



Borough of Lewisburg

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RE: Lewisburg Borough Refuse Ordinance Changes Effective January 1, 2025

Dear Lewisburg Borough Resident/Property Owner:

At the Lewisburg Borough Council meeting on November 19, 2024, Borough Council approved changes to the Borough's Refuse Ordinance and Rates. Beginning January 1, 2025, the Refuse ordinance will be updated to reflect the following changes:

- Residential refuse/rubbish collection rates will see an increase of \$1.00 per month per dwelling unit.
- Commercial refuse/rubbish collection rates will increase by \$0.50 per cubic yard per pickup.
- Unlimited residential refuse/rubbish collection has ended. Residential units will now be limited to **no more than** 192 gallons of refuse/rubbish per week. This is the equivalent of two 96-gallon tipper cans per week per dwelling unit.
 - All refuse/rubbish must be bagged and placed inside water tight containers.
 - Any refuse/rubbish that exceeds the 192 gallon limit per week per dwelling unit will be billed to the property owner at \$2 per extra bag or \$5 per extra container.
 - It is recommended that property owners label their refuse/rubbish containers with the property address.
- Lewisburg Borough now allows the use of 64 gallon and 96 gallon tipper refuse/rubbish containers as long as they have a metal bar to facilitate the tipping of the cans into the truck. Refuse/rubbish containers without the metal tipping bar are limited to no more than 32 gallons in size.
- Refuse/rubbish containers must be made of durable rust-resistant material or plastic, equipped with suitable handles and tight-fitting covers, and shall be watertight. It is recommended that any new containers purchased for a property include an attached lid as our crew sees many containers where the lids have been lost due to wind or other factors.
- Refuse/rubbish containers must be maintained in good condition, free of holes, ragged or sharp edges, or any other defect liable to hamper or injure a person collecting the contents.
- The fee for the collection of some Special Pick-up Items has increased. A revised Special Pick-up Collection form will be posted on the Lewisburg Borough website (www.lewisburgborough.org) and will be available at the Lewisburg Borough Office. The new Special Pick-up Collection Fees take effect January 1, 2025.
- Dumpsters placed on Borough streets and in the Borough's Right of Way for residential and commercial construction projects have created problems in many instances. In some cases, the construction dumpsters from these private haulers have blocked parking spaces, stuck out into roadway travel lanes, and remained overflowing for long periods of time. As such, Lewisburg Borough no longer allows the placement of construction dumpsters on Borough streets or in the Borough's Right of Way without special, written permission of the Borough Manager and then only for short periods of time (maximum of six days). If you need a construction dumpster for your project, please contact the

Lewisburg Borough Office to ensure permission is received and proper placement of the construction dumpster is made by your contractor. In most cases, the construction dumpster will need to be placed on your property. The property owner is responsible for the improper placement of any dumpsters associated with their property.

As a reminder, Lewisburg Borough requires the separation of recyclables from refuse/rubbish at all residential, commercial, municipal, and institutional properties. Residents and property owners have several options for recycling in Lewisburg Borough and the Borough Office has recycling bins available for your use:

- (1) Curb side collection of aluminum, glass, and newsprint only is conducted on the first Saturday of each month. The items must be source separated by material type.
- (2) Lewisburg Borough operates a Recycling Center in the Wolfe Field Athletic Complex on St. Anthony Street in the Borough. Source separated recyclable materials can be taken by residents or property owners during normal hours of operation. The Lewisburg Borough Recycling Center is open on Wednesdays from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon.
- (3) Residents or property owners can contract with a private hauler to handle your recycling needs. Several local garbage collection companies offer single stream recycling services for a fee.
- (4) For more information about the collection of household hazardous waste, electronics, used tires, and white goods, please contact the Union County Recycling Coordinator at (570) 524-3848 or email at rhuntington@unionco.org.

Failure of residents and/or property owners to ensure the proper recycling of materials in Lewisburg Borough may result in the issuance of a Quality of Life Ordinance Violation (i.e. green tickets) with fines increasing from \$25.00 for the first offense to \$300.00 for the fourth and subsequent offenses. Flagrant and/or repeat violators of our recycling requirements may be charged with a summary offense and brought before the District Justice for a summary proceeding.

The Borough's recent revisions to the Solid Waste Ordinance can be found on the Lewisburg Borough website - www.lewisburgborough.org under Alerts & Notices. In early 2025, we anticipate all Borough Ordinance changes undertaken by Borough Council in 2024 will be incorporated into the online Lewisburg Borough Codes available on our website. If you have any questions, you can contact the Lewisburg Borough Refuse Department by phone 570.523.3614 x315 or email: ehontz@lewisburgborough.org.

Thank you,

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