

NORTH CORNWALL TWP.  
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# North Cornwall Township NEWS

3rd Quarter of 2012

SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER, NOVEMBER

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS

1. Trick or Treat with a grown-up & visit people you know.
2. Make sure your costume lets you see & hear well. If possible, wear face paint instead of a mask.
3. Wear a costume that fits so you don't trip over it.
4. Wear brightly colored clothing & put glow-in-the-dark patches on your costume so drivers can see you.
5. Carry a flashlight to help you see & to help you be seen.
6. Cross the street at corners & never between parked cars.
7. Let your parents or a trusted adult check all treats first!



### Attention All Pet Owners:

Remember to SPAY or NEUTER your animals. We have especially seen a swell in the cat population throughout the farm lands in the Twp.

### Protect Against Invasion!

Go to the Police Dept's page on the Twp website ([www.nctown.org](http://www.nctown.org)) to view a presentation on "Burglary Prevention and Target Hardening."



## START a CRIME WATCH GROUP

If you are interested in forming a community crime watch in your neighborhood, please contact Officer Joe Fischer in the North Cornwall Township Police Department.

Crime watch groups inform residents of what is happening in their area and are instructed on what they can do to assist the police. Officer Fischer will help your group organize and plan meetings.



**Call today! 274-0464**

## GENERAL TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

### Supervisors' Meetings:

September 4, 2012

October 2, 2012



November 13, 2012

All Board of Supervisors' meetings are open to the public. These meetings are held at the North Cornwall Township building at 7:00pm (unless otherwise indicated).

### Upcoming Holidays:

September 3, 2012  
Office Closed - Labor Day

November 6, 2012  
Office Closed - Election Day

November 11, 2012    
Veteran's Day - Thank a Soldier

November 22 & 23, 2012  
Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### Sewer Bills & Payment Methods:

**NEXT: Sept Bill (covering 5/1/12 - 8/1/12)**

The Township is not responsible for postal errors. Acceptable methods of payment are check or money-order by mail, in person or in the locked drop box located outside of the Police Dept. Payment plans can be made, but do not wait until the bill is due!

#### Amount of Time Given for Each Sewer Billing:

1. Original Bill - 30 days from mail date
2. Second & Final Notice - 15 days from mail date
3. Notice of Intent to Terminate Service - Immediately



## **NORTH CORNWALL TOWNSHIP - SEWER CUSTOMER INFORMATION**

### **HOW YOUR SEWER RATE IS CALCULATED**

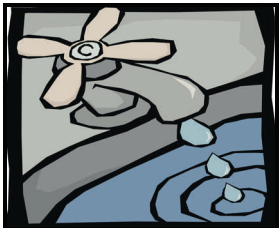
Sewer billing is based on the City of Lebanon Authority (CoLA) quarterly metered water consumptions of the Household or Business Property. For the Non-Metered Water (Well customers), billing is based on 15,000 gallons of water consumption per quarter, which is the rate that the CoLA uses and charges North Cornwall Township.

Due to the construction costs for the Waste Water Treatment Facility upgrade, the rate that the City of Lebanon Authority charges North Cornwall Township has increased in 2012. The City of Lebanon Authority is anticipating another increase in 2013.

### **WATER CONSERVATION IS THE KEY TO SEWER BILL COST SAVINGS**

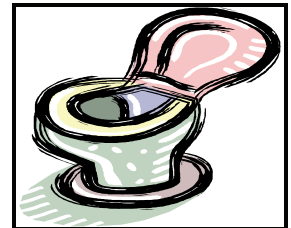
Based on the American Water Works Association Research Foundation, the average domestic water use is an estimated 69.3 gallons per person per day. This translates to 6306 gallons per person per quarter. A household's water consumption habits play a key role in the amount of gallons used per quarter. During warm weather months, activities such as lawn & garden watering, washing vehicles, filling pools, and other additional watering usages - all increase the sewer rates.

- A dripping faucet or fixture can waste 3 gallons a day....or 273 gallons per quarter.
- A leaky toilet can waste about 200 gallons of water per day...or 18,200 per quarter.
- A continuous leak from a 1/16 " hole, as in a garden hose or pipe, can waste water in the amount of 406 gallons per day ... or 37,000 gallons per quarter.



**WATER COSTS MONEY!**

**DON'T WASTE IT!**



### **WATER CONSERVATION - HANDY TIPS TO SAVE YOU MONEY**

- Install water-saving low-flush toilets, faucets, dishwashers, and front load washing machines.
- Take shorter showers and use low-flow shower heads or shower heads that have a control flow valve handle that can be regulated.
- Turn off the tap while brushing teeth, shaving, or washing dishes in the sink.
- Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator, instead of running tap for cold water.
- Only operate washing machines and dishwashers when fully loaded. Do not pre-rinse dishes prior to loading into dishwasher.
- Collect rain water into rain barrels to use for watering grass, flowers, or gardens.
- Fill pools with water from a contracted water tanker hauler.
- Wash cars and other vehicles at a car wash facility.
- Reduce lawn and gardening watering - if needed, do during early A.M. hours.

