

Lower Windsor Township

York County, PA

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Fall/Winter 2025

How to reduce PFAS in your drinking water

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances, commonly known as **PFAs**, have been found in the waterways, including surface waters and groundwater (private well water), within Lower Windsor Township. These chemicals are found in many man-made products and can build up in people, animals and the environment over time, posing health risks to those exposed.

In response to concerns from residents, the Lower Windsor Township Board of Supervisors and staff have been working with the Lower Susquehanna Riverkeeper, The Water Center at Penn, and RCAP Solutions, to navigate this complex challenge and address the issues facing our residents. We continue to collaborate to test additional residential wells, search for funding, and strategize at monthly meetings.

FILTERS

There are many types of filters on the market, but not all filters address PFAs. If you choose to use a filter, be sure to get one that is certified to remove or reduce PFAs in drinking water. Filters can cost as little as \$20 or more than \$1,000 with variations between types and brands. Here are some of the types of filters currently available, which can be effective at reducing PFAs.

- **Charcoal (Granular Activated Carbon or GAC):** use carbon to trap chemicals as water passes through them.
- **Reverse Osmosis (RO) System:** forces water through an extremely thin barrier that separates chemicals from the water
- **Ion Exchange Resin:** tiny beads that act like powerful magnets that attract and hold the contaminated materials from passing through the water

Check for Certification by an independent entity, as assurance that the filter works as the manufacturer says it does. Look on the product packaging for certification by an accredited body, such as American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Check the product packaging for certification to **NSF/ANSI53** or **NSF/ANSI 58** for PFAS reduction.

It is important to note that the current certification standards for PFAS filters (as of April 2024) do not yet indicate that a filter will remove PFAs down to the levels EPA has set for drinking water standards.

Remember filters are only effective if they are maintained according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Lower Windsor Township is committed to finding solutions to the PFAS issues we face and will continue to work with the Riverkeeper, The Water Center at Penn, and RCAP Solutions to address these matters.

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

George Yakubowski—
Chairman

Phil Rohrbaugh - Vice Chair

Barry Strayer—Supervisor

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Sande Cunningham - Township
Manager

L. James Thomas - Chief of
Police

MEETING DATES

Meetings are held at the municipal building. All residents are welcome.

**BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS**

Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m.

**ZONING HEARING
BOARD**

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m., as needed.

**PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Meets the 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Tips for Closing your Swimming Pool

In an effort to help protect our local waterways and their aquatic life, PA DEP recommends the following when closing your pool for the season.

Discharged pool water and waters containing chlorine or other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if not handled responsibly. It is extremely important that these waters are handled correctly. Pool waters must not be discharged to any storm or sanitary sewer or land in which a storm sewer or stream is accessible. Runoff can cause fish kills and unsafe aquatic conditions.

- Never dispose of pool water through a storm sewer, which will discharge to a stream.
- If lowering the water level of the pool, STOP CHEMICAL ADDITIVES for ONE WEEK prior and let it drain to a vegetated area to prevent it from running off into a storm sewer or stream. Dissipate the water through a sprinkler or soaker hose to prevent channelization and infiltrate it on **your property**.
- Water may be used for irrigation if it does not run off the property or into a storm sewer, stream, or public roadway.

If you cannot drain the pool in these ways have the water professionally pumped out.

The discharge of swimming pool water to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a **violation of the Clean Streams Law**. Property owners and pool companies that violate this law may be prosecuted and penalized for damages. Visit www.ycswa.com/services/waste-disposal/household-hazardous-waste/ for detailed instructions on disposal.

Know Where to Take Your Unwanted Propane Tank

It's grilling season and PROPANE TANK DISPOSAL can be tricky. Do you know how to dispose of an unwanted propane tank?

Pressurized propane tanks which contain flammable gases cannot be disposed of in your regular trash due to risk of explosion and fire. If the tank is completely empty and the pressure valve has been removed, contact a local scrap metal recycling facility to ask if they will accept it. Empty 16-ounce propane canisters can be disposed of in the regular trash.

If the gas tank still contains a pressure valve, there are several local businesses that will accept it to refill or recycle. Visit the link below for a list of these facilities.

