

# PENN Township

Selinsgrove, Snyder County, Pennsylvania

## DEP Awards Grant to Penn Township

In the fall of 2024, an Act 101, Section 902 Municipal Recycling Program Development and Implementation Grant was awarded by the Department of Environmental Protection to Penn Township to purchase a new backhoe with a grappling hook and an electronic gate system for the Compost Site. The DEP Grant Award was \$167,500.00 and the township's match was \$18,612.00 with a total approved project cost of \$186,112.00.

The equipment purchased with this grant will greatly improve the efficiency and security of the compost site recycling program. The backhoe with the grappling hook will be used to move branches and shrubs quickly and easily for placement at the site as well as the loading of these items into the grinder when processing mulch. The front bucket will be utilized in the pushing back of small brush as well as mixing compost and loading mulch. The backhoe will serve as an invaluable tool for road work as it does not have to be trailered but can be driven independently to work sites.

The electronic gate has been installed and is in working operation. Residents can come to the office to purchase an electronic key which will allow entry into the compost site seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Gone are the days when you had to plan your trips to the compost around certain days and hours.

The township is very grateful for this grant that will allow us to be more efficient as well as making our compost site more available for our residents.



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## BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Board of Supervisors meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month, 6:00 PM at the Municipal Building, 228 Clifford Road. If you have a topic you wish to discuss with the Supervisors at the meeting, you can speak under public comment on the agenda, or you can call the Township office at (570) 374-4778 to add your name to the agenda. If you speak under public comment, your time to speak could be limited.

The East Snyder Regional Recreation Association meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the East Snyder Park (weather permitting) or at the Municipal Building Board Room.

The Planning Commission - see description above. – Meet on Fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m.

The Zoning Hearing Board meets, as needed, to review zoning variance requests. The zoning hearings are advertised with the date and time and the property to which a variance may be granted, along with the reason for the variance request.

**All meetings are open to the public.**



## SELINGROVE AREA COMMUNITY POOL

Selinsgrove Area Community Pool opens Saturday, May 24, 2025 with FREE admission on Memorial Day, Monday May 26. The pool will close May 27-29 and re-open daily for the season on Friday May 30 at noon.

New to the pool this year, a second picnic pavilion, solar panels, additional lounge chairs and umbrellas.

Use our accessible, interactive Splash Pad featuring fountains, waterfalls and dump buckets. Enjoy our other amenities including enclosed tube slide, diving board, lounge chairs, umbrellas, shaded tables, lap lanes, zero-depth entry, and Bella's Pizza concession stand. See our webpage for application to host a party or gathering at our pavilions.

Watch for our annual Red Cross swim lessons, PADI Open Water SCUBA course and free water aerobics classes. In addition, Selinsgrove Stingray's summer swim team holds their practices and meets at the pool. Team sign-ups will be held in May.

Join the fun at the 2nd Annual Selinsgrove Strikes and Strokes Croquet Classic at the Rotary Field on June 7. This is a joint community event sponsored by Selinsgrove Area Recreation Inc. (Selinsgrove Pool) and Selinsgrove Project, Inc (SPI) that benefits local non-profit organizations. Sponsor a team to play for your favorite non-profit organization and win cash prizes for winning teams. See Facebook for details.

The pool is currently hiring staff and lifeguards for the 2025 season. We will host a Lifeguard Training Certification course in May. Visit [Selinsgrovepool.org](http://Selinsgrovepool.org) for employment forms and season pass applications. Take advantage of our early-bird discount pass rates through March 31st.

Donations to support the pool are tax deductible and always appreciated. Mail your contribution to SARI P.O. Box 172, Selinsgrove, PA 17870 and ask how to participate in our on-going donor recognition paint-the-block campaign.



## HELP NEEDED

Our East Snyder Regional Recreation Association needs an alternate member who would be willing to attend monthly meetings to help guide the maintenance and development of East Snyder Park. Please contact the office at 570-374-4778 or stop in if you are interested.



