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The Honorable Michael R. Helfrich, Mayor

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Environmental Services and Recreation & Parks

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RECYCLING was mandated in 1989 by local and state laws for ALL residential, commercial, and industrial properties within York City but, **Not EVERY metal, glass, plastic, or paper item is recyclable.**

Only these types of containers below, along with clean corrugated cardboard and newspaper should be placed for recycling in York City.

Do NOT line recycle containers with bags



Metal Cans

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



Glass Bottles/Jars



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



Newspaper (must be clean and dry; *No glossy or contaminated newspaper*)



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

Attempting to recycle miscellaneous items that are not listed above is "wishful recycling" and it does not help the recycling process. Non-recyclable items should be placed in the TRASH.

LARGE- ITEM COLLECTION York City Curbside Customers may call **717-843-1240** Mon–Thurs, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. to schedule up to 5 household furniture/appliance items. Some excluded items must be handled privately. **ANY ITEM WITH BEDBUGS (dead or alive) MUST BE BAGGED (in large mattress bag) AND SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE prior to scheduling. Mattress bags are sold at Walmart, Lowes and U-Haul.**

CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS are by Republic Services thru 4/30/25.

(City Ordinance, Art 951) **ALL TRASH MUST BE IN SECURELY TIED TRASH BAGS EVEN WHEN USING A TRASH CAN.** (Durable) Tied trash bags may be placed alone or inside a plastic or metal trash can with a handle(s) and a (detached) lid, Max: **32 gallons & 40 pounds.** Contents should **never extend above the top edge** of any container. Tied bundles of building wood must not exceed **3'x1'x1'**.

Do NOT use these for trash: contractor/leaf or grocery bags, large "tote" cart or any can over 32-gals, cans with attached lids, plastic or metal drums, **BATHROOM & KITCHEN CANS (DO NOT HAVE HANDLES AND SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION)**, recycle containers from other townships/stores, cardboard boxes, milk crates, and baskets. Illegal containers may be discarded with no refunds/replacements given.

Collection Tips:

Replace Worn/Broken Trash Cans: Outdoor trash cans do not last as long as indoor cans and they need replaced periodically. Check and replace trash cans that have worn out bottoms, cracks, and/or broken handles. Worn cans pose a hazard to workers who are handling thousands of containers each day. Consider cans that are more flexible to better withstand weather and handling. Trash cans must be sold specifically for trash storage and **must have handles** and a tight-fitting lid. (**NO attached lids**)

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'x1'x1' and 40 pounds). Each bundle of lumber 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 by local Police Departments.

Needles/Sharps Discard needles, scapel blades, broken ampoules, or anything used on pets/persons 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 (Mark bottle "SHARPS". 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 (double) trash bags with normal trash.

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 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 also extremely helpful.*

UPCOMING HOLIDAY CURBSIDE COLLECTIONS

Thanksgiving Day – No collections on Thursday, 11/28. Trash collections (Thurs & Fri) this week will be delayed 1 day.

Christmas & New Years Days – No Collections on Wednesday, 12/25 and Wednesday, 1/1. Trash collections (Thurs & Fri) for these 2 weeks will be delayed 1 day. Thursday customers will be picked up Friday; Friday customers will be picked up Saturday.



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

BRUSH: Bundled branches (each branch maximum: 4" in diameter; maximum bundle: 3'x1'x1'; 40 pounds); or use authorized yellow yard waste cans or paper yard waste bags (maximum: 40 pounds). Yard waste/branches should NOT extend above the 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 the rim of cans/bags.

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

YARD WASTE FACILITY (at Memorial Stadium)

This site opens on the first Saturday of each month **10 am–2 pm**, weather permitting. (Bring proof of residency) **NO GRASS!!!**
Open: Oct 5th; Nov 2nd; and Dec 7th (CLOSED Jan-March)

CONTAINERS & BAGS FOR SALE to individual residents for their specific York City dwelling. Quantities will not be sold to landlords or management companies. **Paper Yard Bags available at retail stores.**

Green Recycling Bin OR Can	\$3.00/limit 1
Yard Waste Cans	\$3.00/limit 1
Yard Waste Kraft Paper Bags	\$5.00/ pack of 10



Yard Waste & Recycling containers must remain with the property. Reduced pricing for containers is possible, in part, due to grants from the Department of Environmental Protection. Customers must show proof of residency (i.e. driver's license or bill).

ELECTRONICS DROP-OFF (Near Incinerator/YCSWA)

As of 1/24/13 these items were banned from trash by DEP: 1)TVs; 2) Computers; 3) Items that connect to computers (such as printers, modems, keyboards, etc). **YCSWA** accepts electronics from York County Residents, Mon–Fri 8 am–4 pm & Sat 8 am–noon. For more details, visit www.ycswa.com or call 717-845-1066.