<https://www.ycswa.com/gas-tanks>

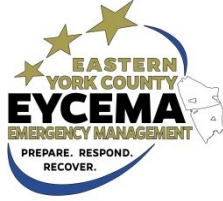
Air Conditioner Disposal Options

There are several ways to dispose of an unwanted air conditioner. Here are a few disposal options:

Donate if the unit is still in working condition. Take it to a scrap metal business to be recycled. Contact your trash hauler to see if they will take it with your regular trash pick-up. Bring it to the Small Load Drop-Off area located at the York County Resource Recovery Center. If you choose to bring your air conditioner to the Small Load Drop-Off located at the York County Resource Recovery Center, visit www.ycswa.com/household-appliances for additional details. #keepyourcountycleanandsafe

Emergency Operations Center

Christopher Eaton,
EMCCell: (717)968-7014
EYCEMA.DEPUTY@gmail.com



Emergency Operations Center

44 Walnut Springs Road
York, PA 17406
(717) 434-1307

Access and Functional Needs Registration

The Eastern York County Emergency Management Agency is in the process of updating our Access and Functional Needs registry. The registry is updated every two years. If you have registered previously please register again so we can ensure your information is correct.

The following categories are captured in the form:

- Physical disability, use of wheelchair, walker, etc.
- Visual impairment
- Hearing impairment
- Home Medical Care (oxygen, bed bound, etc.)
- Non-English speaker
- Intellectual and Developmental disabilities
- Group Homes
- Other

This registration is used to assist in community planning for mass evacuation. We also share the list with our first responder partner so that they are aware of those individuals that may need assistance during a disaster or localized emergency.

When you register, if you provide an email address, we will provide information that you can use to prepare for an emergency. Our goal is to assist you in preparing for 72 hours self-sustainment per the National recommendation. After we send you the information, we can assist you in developing contact lists and developing your 72 hour sustainment list.

This registry is voluntary. If you would like to register use this link to register electronically, <https://forms.gle/oQUCjzt6cmoc8d48A> If you want a paper form or have problems registering, contact EYCEMA at eyce-ma.deputy@gmail.com or call the Township @ 717-244-6813.

East Prospect Fire Company

2025 Fundraising

Saturday, September 20th – 3PM - 6PM – Spaghetti Dinner. This will be a cafeteria style, sit-down dinner with all you can eat spaghetti, garlic bread, a salad, and a light dessert.



Saturday, October 25th – Turkey Supper. Carry out only, beginning about Noon. Meals include: turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas, corn, cranberry sauce, applesauce, and dessert. Watch our FB page for updates and details.

Community Outreach

We have green reflective address number signs that are available for a cost of \$20. These signs help us to locate addresses in an emergency. The time saved finding you can mean saving a life. Please contact Linda Fauth @717-873-7140 to place an order.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are always needed and there are many areas where anyone can help. Visit our website at EP42FC.org to fill out an application.



National Night Out - Lower Windsor Township

Lower Windsor Township Police Department's National Night Out was a huge success and the beautiful weather brought out many residents of the community. A special thank you to all the organizations and businesses that joined us, as well as the donations we received to make this event possible.

Organizations & Businesses:

- Craley Fire Company
- Yorkana Fire Company (SAFER)
- York County 911 - MCU
- South Central PA Search & Rescue
- York County Sheriff's Office
- East Prospect Lions Club
- Not One More
- DCNR
- The 556
- Dandelion Thyme
- Martin's Potato Chips
- Giant
- Lower Windsor Township for collecting school supplies
- Lower Windsor Area Historical Society - Martinsville Schoolhouse
- East Prospect Fire Company
- LifeTeam EMS
- EYCEMA
- Heartland Agricultural Relief Team
- Representative Wendy Fink's Office
- Red Lion Bus Company
- Susquehanna National Heritage Area
- Den's Service Center
- Overcoming Powerlessness
- Sip & Go
- Rutter's
- Eastern York Rec. Authority

Chief Thomas would like to thank all of the Officers, Police Staff, LWT Employees & Road Crew for all of their hard work in making this event possible.



Shop with a Cop

When: Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025

Where: Lower Windsor Twp Bldg. (Police Meeting Room)

Time: 7:30 -12 noon

Halloween Patches

Halloween is just around the corner and our Lower Windsor Township **SPOOK-TAC-U-LAR PATCHES ARE UP FOR GRABS!**

Lower Windsor Township Police Department proudly presents our first ever, Halloween Patch.

These Patches were purchased with donation money in hopes of raising funds for more community related events.

The patches can be purchased for \$10.00 each (**cash or check only**). Please stop by the department during business hours (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) to purchase your patch.

As always, we appreciate the support you have shown our department throughout the years!



Zoning Department

Can Emergency Services see your Building Numbers?

In 2008 the Board of Supervisors passed an Ordinance requiring all buildings that have an address posted and to maintain the street number on the building. These numbers must be no less than four (4) inches high, of contrasting color, and located so that they can be seen from the road – reflective is best, but is not required.

