SPRING GARDEN TOWNSHIP

Newsletter

WINTER 2026



Donations Welcome! Checks payable to Spring Garden Township

Your Company Name and Logo Could be HERE!

We invite you to help us enhance our community recreation.

In return, we seek to provide a valuable return on your business exposure and advertising which includes billboard placement, printed publications, social media, and direct communication with community members that attend our programs.

The Spring Garden Township Recreation Department appreciates your support!

Please visit SpringGardenPA.myrec.com and click on programs for more information or contact the Recreation Director by email at ksprich@sgtwp.org or by phone, 717-873-0398.

Recreation Survey

Help guide future offerings.

This survey takes 3-5 minutes.

All responses are anonymous. https://bit.ly/4xFYqXr

FOLLOW US!

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Spring Garden Township Recreation

Questions? Contact the Recreation Director: Katie Sprich, ksprich@sgtwp.org

Spring Garden Township Recreation

Building community through parks, play, and creativity

RECREATION

To register and see our full list of trips visit SpringGardenPA.myrec.com. or use the QR Code above.

Pick-up for trips will be 438 E. Lancaster Street, Red Lion, PA



Philadelphia Flower Show, March 15
Cost $109 Residents, $114 Non-Residents
Deadline: February 8, Registration Limited

Enjoy the 2027 Philadelphia Flower Show at the Pennsylvania Convention Center! This year's theme is still to be announced! The Philadelphia Flower Show is the nation's largest and longest-running horticultural event and features stunning displays by the world's premier floral and landscape designers. You will explore the human connections that are created by sharing a love of flowers and gardens. Trip Includes: Transportation, Tour Escort, and Admission.

Ocean City Springfest, April 24
Cost $115 Residents, $120 Non-Residents
Deadline; March 17, Registrations Limited

Springfest boasts 2 live stages with enticing bands also features works of art and fine crafts presented by more than 200 artists. A wide variety of handmade art will be available in many mediums, including clothing, textiles, glass, jewelry, metal, painting, photography, pottery, and wood. There will be specialty food vendors with items like balsamic, olive oil, teas, honeys, spices, bakery items, and more! Trip Includes: Transportation, Tour Escort, and Admission.





New York City Day On Your Own, May 15
Cost $105 Residents, $110 Non-Residents
Deadline: April 8, Registrations Limited

A "Day on your Own"! New York City has an unbelievable array of shopping, over 150 world class museums, 18,000 restaurants and 135 Broadway theaters so there is something for everyone. Trip Includes: Transportation, Tour Escort

DC Day On Your Own, June 22
Cost $65 Residents, $70 Non-Residents
Deadline: May 13, Registrations Limited

Travel to our Nation's Capital! You will enjoy the opportunity to spend the day at the Smithsonian and surrounding areas, or take an optional visit to the National Zoo. Trip Includes: Transportation, Tour Escort



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RECREATION

RESERVE PAVILIONS ONLINE

Violet Hill Park Pavilion
340 Tri Hill Road

Elmwood Park Pavilion
1759 Third Ave.

Grantley Park Pavilion
855 Grantly Road

Windsor Park Pavilion
600 Block of Windsor Street

Resident: $30
Non-Resident: $60



Pavilions can be rented between 10:00 am to dusk from April to November. Restrooms are included with your rental. **You are responsible for removing any excess trash and clean-up.**
Pavilion Rentals are available online at SpringGardenPA.myrec.com or by scanning the QR Code

Questions? Contact the Recreation Director: Katie Sprich, ksprich@sgtwp.org

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Jennifer J.P. Clancy, Esq.

Magisterial District Judge
District Court 19-2-05
1410 Sixth Avenue York, PA 17403

WINDOW TINTING ON VEHICLES

A police officer may pull a motor vehicle traveling through Spring Garden Township over if it appears that the window tinting (sun screening) is too dark. What level of tinting is allowed by law? Generally, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation requires that 70 percent of the light contacting the windshield of all vehicles must pass through the windshield. Different types of vehicles have differing requirements for front side, rear side and rear windows. Virtually any after-market tinting added to newer vehicles will cause the vehicle to fall below the required light transmission. An officer measures tint levels on windows using a tintometer, which is calibrated regularly.