### PRIMARY ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 20TH

#### PENN 1 Polling Location

If you live on the south side of 522,  
you will vote at the Keystone Building Products Building

#### PENN 2 Polling Location

If you live on the north side or Selinsgrove Center side of 522,  
you will vote at the Penn Township Building, 228 Clifford Road

*Polls are open 7 am to 8 pm*



If an emergency happens, it's important to have a plan of action for you and your family. Creating an emergency contact list, making a plan for your family and having an emergency kit on hand are the most important things you can do to be prepared. **HOW TO MAKE A FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN** Your family may not be together when an emergency happens, so it is important to know how you will contact one another, how you will get back together and what you will do in case of an emergency. Below are tips to help you make an emergency plan for your family. Remember, your emergency plan should be looked at and updated several times a year.



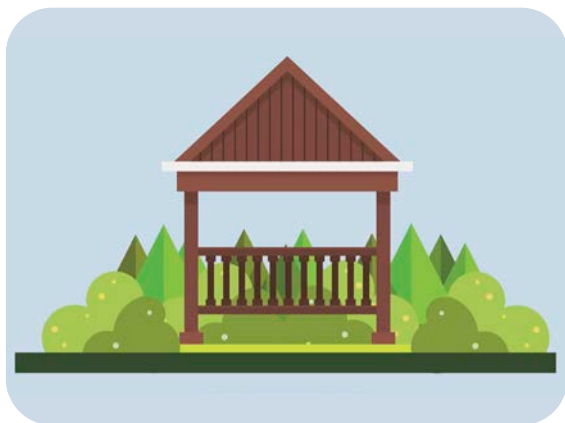
1. Meet with family members and talk about the dangers of different emergencies, including things like floods, severe weather, nuclear accidents and flu pandemics.
2. Discuss how you and your family will respond to each possible emergency.
3. If your family is not together when an emergency happens, discuss ahead of time who will pick up the children or others who depend on you as well as where you will meet if an evacuation is ordered. You should plan to meet as far away from the danger area as possible.
4. Discuss what to do in case the power is out or someone is hurt.
5. Draw a floor plan (map) of your home. List escape routes from each room.
6. Learn how to turn off the water, gas and electricity at main switches in your home. If for any reason you turn off natural gas service to your home, call your gas company to have it turned back on when the emergency is over. Do not try to restore service yourself.
7. Put emergency contact numbers near all telephones. Pre-program emergency numbers into phones with auto-dial features.
8. Teach children how and when to dial 9-1-1 to get help during an emergency.
9. Teach children how to make a telephone call to a trusted friend or relative if they are not with you during an emergency. Because it is often easier to call long-distance numbers during an emergency than local numbers, one of your emergency contacts should be from outside your area.
10. Tell family members to turn on the radio, the weather radio or television for emergency information.
11. Pick two meeting places — a place near your home and a place outside your neighborhood — in case you cannot return home after an emergency.
12. Take a basic first aid and CPR class. Contact the American Red Cross for more information at: [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) or call: 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is also available through the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) at 717-651-2141.
13. Keep important family documents and recent photos (including photos of pets) in a waterproof and fireproof safe. Inexpensive safes can be bought at most hardware stores. Every year, photocopy the front and back of the cards in your wallet and place a copy in your safe and in your emergency kit.

## ROAD WORK AHEAD

When you see the Road Work Ahead and Road Closed signs this spring and summer, please give our road crew a break. Slow down, follow the flag man's directions and don't go through road closed signs unless directed. Remember the members of our road crew are somebody's loved one that they want to see come home.



## 2025 PAVILION RENTALS - EAST SNYDER PARK



Reservations are being accepted for 2025 to hold a pavilion for your event.

If not reserved, pavilions are open to all.

Call the office 570-374-4778, email [penntwp@ptd.net](mailto:penntwp@ptd.net) or look on our online calendar to check the reservation schedule.