On buildings more than 100 feet from the road or where landscaping conceals them, the numbers must be posted at the end of the driveway nearest the road. Where more than one building is located along a private road or access drive, each address must be posted at the entrance from the street **and** at each individual drive or front yard.

Numbers on a mailbox or mailbox post are satisfactory to meet this Ordinance **ONLY** if the mailbox is directly in front of the building, and no other mailboxes are grouped with it.

Friendly Reminder

Parks & Recreation Ordinance § 300-16 states that when walking your pets in or around a recreational area, such as Rexroth Park, all pets are required to be on a leash at all times. Owners shall remove any and all fecal matter deposited by said pet while within the Township recreational facility.

If every resident does their part in keeping our facilities free of pet waste, our residents will all benefit from being able to relax and enjoy themselves while outside.

Permits in Lower Windsor Township

You are not required to have a permit to put a FENCE on your property, **unless** you want it to be higher than 6' **OR** the fence will be within a designated floodplain. Fences higher than 6' require a BUILDING permit (their construction is regulated by the state). The fence can be located UP TO the property line, but you **MUST** know where the property line is before installing. No fence is permitted in the street right-of-way or blocking the sight line of traffic. Any disturbance within the floodplain requires a permit.

Commercial SIGNS

Lower Windsor Township requires a building permit for commercial signs (their construction is regulated by the state). Personal, individual, and temporary yard signs do not require a permit. Neither sign is permitted in the street right-of-way or blocking the sight line of traffic.

West Nile Prevention:

The risk of West Nile Virus transmission is high this time of year, so we are asking that residents take the following precautions:

- Stay indoors during peak mosquito hours of Dawn to Dusk.
- Wear long sleeves, pants, and closed-toed shoes if possible.
- Exposed skin may be at risk for biting mosquitoes.
- Wear bug spray containing at least 30% DEET or another EPA approved active ingredient.
- Remove all the standing water from your property. Birdbaths, wheelbarrows, and children's toys can hold water and breed mosquitoes.

York County Mosquito Control Program Administrator Coordinator: Jerald Rodriguez, 717-840-2375, jrodriguez@yorkcountypa.gov

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

Business Registry - Lower Windsor Township is updating the business registry. If you own a business – even a home business, please contact the Zoning Office to update your contact information and registry. Call Monica or Andrea at 717-244-6813 or email mlove@lowerwindsor.com

OLDS (On-Lot Disposal System)

In January of 2025 & again in August 2025, residents in **District 4** were notified that this is the year to have their septic tanks pumped and inspected in accordance with Ordinance 2001-01.

District 4 covers all properties north of East Prospect Road and west of Cabin Creek and Cool Creek Roads. If you received a notice and have not yet had your system pumped/inspected, please do so **by December 31, 2025**. If you did not receive a notice, but think you should have, please contact the Township to verify your address. If you have a holding tank, you must have it pumped yearly. **This is a PA State Mandate, non-compliance WILL result in penalties.**

OLDS (On-Lot Disposal System)

In **January of 2026**, residents of **District 1** will be notified that this is the year to have their septic tanks pumped and inspected in accordance with Ordinance 2001-01. **District 1** covers all properties east of Cabin Creek and Cool Creek Roads and north of East Prospect Road and Calvary Church Road. Please have your system pumped and inspected by a pumper/hauler who is registered and licensed by the Township **by Dec 31st, 2026**. You can find the list of pumper/haulers on the Township website, or visit the Municipal Office to get a copy. The list may change at the beginning of the year. Please remember, if you have a holding tank, you must have it pumped yearly.

Mailbox reminder to Homeowners

Lower Windsor Township reminds homeowners to prepare mailboxes for winter. Snow that is thrown from plows can damage mailboxes if they are not properly prepared and secured. A properly secured and located mailbox should be able to withstand the force of snow thrown from a plow, even in the worst conditions. Mailboxes should be placed as far from the edge of the road as possible yet still in reach of a mail carrier from a vehicle. Mailboxes are normally placed within the Township’s legal right-of-way however, mailbox damage due to snow and not hit directly by the plow or truck is the homeowner’s responsibility. **Here are a few tips to help reduce mailbox damage:**

- Place reflective tape on the mailbox to help operators see them at night. When removing snow from around the mailbox, throw snow behind it and not to the sides.
- Make sure the post is in good condition and the box is fastened securely to the post
- If damage was experienced in the past, reconsider the positioning and structure before winter.

For those who follow these tips and still find themselves with a damaged mailbox, they may want to consider a cantilever mailbox support that can swing a mailbox out of harm’s way. Plans for such a mailbox are available on PennDOT’s website, www.penndot.gov/winter.