When a driver is pulled over for illegal tinting, that driver may be given a warning card or may be issued a citation under Pennsylvania's Motor Vehicle Code for unlawful activities ($25 fine plus costs). If given a warning card, a vehicle owner must remove the illegal tint and follow up with the officer within the time allowed, usually 5 days. Refusal to comply with the warning card will result in the filing of an unlawful activities citation and either an inspection by police citation ($25 fine plus costs) or an enforcement authority citation ($500 fine plus costs) at the officer's discretion.

Many citations relating to illegal window tinting are filed with District Court 19-2-05. If given a warning card, remove the illegal tint promptly to avoid the expense of fines and costs from probable citations. Continuing to drive a vehicle with illegal tinting on a roadway can result in additional stops and citations.

PUBLIC WORKS

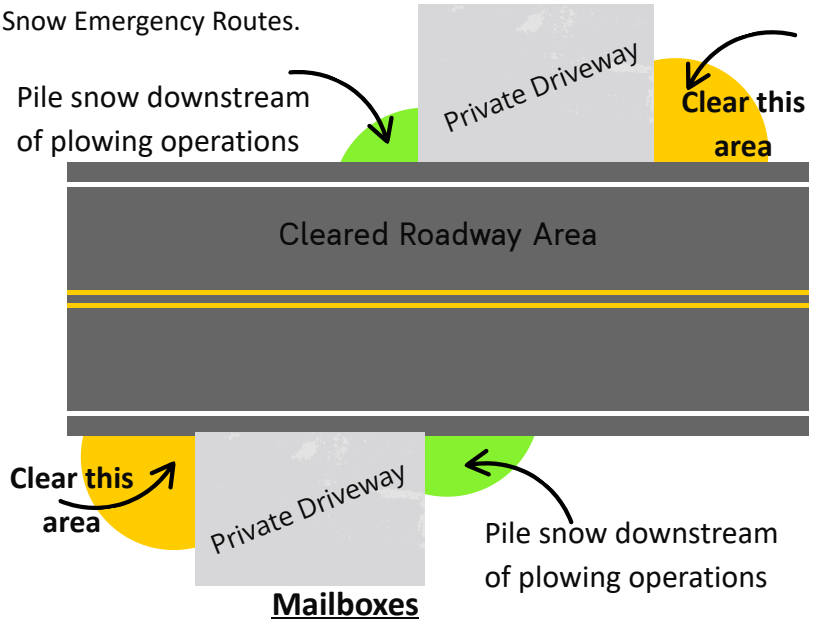
SNOW EMERGENCY ROUTES

§ 300-57- Temporary parking ban. - During a snow emergency, the Snow Emergency Official shall be authorized to declare a temporary ban on parking on any street or road within the Township which is not a snow emergency route whenever there exists upon streets and roads within the Township a substantial accumulation of ice and/or snow which, for the effective removal thereof, requires a prohibition of parking. A temporary ban on parking shall be announced in the same manner as is stated in § 300-54 of this article. The declaration and announcement shall be made not less than two hours prior to the time the snow and/or ice removal is to begin on any such specified street or road and shall state the time after which parking shall be prohibited. While snow and/or ice removal operations are in progress and until the roadway of an entire block has been substantially cleared of snow and/or ice from curb to curb, parking shall be prohibited on such streets and roads.
Visit https://ecode360.com/14755393#14755392 for a list of Snow Emergency Routes.

Driveways

It is suggested that you wait until after all plowing is complete before shoveling out the end of your driveway. If you do shovel out before the plows have come through, try to clear a spot upstream of your driveway. This will allow the snow from the plow to unload before the driveway. It won't prevent all snow from going back in the front of your driveway, but it will reduce the amount. The snow must be plowed from the street; therefore, all driveways and properties will be affected to some degree.