Sources:

City of Lebanon Authority, North Cornwall Township, PennState Household Water Conservation & EPA WaterSense Fact Sheet

# Public Works REMINDERS:

## TREES, SHRUBS, PLANTS & OTHER ROADWAY OBSTRUCTIONS

The Township’s streets, alleys and rural roads must maintain proper clearance along and above the roadway in order to: 1) insure the safety and welfare to the traveling public and 2) to prevent damages to Township vehicles or equipment used to maintain the streets. It is the responsibility of property owners to maintain their trees or vegetation that has grown beyond the edge of the roadway. Utilize this information and these drawings to insure that your property meets the clearance regulations. By doing so, you will not risk receiving a Notice of Violation letter from the Township’s Public Works Director or Code Enforcement Officer.

### Sight Distance Problem

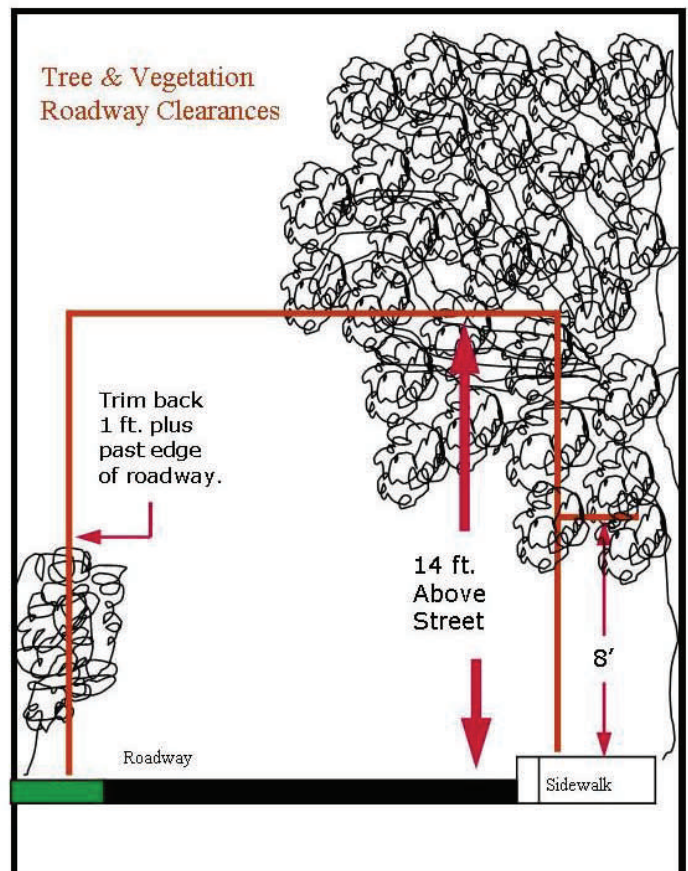
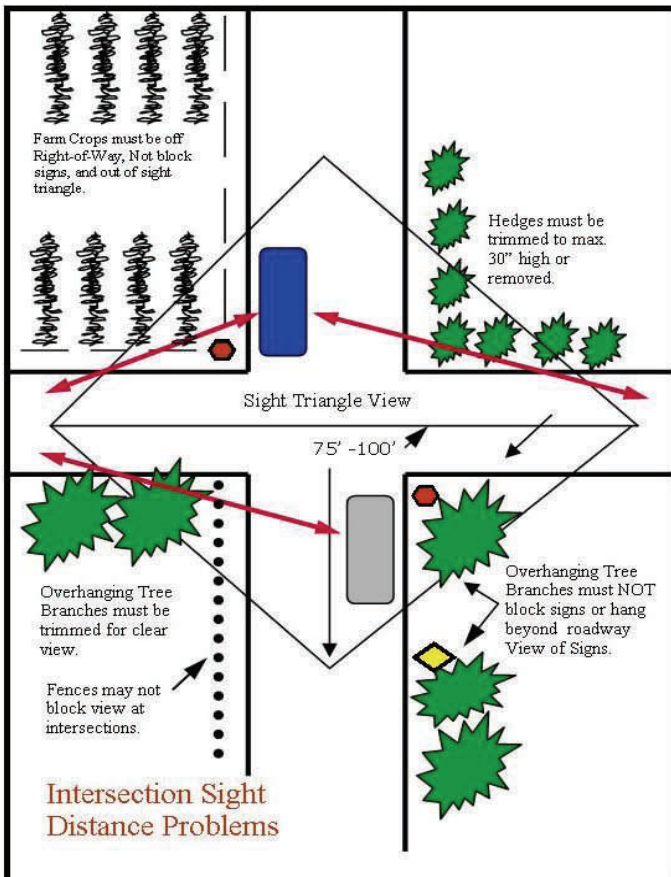
Under the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code - Section 6112, Removal of traffic hazards by Property Owner, the following is listed: “It is the duty of the owner of the real property to remove from the property any tree, plant, shrub, or other similar obstruction, or part thereof, which by obstructing the view of any driver constitutes a traffic hazard.”