Snow Removal Policy 2025

With winter soon approaching, the Highway and Police Departments ask that all residents keep these Township tips in mind during inclement weather.

- Avoid parking along Township roads when snow storms are anticipated. If a road is designated a Snow Emergency Route, vehicles must be removed from the roadway when there is three or more inches of snow expected.
- When a snow emergency is declared, Lower Windsor Township utilizes the major local television stations & Savvy Citizen for resident notification.
- As we receive up-to-date information from the National Weather Service, PennDot, and York County Emergency Management, we will post it to our Savvy Citizen app.
- When clearing your driveway, shovel the snow on the lower side of the driveway so that the plow doesn’t push it back into the area you have already shoveled.

Susquehanna Senior Center

Susquehanna Area Senior Center is located in the lower level of the Lower Windsor Township Building. We serve seniors 60+ who reside in York County. Our hours are Monday-Friday 8am-2pm, with free lunches served 10am-11:30am. We offer several exercise classes, crafting, wellness programs and pickleball daily. SASC is a nonprofit organization who relies upon our community for assistance. We have upcoming fundraiser events including:

- Cash bingo September 20th doors open at 10:30 am
- Fall Festival October 18th 3-6pm

We are also looking for dependable volunteers to help with meal deliveries to our home bound seniors. Volunteers can assist as little as once a month. This service ensures that our aging community members receive nutritious meals and serves as a welfare check which allows them to continue to live independently. If you would be interested in volunteering or have further questions, please contact our Executive Director Stephanie Strausbaugh at **(717) 244-0340**.

E-Cycling Locations for York County Residents

York County now has Electronics Recycling Locations! Reworld and Goodwill Keystone Area have joined forces to provide free electronics recycling locations in central and southeastern PA. The program utilizes Goodwill’s network of stores & donation centers as designated collection points for residential electronics. Reworld then takes the electronics and responsibly recycles them. York County residents can take advantage of this service at the following Goodwill locations:

- 965 Loucks Road, York
- 1120 Roosevelt Avenue, York
- 450 Eisenhower Drive, Hanover
- 535 S. Main St. Market Square Cntr, Shrewsbury

Free electronics recycling is also available at the York County Resource Recovery Center, as well as Fairfield Township and Penn Township Recycling Centers. For additional information please go to the York County Solid Waste Authority website at:

www.ycswa.com/services/recycling/electronics/.

Eastern York Recreation Authority

UPCOMING EYRA ACTIVITIES

Visit www.easternyorkrec.com for program descriptions, fees & registration information.

- October 1- Board Meeting
- October 3 – Door Hangers
- October 17 – Creatures of the Night
- November 5 – Board Meeting
- November 8 – Winter Backyard Birds
- December 3 – Board Meeting
- December 6 – Owl Prowl
- January 31 – Storytime & Finger-Knitted Snakes

Have program ideas? Like to volunteer or instruct a class? Please contact Jessica Cirilo, Director, at eyrecauthority@gmail.com or 717-487-5295.

YOUTH SPORT REGISTRATIONS

BASKETBALL – *NEW* Grades 7/8 Boys: Deadline 9/18; Grades 3-6 Boys & Girls: Deadline 10/10

SPRING SOCCER* – Open Nov-Dec. Ages 5-18. **Subject to roster availability for u9 & older*

***NEW* EASTERN YORK JR. HIGH SPRING BASEBALL** - Grades 7/8 League: Deadline 10/31.

SPRING BASEBALL – Open Dec-Feb. Ages 5-19. Includes T-ball.

SPRING SOFTBALL – Open Dec-Feb. Ages 5-18.

SKILLBUILDER BASKETBALL – Grades K-2. Watch for information Jan. 2026.

Follow us on Facebook and visit www.easternyorkrec.com for more details and registration information. **Volunteers are always needed & welcome!**

Lower Windsor Township
2025 Fall Clean-Up Coupon

TO: Lower Windsor Township Residents (**proof of residency required**).

GOOD FOR: One pickup truck load under 17,000 lbs. Anything over this weight limit must have a sticker from DEP. Contact DEP with any questions at 717-783-9258.

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS: Engines, paints, lawn mowers, tires, white appliances, electronics, batteries, yard waste, chemicals, pressurized gas containers, liquid waste, and electrical components. For further information contact Modern Landfill at 717-246-2686.

DATE: Week of **October 13-17, 2025.**

TIMES: Monday - Friday, 6:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Modern Landfill is located at 4400 Mt. Pisgah Road. **Just a reminder, Modern Landfill does NOT have weekend hours.**

ADDITIONAL COUPONS: Available at the Township office (limit of 2 per household).