**[www.penn-township.net](http://www.penn-township.net) - fee is \$50 to reserve**

**Battram Pavilion #1** - nearest the horseshoe pits

**App VanNuys Pavilion #2** - behind Little League baseball field

A User's Agreement is required at the time of reservation.

This agreement is available on our website or office pickup. No reservation is official until you have contacted the township office, completed a User's Agreement and paid the fee. 570-374-4778

## RECYCLING & COMPOST PERMIT REMINDER

Please don't forget to purchase your 2025 Recycling Permit starting January 2, 2025 at the Township Office, Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$20.00 for Penn Township Residents and \$50.00 for Penn Township Businesses. The hours of recycling are Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the First Saturday of the Month from 7:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Only Residents and business owners with permits are allowed in the recycling center. Permits run by calendar year and always expire on December 31st regardless of what time of the year the permit was purchased.

**Surveillance Cameras are on site.**

**We will prosecute violators that don't have Permits!**

Purchase your 2025 Compost Permit at the Township office. The cost is \$20.00 for Penn Township Residents, \$1,000 for Penn Township Businesses and \$50 per use for out of township businesses working for residents. The new permits are an electronic key card that you can use to access the site seven days a week from dawn to dusk.

The Penn Township compost site is located at the end of Gaugler Lane, across from Salem Lutheran Church. You can take your basic grass clippings, other lawn and garden waste, leaves, trees (including Christmas trees), shrub waste, branches and unpainted or untreated wood. There are signs indicating where the different items belong. Be sure to leave your items in the correct locations.

To generate quality mulch and compost there are items that are absolutely not accepted at this site and include:

NO cat or dog waste;  
NO treated or painted wood;  
NO metal of any kind left in wood products

NO dairy products;  
NO building construction waste;  
NO meat or fish bones;  
NO fat, grease, lard or oils;

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## RECYCLING DETAILS FOR PENN TOWNSHIP

**Hours of Operation:** 7 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday and 1st Saturday of the month 7 am to 3 pm

- This is a service provided by permit for Penn Township residents and businesses only.
- Shown below, the setup and a brief description of what material will go in indicated sections.
- Residents and resident businesses have the freedom to use site during the posted hours and days, unless the site is abused. Misuse of bins will result in bins being locked and accessibility limited.
- Penn Township has one of the best reputations at LCRMS (Lycoming County Resource Management Services) for sending high-quality loads. A pat on the back for our residents and businesses! Let's keep up the good work!
- Lighting and security cameras are used to monitor the site and violators will be prosecuted.

### Some of the Basic Rules to Recycle by:

- All materials must be clean and dry.
- Food waste in or on any recyclable material is a contaminant and **NOT** accepted.
- Any chemical, oil and antifreeze containers are contaminants and **NOT** accepted.
- **No string, NO tape or NO plastic bags** allowed. (**bags only accepted holding shredded paper**)
- All containers used to bring your materials must go home with you.
- **NO lids** on any glass material. (put these metal lids with steel cans)
- **Glass Material** is accepted but only glass bottles (not plates, not knick knacks)
- **YES** to lids on any #1 and #2 plastic bottles or jugs, compress container and put lid back on.
- Loose lids are a problem when trying to bundle plastics.
- **PLASTIC #1 & #2 ONLY** (not plastic bags, not clothing hangers, not kitty litter containers, etc.)
- Lids from tin cans are **OK** and should be included in the tin bi-metal, steel bin.
- Labels are **OK** on all plastics, glass and tin cans.
- Wasted space, always an issue, it doesn't take much to flatten plastics and cardboard.
- Returning the lid will help keep plastics compacted.
- Our setup will allow for bins to be emptied only when full.
- **All boxes** whether corrugated cardboard or chipboard (cereal type) boxes must be broken down.