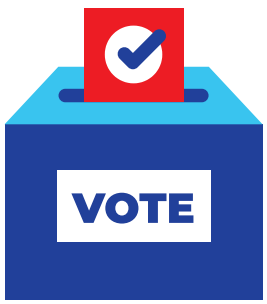
Mailboxes

Spring Garden Township WILL NOT compensate property owners should their mailbox or any other object become damaged due to the removal of snow from Township roads. Any object placed in the road right-of-way, including a mailbox, fence, landscaping, etc., is at the owner's risk. The public right-of-way is on average 50 feet wide (25 feet from the center of the roadway).

LEAF PICK UP ENDS FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2026

ELECTIONS

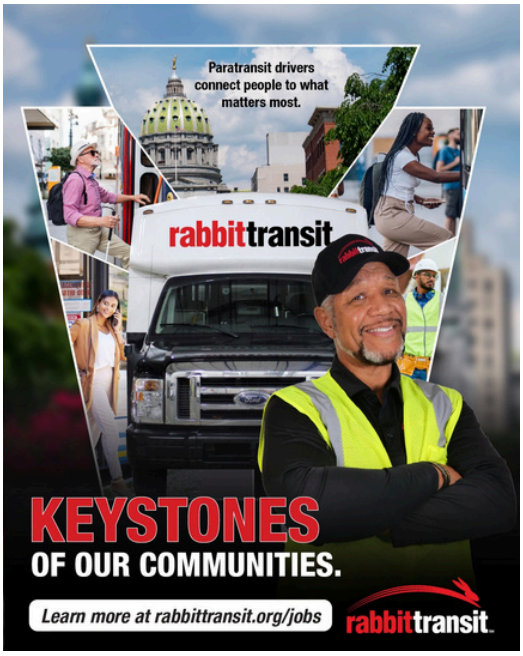
Polls open
7AM - 8PM



Election Day: Tuesday, May 18, 2027

Voting Locations

Ward 1 – York Alliance Church – Rear Entrance, 501 Rathton Road
Ward 2 - St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1502 Fourth Avenue
Ward 3 - Spring Garden Administration Building, 340 Tri Hill Rd. Suite A
Ward 4 - Grumbacher Sport & Fitness Center, York College, 899 South Richland Avenue
Ward 5 - Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 1907 Hollywood Drive
For more information visit: www.yorkcountypa.gov/969/vote-in-person
For helpful information on voting in Pennsylvania, go to www.Vote.PA.gov.
York County Voting and Elections: 717.771.9604



Paratransit Drivers are the Keystones of our Communities

Most of us rarely think twice about how we'll get to a doctor's appointment, work, the grocery store, or the people we love. But for many of our neighbors, getting there depends on someone else showing up.

Every day, rabbittransit, Central Pennsylvania's public transportation organization, provides shared ride (paratransit) service that helps older adults, veterans, people with disabilities, and others stay connected to their communities and maintain their independence.

Behind every ride is a driver.

Paratransit drivers are more than a way from one address to another. They are familiar faces, helping hands, and dependable connections to the places that matter. And there is an ongoing need for caring, reliable people willing to fill that important role.

For those interested in serving their community while building professional skills, rabbittransit provides free CDL training and opportunities to grow within public transportation.

Sometimes, being the keystone of your community starts behind the wheel.

Learn more about paratransit and career opportunities at rabbittransit.org/jobs.

PLANNING & ZONING

MS4 stands for "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System." The Township's MS4 and stormwater program protects waterways and groundwater by reducing pollution, managing runoff, limiting flooding, and promoting groundwater recharge that supports wells and streamflow. Local waterways drain into the Susquehanna River and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay.

Stormwater comes from throughout the community. In fully forested areas, forests absorb more than 90% of stormwater and pollutants. In developed areas, runoff flows over hard surfaces, collecting oil, grease, vehicle fluids, trash, fertilizer, pet waste, winter salt and de-icers, and other pollutants before carrying them into nearby waterways.