Facility Rentals: Pavilions:

Did you know our pavilions have electricity and charcoal grills? The large pavilion can hold up to 120 people, while our small pavilion can hold up to 60 people. Rentals for the 2026 Season will start on January 2, 2026 and continue until Oct. 31, 2026. To book, call 717-244-6813.



Small Pavilion

Township Resident Rates: \$25.00 / day
Non-Resident Rate \$45.00 / day



Large Pavilion

Twp. Resident Rental Rate : \$50 /day
Non-Residents Rates: \$70.00 / day

Social Hall

Our social hall is available for weddings, banquets, or special events. The social hall holds up to 160 people, with chairs and tables provided. Alcoholic beverages & smoking are NOT permitted in the social hall or on Township property.

Security Deposit - \$150.00 **PLUS**

Township Resident Rate - \$50.00/hr.
Non-Resident Rate - \$75.00/hr. Proof of residency is a **REQUIREMENT** for all rentals.



The Township offices will be closed on the following dates:
Nov 27th, Nov 28th, Dec 24th, Dec. 25th & Dec 31st, 2025.

Brush Drop-Off

The Township’s highway department offers brush drop-off for Lower Windsor Township residents. Proof of residency is required.

The final brush drop-offs for the 2025 calendar year are September 13th & October 11th.

Drop offs are held from 7:00 am to 9:00 am at the LWT Highway Building located at 111 Walnut Valley Court. Signs will designate the drop-off area and employees will be available to assist. We accept brush, limbs, and any wood that is unpainted, untreated, and free of metal. **ITEMS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AT ANY OTHER TIME.**

When to Call 9-1-1

When should I call 911? Life and death emergencies and in-progress crimes against property which include, but are not limited to:

- Life threatening situations
- Fires
- Motor vehicle accidents
- Injuries requiring medical attention
- Hazardous chemical spills
- Smoke detector, carbon monoxide alarm or other alarms sounding
- Smoke in a building
- Assaults
- To get help for someone injured
- If you witness theft or breaking into a business or home
- Suspicious activity
- Non-emergency that needs immediate response

* When calling the station after business hours, do not leave a message if it is something in-progress or in need of an Officer’s immediate attention. **Call 911.**

Fall Tax Collector Sitings

Dawn R. Fitch, Tax Collector

57 New Bridgeville Road (rear)

Wrightsville, PA 17368

Phone/Fax: 717-246-2751

drfitchtaxcollector@gmail.com

2025 Fall Sitings

OFFICE HOURS

Sept. 30;

Oct. 30; Nov. 28; Dec. 30

8 AM-12PM & 4 PM-6 PM

Saturday, December 27th

9 AM-11 AM

CALL OFFICE FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS.

INTERNET CHECKS MUST INCLUDE BILL #'s

POSTMARK DATE, NOT CHECK DATE, DETERMINES WHEN TAX IS PAID.

NO POSTDATED CHECKS ACCEPTED!

NO EXCEPTIONS!

RETURNED CHECKS: A SERVICE FEE OF \$20 WILL BE CHARGED. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS ON YOUR CHECK!

ALL CURRENT real estate tax bills UNPAID by December 31st, will be turned over to the Tax Claim Bureau for collection. Additional penalties and interest will be added.

First Day of Fall

Monday, Sept. 22nd, 2025

First Day of Rifle

Hunting

Saturday, Nov. 29th, 2025

A note about your taxes

If your taxes are escrowed, it is your responsibility to contact your mortgage company to see if they need a copy of your bill. All original tax bills are sent to the homeowner.

If you need a receipt, include the entire copy of your bill (taxpayer copy and tax collector copy) with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. I will stamp and sign the taxpayer copy and return it to you for you to use as a receipt. **If you do not include both copies of your bill with your self-addressed, stamped envelope, no receipt will be returned to you.** This needs to be done for both the county & township bill and the school bills.

I do not accept any personal checks after December 9th. Money orders and cashier’s checks can still be mailed or put in the drop box beside the office door up until December 31st. I also accept credit card payments until December 31st. The website is **all-paid.com**. (please note: there is a non-refundable 2.95% fee that goes to the credit card company.) Cash can be brought to the office during office hours until December 31st. I do not recommend sending cash in the mail or putting it in the drop box.

Please put your phone number on all payments. If there is a problem this is the quickest and easiest way for me to get in touch with you!!!

Everyone in the township over the age of 18 and under the age of 65 is legally required to pay a school per capita tax. (some exceptions apply). If you have anyone in your household that is not receiving one, please contact me at my office.

All payments should be made payable to: Dawn Fitch, Tax Collector.