If you have a specific question about recycling please call the township office at (570) 374-4778 or email at [penntwp@ptd.net](mailto:penntwp@ptd.net).

See the township website at [penn-township.net](http://penn-township.net).

## DH&L FIRE COMPANY HAPPENINGS

Bring the kids for Easter eggs and fire trucks at the Dauntless Hook & Ladder Fire Company on April 19th! Doors open at 10 am to check out the fire station, trucks and firefighting equipment. Stay for free food, an Easter Egg hunt and fire truck rides. There will be tons of great photo opportunities in the trucks and with Easter bunny. The Easter egg hunt will begin promptly at 11:00 am in four age groups: 0-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Registration for the Easter egg hunt is 10:00 to 11:00 am. Come, sign up and get a gift bag from the fire company. We look forward to seeing you there!

The DH&L Spring Fling Sportsman's Raffle and Music Fest is May 17th beginning at 12:30 pm. The music runs from 1:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Prize drawings every fifteen minutes starting at 3:00 pm until 10:00 pm. There will be six live bands featuring: Kyle John, The Heartstrings, Portland Frank, Audioburn, Kinsey and Birdlaw. Free soda, water and beer during the event (no outside alcohol permitted). Food trucks will be on-site. Rip tickets and other raffles to benefit the fire company. Tickets are \$20 and you must be 21 years of age to enter. The event is open to the public and winners do not need to be present to win. Pop up tents and lawn chairs are allowed. Please note that the music will be outside on a stage this year and there will be more beer stations and restrooms.



# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the silent killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- » CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- » Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- » Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- » Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- » Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- » If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- » If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- » During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- » A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- » Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ❗ A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ❗ In 2005, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 61,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of seven calls per hour.



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# HOW TO AVOID A SCAM

## Four SIGNS THAT IT'S A SCAM

- 1. Scammers PRETEND to be from an organization you know.** Scammers often pretend to be contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, the IRS, or Medicare, or make up a name that sounds official. Some pretend to be from a business you know, like a utility company, a tech company, or even a charity asking for donations. They use technology to change the phone number that appears on your caller ID. So the name and number you see might not be real.
- 2. Scammers say there's a PROBLEM or a PRIZE.** They might say you're in trouble with the government. Or you owe money. Or someone in your family had an emergency. Or that there's a virus on your computer. Some scammers say there's a problem with one of your accounts and that you need to verify some information. Others will lie and say you won money in a lottery or sweepstakes but have to pay a fee to get it.
- 3. Scammers PRESSURE you to act immediately.** Scammers want you to act before you have time to think. If you're on the phone, they might tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story. They might threaten to arrest you, sue you, take away your driver's or business license, or deport you. They might say your computer is about to be corrupted.
- 4. Scammers tell you to PAY in a specific way.** They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company or by putting money on a gift card and then giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a check (that will later turn out to be fake), tell you to deposit it, and then send them money.



Information for this article from the Federal Trade Commission website: [ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov).

## WHAT YOU CAN DO TO AVOID A SCAM

- 1. Block unwanted calls and text messages.** Take steps to block unwanted calls and to filter unwanted text messages.
- 2. Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.** Legitimate organizations won't call, email, or text to ask for your personal information, such as your Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers. If you get an email or text message from a company you do business with and you think it's real, it's still best not to click on any links. Instead, contact them using a website you know is trustworthy. Or look up their phone number. Don't call a number they gave you or the number from your caller ID.
- 3. Resist the pressure to act immediately.** Legitimate businesses will give you time to make a decision. Anyone who pressures you to pay or give them your personal information is a scammer.
- 4. Know how scammers tell you to pay.** Never pay someone who insists you pay with a gift card or by using a money transfer service. And never deposit a check and send money back to someone.
- 5. Stop and talk to someone you trust.** Before you do anything else, tell someone — a friend, a family member, a neighbor — what happened. Talking about it could help you realize it's a scam.

If you were scammed or think you saw a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud).



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