Here are some things you can do over the winter to make a difference:

- Don't pile snow in rain gardens or other stormwater facilities.
- Cover bare soil with hay or straw to prevent erosion and sedimentation.
- Plant new trees & shrubs in early winter when the ground is not frozen. Trees and shrubs will grow to absorb over 10X more stormwater than non-woody plants and grasses and they provide aesthetic value and wildlife habitat. Bonus points for using native varieties.
- Dispose of shoveled snow in vegetated areas allowing the snow to infiltrate instead of runoff.
- Use salt and de-icing chemicals sparingly and avoid spreading into vegetated areas near hard surfaces.
- Remember to clear your downspouts, gutters and drains to prevent flooding from winter snow melting. Check your road inlets to make sure they are not blocked.
- Clean up after your pets by bagging your pet's waste and throwing it in the trash. Pet waste contains bacteria, parasites, and nutrients that can be washed into local waterways.

REFUSE & RECYCLING

2026 Trash & Recycling Collection

Monday/Thursday Collection	Tuesday/Friday Collection	Yard Waste Collection	Christmas Tree Collection	Holiday

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HELP KEEP TOWNSHIP STREETS CLEAN

All trash should be placed in bags, in the toter, with the lid closed. All recycling should be placed in the toter with the lid closed. This helps to prevent debris from falling into the streets in inclement weather or during collection.

Leaf pick up will end December 18th. **After this date you MUST bag your leaves.** You CANNOT put them in the street or at the curb. Article XVI Specific Regulations addresses Illicit Discharges and water quality protection. Leaves left in the street to decompose become a contributing pollutant to the municipal storm sewer system and is prohibited.

SEWER BILLING

Do not mail or bring payments to the Township. Mail Payments To: The York Water Company–PO Box 4277 Lancaster, PA 17604-4277

ALL property sales (including refinances, deed transfers, vacant land, and on-lot systems) require a sewer certification request be submitted to the Township at least 5 business days before settlement. This guarantees that all sewer payments have been paid, and sewer billing will be sent to the correct party. The fee of $35.00 must be submitted with the completed form for the Township to process the request.

Sewer Quarterly Billing Dates

1st Quarter (Jan 1- Mar 31) - Due January 31st

2nd Quarter (Apr 1- June 30) - Due May 1st

3rd Quarter (July 1-Sept 30) - Due July 31st

4th Quarter (Oct 1- Dec 31) - Due October 31st

A 10% late fee will be assessed on any unpaid balance 15 days after the due date

The York Water Company has updated the online portal - scan the QR Code for more information

If you have used the portal to pay in the past, hit "Forgot Password" and follow directions to reset your password. Your new account # will be in the portal.

If you have not used the portal to pay in the past, you will need to contact The York Water Company to obtain your new account number to pay the Q4 sewer bill. The 2027 Q1 sewer bill will have your new account number listed.

CODE ENFORCEMENT



Make a plan NOW for your snow and ice removal. If you are not physically able to remove it yourself, get to know your neighbors so you can hire the industrious teenager down the block to shovel and salt your sidewalks, steps, and driveways. Or hire a landscaping co. who will automatically add your property to their snow/ice removal rounds.

Assess areas prone to snow accumulation, ice formation, and pedestrian traffic to prioritize removal.

Be ready: Have the tools and supplies you need to get the job done. Ensure shovels, snow blowers, plows, salt, and sand are stocked and in good condition.

Snow disposal: Avoid blocking entrances, drainage channels, or neighboring properties.

Be timely: Snow compresses under its own weight. If temperatures drop, the bottom layer can melt then refreeze into a sheet of ice. This ice bonds to the surface, making shoveling nearly impossible without de-icer. Snow that mixes with rain or melts and refreezes becomes slick and heavy, increasing both the physical strain and the danger of slips.