FALL/LOOSE LEAF VACUUMING

City-wide vacuuming of loose leaves from along curbs begins mid-October (weather permitting) and continues through mid December (weather permitting). Place loose leaves on the street, 6-8" from the curb to allow water to flow freely between the curb and leaves.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

City staff will collect Christmas Trees **January 6th–17th** for mulching. Trees must be as bare as the day they were cut down (**NO** lights, tinsel, bags, tree stands, etc). **Beginning Monday, January 20th** any remaining trees will be collected by the hauler as normal trash. Each tree will count as a bag in the normal bag limit

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

101 South George Street, York PA 17401

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: 717-849-2245 | www.yorkcity.org



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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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 recurb the sidewalks and keep them in good repair along such property, in conformity with existing City ordinances. (Ord. 9-1945 §1.)

POTHOLE - How do I report?

Call the hotline, 717-849-2228, for any street problems (potholes, inlets clogged, signs, snow removal or sweeping). Give an exact location (street name, block). Leave a message on the 24-hour service. If you wish to speak with someone, call 717-849-2320 between 6:30 am & 3:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

STREETLIGHT OUTAGE - 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 along with the exact location. **Identify** the problem (light out, goes on and off, on during daylight hours). **Report** the problem by calling the Electrical and Building Maintenance Bureau at 717-845-9351 or email cgodfrey@yorkcity.org. Allow two to three weeks for the repair.

TREE TRIMMING - Who is responsible?

(Codified Ordinance Article 913.03)

(a)Any tree or shrub which overhangs any sidewalk, street, or public place in such a way as to impede 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.

STORMWATER UPDATE

The cooler days are upon us. It is time for hoodies, fire pits, s'mores, and pumpkin everything. It is also time for falling leaves. While raking your leaves and putting them out for pickup, please do not pile your leaves up against the curb line. Leave about 6-8 inches between your leaf pile and the curb to allow stormwater to flow through and not create a blockage that can cause flooding. Also, keep an eye on your nearest storm drain – if it is covered in leaves, please clean it off so the water can drain. If you would like to report an illicit discharge, please call Lettice Brown (MS4 Coordinator) at 717-324-6532.

STREET SWEEPING FINAL DAY - OCTOBER 26TH

The final day for City-wide street sweeping is **October 26th**. Except for areas designated for year-round cleaning. Residents are asked not to park during the times indicated on the street signs. The fine for parking in an area during designated street sweeping days is \$40.00. For questions about a street posted for no parking, call the Highway Bureau at 717-849-2320. For parking fines, email the Parking Bureau, parking@yorkcity.org.



YORK CITY PARKS & RECREATION BUREAU

101 South George Street, York PA 17401

Office Hours: Mon. – Fri., 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Phone: 717-854-1587 | www.yorkcity.org



OUR MISSION & POLICIES

The **mission** of the York City Recreation & Parks Bureau is to meet the recreation needs of York City residents by providing direction, planning, and coordination of services to enhance their quality of life through year-round leisure programs and facilities that will develop and enhance the individual's physical, emotional, mental, and social well-being. **Policies** - York City Recreation and Parks reserves the right to: Cancel a program for any reasonable cause. To deny registration or entry into a program when it deems necessary to ensure public safety. To suspend a child from a program, with no refund, after notifying a parent of disciplinary problems. To adjust any of the program details printed in this publication or any other City publication regarding fees, locations, instructors, times, days, and starting dates. **Park Rules** - No person or vehicle shall remain in any park between the hours of 10:00 pm and 6:00 am unless by permit or authorized by the Director. No person shall drive through or park a motor vehicle partially or totally on lawn areas of any park unless otherwise permitted. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in any park. No littering. All trash must be disposed of in the proper containers. (Codified Ordinance Article 741.02) Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited. All dogs must wear a collar displaying current license and current rabies vaccination verification tags and shall be under the control of a leash when on City sidewalks or streets or upon any public property such as parks and buildings of the City. (Ord. 7-1996 §1. Passed 5-21-96.) No owner or keeper of any dog shall allow or permit any such dog to excrement upon any public or private property of the City unless such owner or keeper removes the excrement and disposes of same in a sanitary manner. (Ord. 5-2012. Passed 2-21-12.) Whoever violates any provision of this article shall be subject to penalty.



TRUNK OR TREAT "FREE"

YORK CITY COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENT

Thurs., Oct. 24 | 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Where: City Hall Parking Lot (101 S. George St.)

An evening of candy, fun, and games for youth ages 14 & under (costume optional). Organizations interested in reserving a space (must decorate vehicle and supply treats to hand out), please contact LaQuinn Thompson – lthompson@yorkcity.org. Awards for most creative trunk display.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR A PARK/SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT?

Website: www.yorkcity.org/york-city-event-permit OR scan the QR code located under the Parks & Recreation header. **Applications for 2025 will be accepted beginning Jan. 1, 2025.** To reserve a park for your next gathering of family and friends (picnic, birthday party graduation party, wedding, baby shower) or a special event, please visit our website to apply for an event permit. The permit application is detailed and will ask several questions. Fees will apply. Submission deadlines vary. Questions, call Parks & Recreation Bureau, at 717-854-1587 or send an email to webpermits@yorkcity.org.



EVENTS Happening Downtown York City, Continental Square!

LIGHT UP YORK – Fri., Dec. 6 | 5:00 to 9:00 PM
Short ceremony at 6:00 PM

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
Tues., Dec. 31 | 8:30 PM until midnight



For more info, visit www.yorkcity.events or scan the QR code.