrats  
Coolbaugh Road, center section – Van Solkema Family  
Coolbaugh Road, north section – Kaylatime & Angel Hernandez  
Firestone Lane – Resica Falls Scout Reservation  
Foxmoor Drive – Monroe County Meals on Wheels  
Gravel Ridge Road – Bob and Anne Marie Pohlman  
Hidden Lake Drive – Kathy Mitchell  
Keystone Road – Gary Waxman  
Macy Way, et al. – Halterman & Meryweather Families  
Marjorie Court & Timber Mountain Drive – Frank Lowe

Michaels Road – James Meegan  
Municipal Drive – MST Board of Supervisors  
Oak Grove Road – Mountain Stream Baptist Church  
Pocono Wild Haven Estates (all roads) – PWHE Beautification Committee  
Sand Hill Road – Juliette Ryan-Caines  
Sellersville Drive – Vazquez Landscaping LLC  
Stoney Acres – ESU Student Activity Association  
Summit Dr., et al. – Stephen & Elsie Della-Calce  
Turkey Ridge Road – Annette Atkinson  
Upper Lakeview Drive – Robert Post  
Wooddale Road, PWHE to Price Township line – Meryweather & Halterman Families  
Wooddale Road, PWHE to Marshalls Creek – PWHE Beautification Committee

***Adopt a road today and add your name to the list!***