

# Press Release

To: Local News Media

From: William Lowthert, Lewisburg Borough Manager

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RE: Lewisburg Borough Staged Plan to Return to Normal Municipal Operations

With the Governor's decision to move Union County to "yellow status" on Friday, May 8, 2020, Lewisburg Borough government began a staged process to return to normal operations. The staged reopening of Borough government facilities and services began on Monday, May 11, 2020, and will continue with the opening of more areas during the week of June 1, 2020. We will continue to make every effort to comply with the Governor's direction, the Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidelines, CDC Guidelines, and encourage social distancing among our staff, residents, and visitors:

- (1) The **Lewisburg Borough Recycling Center** opened with a limited schedule and some restrictions on Wednesday, May 20, 2020:
  - a. Lewisburg Borough Recycling Center will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Lewisburg Borough Recycling Center will not have Saturday hours yet.
  - b. Lewisburg Borough will limit the number of vehicles admitted into the Recycling Center at one time to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please be patient if you experience some delays while waiting to access the Center.
  - c. Borough staff will not be available to assist with the unloading of recycling materials. Staff has been directed not to touch recycling materials.
  - d. The wearing of face masks and social distancing requirements will be enforced while the Center is open. You will not be admitted into the Recycling Center without a face mask. After you drop off your recycling materials, please exit the Recycling Center immediately.
  - e. Once a material bin fills, it will be locked and no more of that material type will be accepted until the container is emptied by Lycoming County Resource Management Services. We expect a high volume of materials during the initial opening period. Please understand if our containers are full and we cannot accept your materials that day.
  - f. If a member of your household has tested positive for COVID-19 or is suspected of having COVID-19, please do not recycle your materials. The materials should be disposed of in the refuse.

(2) The **Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile** will reopen on Wednesday, June 3, 2020:

- a. Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile will not have Saturday hours yet.
- b. Brush and tree trimmings are accepted. Dirt, rocks, landscaping timbers, tree trunks, or other refuse is prohibited in the Brush Pile.
- c. The Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile is free for Lewisburg Borough residents and Lewisburg Borough property owners while working on their Lewisburg Borough properties. Lewisburg Borough residents and property owners will need proof of residency to access the Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile. Acceptable forms of identification include PA Driver's License/PA State Photo ID with your current address, property tax bill, lease/rental agreement, utility bill with your property address, etc.
- d. Non-Lewisburg Borough residents may drop-off brush and tree trimmings for a fee. While the Lewisburg Borough Office remains closed, staff will be available at the Lewisburg Borough Brush Pile to collect the fee. Checks are preferred, but cash will also be accepted. Receipts will be available. The Fee Schedule for non-Lewisburg Borough Residents/Property Owners is as follows for a single drop-off:
  - i. Car, Van, Minivan - \$10.00
  - ii. Van, Pick-up Truck - \$15.00
  - iii. Pull behind trailer - \$25.00
  - iv. Dump Truck, Box Truck - \$50.00
- e. Landscape Contractors, Tree Removal Contractors, or maintenance employees working on a Lewisburg Borough property will need to provide proof their brush/tree trimmings originated within Lewisburg Borough. A copy of the signed contract listing the Lewisburg Borough property address or a letter (with contact information) from the Lewisburg Borough property owner is acceptable as proof. Lewisburg Borough staff will record your name and phone number, the name of your company (with contact information), and the name, property address, and phone number of the Lewisburg Borough property owner. The information will then be verified by Borough staff. If it is found that false information was provided and that the deposited materials did not originate within Lewisburg Borough, the matter will be turned over to the Buffalo Valley Regional Police Department for investigation of littering/theft of service and the depositor may face legal action.
- f. Lewisburg Borough will limit the number of vehicles admitted into the Brush Pile at one time to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please be patient if you experience some delays while waiting to access the Brush Pile.
- g. Borough staff will not be available to assist with the unloading of your materials.

- h. The wearing of face masks and social distancing requirements will be enforced while at the Brush Pile. You will not be admitted into the Brush Pile without a face mask. After you drop off your materials, please exit the Brush Pile immediately.

(3) The **Lewisburg Borough Mulch Pile** will reopen on Wednesday, June 3, 2020:

- a. Lewisburg Borough Mulch Pile will be open on Wednesdays from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. The Lewisburg Borough Mulch Pile will not have Saturday hours yet.
- b. Lewisburg Borough will limit the number of vehicles admitted into the Mulch Pile at one time to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please be patient if you experience some delays while waiting access the Mulch Pile.
- c. Borough staff will not be available to assist with the loading of mulch.
- d. The wearing of face masks and social distancing requirements will be enforced while at the Mulch Pile. You will not be admitted into the Mulch Pile without a face mask. After you drop off your materials, please exit the Mulch Pile immediately.
- e. Mulch is available at no charge to Lewisburg Borough residents and non-Borough residents.