### Roadway Clearance Problem

The trees or vegetation have grown beyond the edge of the roadway and/or overhanging trees are lower than the minimum 14 foot height above the roadway. This problem is a safety concern to the driving public, causing motorists to drive out of their lane of traffic. This is a liability in the event an accident should occur. Damage to vehicles hitting tree limbs and other vegetation is also a concern.

The Township’s plowing and curbside collections require the trucks and equipment to drive along the curbside or edge of the road and must clear all overhanging trees and bushes. Property owners, who do not maintain tree and vegetation overgrowth, to the Township’s specifications, run the risk of not having their tree trimmings and green/garden wastes collected.

**ORDINANCE #256 (the Street Obstruction Ordinance) now prohibits items, including but not limited to dumpsters, basketball backboards, hockey nets, yard waste out of seasonal collection and other similar materials, from being placed on the street. This was created with safety and liability issues in mind for motorists & the public. If a dumpster is needed for home improvement projects, it must be permitted through the Twp.**



# FALL CURBSIDE YARD WASTE COLLECTIONS:

October 1st-11th

## PLEASE FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES:

1. **DO NOT** place piles out earlier than 2 weeks before the scheduled collection weeks!
2. Branches and green/garden materials can be co-mingled, but must be placed on the pavement and **stacked parallel** with the street. On **narrow or heavily trafficked streets** where the materials can not be placed on the street, piles should be **as close as possible to the edge** of the pavement and **parallel** with street.
3. You no longer need to stack in smaller piles. **Piles** can be up to **8 feet long x 5 feet wide** and can be stacked up to **5 feet high**. (This is approximately a pick-up truck bed load). **DO NOT** place piles near signs, mailboxes, poles, cars, intersections or any objects which may interfere with the loading and collection.
4. **NO LEAVES** - Keep leaves out of piles! Leaves will only be collected **during the regularly scheduled fall leaf collection weeks**.
5. The daily schedule and all other existing rules and regulations will remain in effect. Branches no larger than 4" in diameter by 8' long; **NO** grass clippings, poisonous plants, stones, dirt, stumps, etc. **Please check the Township calendar for further information. If you contract with private landscapers, please notify them of these changes.**
6. Detailed information listed in your 2012 Township calendar (mailed to you at end of 2011)!



**Leaf Collection:**  
Last full week of October to first week of December  
10/22/12 - 12/6/12



## Recycling Department:



### RESIDENTS RECYCLE:

- GLASS (clear, green & brown)
- PLASTIC BOTTLES (#1 — #7)
- ALUMINUM & TIN CANS
- NEWSPAPERS
- LEAF/YARD WASTES
  - You must contract with a garbage hauler for your garbage and recycling services.
  - Your hauler will collect your glass, plastics, aluminum & newspapers curbside.
  - North Cornwall Road Crew will collect leaf/yard wastes curbside according to the seasonal schedule. Please call the office with questions.

### BUSINESSES RECYCLE:

- OFFICE PAPER
- CORRUGATED CARDBOARD
- GLASS (clear, green & brown)
- PLASTIC BOTTLES (#1 — #7)
- ALUMINUM & TIN CANS
- NEWSPAPERS
- LEAF/YARD WASTES
  - You must contract with a garbage hauler for your garbage and recycling services.
  - Your hauler will collect your paper, cardboard, glass, plastics, aluminum & newspapers.
  - Please call with questions.

### REMEMBER THESE FEW THINGS:

1. Recyclable materials (everything except leaf/yard wastes) must be collected curbside by your garbage hauler twice per month. Contact hauler for your collection schedule.
2. Leaf/yard wastes are collected by Township Road Crew. Please contact the office for schedule of collections.
3. Recycling containers are available at the Township at no charge (North Cornwall residents ONLY). First come first served.
4. **BURNING IS PROHIBITED!** Farmers with 25+ acres of a normal farming operation may obtain a permit and only burn yard materials wholly generated on their farm.
5. Littering/illegal dumping - if seen, contact the Township office immediately (717-273-9200)!