Bottom line: Letting snow sit before shoveling makes the job physically harder, more dangerous, and less efficient. The easiest, safest approach is to clear snow promptly in small batches before it compacts or freezes.



Better, but not done yet!

Some snow and ice has been removed, but the path is not clear



Great job!

Snow and ice have been cleared from a path at least 30 inches in width

§ 270-2 Responsibility for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks.

Every person in charge or control of any building or lot of land fronting or abutting on a paved sidewalk, whether as owner, tenant, occupant, lessee, or otherwise, shall remove and clear away or cause to be removed or cleared away, snow and/or ice from a path of at least 30 inches in width from so much of said sidewalk as is in front of or abuts on said building or lot of land.

A. Except as provided in § 270-2B hereof, snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks within 12 hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet or freezing rain.

B. In the event snow and/or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the person charged with its removal shall, within the time mentioned in Subsection A hereof, cause enough sand or other abrasive to be put on the sidewalk to make travel reasonably safe and shall, as soon thereafter as weather permits, cause to be cleared a path in said sidewalk of at least 30 inches in width.

REMINDER

If you have done that fall pruning to your trees and bushes but still have yard waste that you do not want rotting in your yard, yard waste pick up from Penn Waste ended in October, but brush drop off to our 1799 Mount Rose Ave. location is the 2nd Friday of the month beginning in November from 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Adhering to ordinance requirements for trash bins is important this time of year to avoid the challenge of trying to pry loose trash from frozen snow and ice. It is also crucial that you follow the schedule for putting your trash bins out and bringing them in, to avoid creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians so they are not driven into the street to get around them or a driver swerving around them on an icy, snowy or slushy roadway.

§ 260-1(C). The following rules and regulations are adopted for the collection of garbage and other refuse in Spring Garden Township:

(5) Filled containers shall not be placed on the curb side of the sidewalk or in the rear alley (wherever the garbage is scheduled for collection) earlier than 6:00 p.m. on the evening preceding the day scheduled for collection.

(6) Empty containers must be removed from sidewalks and alleys within 12 hours from the time the collection is made, if collection is made on the scheduled day.







The Township does not have any provisions for short-term rentals in our Ordinances.

2027 RENTAL REGISTRATIONS

Due by:

January 31, 2027

A rental property is any property occupied by anyone other than the deeded owner, whether they are related or not, regardless of compensation to the owner. Only 3 unrelated people are permitted per unit.

There is a $50 late fee beginning February 1st.

Registration applications are available on the Township website.

Under Ordinance 165, Rental Registrations are due on an annual basis no later than January 31st of each year, and cover the period of January 1 - December 31 of the year the fee is paid. There is a $200 annual registration fee for each unit.

Rental Properties are inspected by the Township on a Bi-Annual basis. The landlord or the property management company MUST be present during the inspection. A copy of the current inspection checklist is posted on the Township website. Please review the checklist before your scheduled inspection to ensure you are ready for the inspection to avoid the need for a re-inspection. Additionally, if you have a change in tenant, an inspection is required before the tenant is scheduled to move in and there is a fee required.

The Township has sent reminders to the e-mail address on file for all currently registered rental properties. If you have not recieved an email titled “2027 Rental Registration Reminder” for your rental(s) please reach out to the Township at codes@sgtwp.org or 717-848-2858 to confirm/update your contact information. If you have a property management company on file, the notice would be sent to them.

Make A Plan

Do you know what to do if disaster strikes? Let's plan it out together.
Use the form below to make a plan with your family and learn more by scanning the QR Code

Our Family's EMERGENCY Plan

Our local contact is:

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

Our out-of-town contact is:



NAME

PHONE NUMBER

We'll meet

IN THE LIVING ROOM, ON THE PORCH, ETC.



if we can meet at home

In the event of an emergency, we'll TEXT instead of calling.



NAME

will go get our family pet(s).



If we can't meet at home, we'll meet at



MEET-UP POINT IN TOWN

If we can't meet in town, we'll meet at

MEET-UP POINT IN NEARBY TOWN

York Office
1405 N. Duke St.
PO Box 15627
York, PA 17405-0156
Phone (717) 845-1584
Fax (717) 854-6376
http://www.yatb.com

Gettysburg Office
240 West Street
Gettysburg, PA 17325
Phone (717) 334-4000
Fax (717) 337-2565

email: info@yatb.com

TO: ***Business Enterprises Operating in Spring Garden Township***

RE: ***Local Business Taxes***

The York Adams Tax Bureau is Spring Garden Township's appointed tax collector for Business Privilege and Mercantile Tax (BPMT), Earned Income Tax (EIT) and Local Services Tax (LST).

All individuals, partnerships and corporations conducting or planning to conduct business within Spring Garden Township are subject to the Township's BPMT. Chapter 284 of the Codified Ordinances of Spring Garden Township defines the levy and collection of the tax, and the requirement to file an annual declaration return on or before May 15. Online filing is available at https://palite.org .

BPMT is a tax on gross receipts. A tax rate of 1.5 mills (0.0015) applies to retail and service businesses, and a tax rate of 1.0 mills (0.0010) is imposed on wholesale business. If a business conducts operations for fifteen days or longer, those receipts are subject to the tax. Manufacturing is exempt from the tax, and certain receipts may be eligible for exclusion under the law. If a business pays the BPMT to another jurisdiction or has out-of-state operations, their gross receipts would be apportioned to determine the amount taxable to Spring Garden Township.

Employers are also required to withhold EIT (a percentage of gross wages depending on where the employee lives) and LST ($52.00 per year) from their employees' pay and remit it quarterly to YATB. Individuals who are self-employed are also subject to these taxes.

Businesses must register with YATB and obtain a mercantile license prior to conducting operations in Spring Garden Township. Contact our Employer Services Department at 717-845-1584, option 2 to set up an account, or if you have questions. For further information, go to http://www.yatb.com.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Business Hours: Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Friday 7:30 am – 1:00 pm

Website: www.SpringGardenTwp.org - Phone: 717.848.2858

Email general questions to: general@sgtwp.org

Township Manager: Luther Wike, Jr. - Assistant Township Manager: Dawn Hansen

Spring Garden Township Board of Commissioners 2026				
Ward 1 David Detwiler Term Expires 2027	Ward 2 Jonathan Pinkerton Term Expires 2029	Ward 3 Anne Gray Term Expires 2027	Ward 4 Andrew Herrold Term Expires 2029	Ward 5 Thomas Gwilt Term Expires 2027

Township Meeting Dates		
Board of Commissioners, Workshop (as needed)	2nd Wednesday	5:00pm
Board of Commissioners, Business Meeting	2nd Wednesday	6:30pm
Planning Commission	1st Tuesday	6:00pm
Zoning Hearing Board	3rd Tuesday	6:00pm
Recreation Commission	3rd Wednesday	5:00pm

Spring Garden Directory	
717.848.2858	
Planning, Zoning, and Building Permits Dawn Hansen	Ext. 3
Code Enforcement and Rental Registration Trisha Rafferty	Ext. 4
Public Works Craig Ruhl, Superintendent	Ext. 6
Administration Luther Wike, Jr., Township Manager Rebecca Nicklow, Finance Administrator Karen Smeltzer, Office Assistant Eryn Arnold, Administrative Assistant	Ext. 2
Recreation Director Katie Sprich	Ext. 8

York Suburban School Taxes	
204 St Charles Way Unit E, #388 York, PA 17402-4646	717.885.1205
Drop-off: Robert Provard Education Center, 1800 Hollywood Drive, York, PA 17403	

Real Estate Taxes	
York County Treasurer	717.771.9603
28 E Market St, York, PA 17403	

Contact Information	
The York Water Company	717.845.3601
Penn Waste	717.767.4456
Columbia Gas	888.460.4332
Met-Ed	800.545.7741
Comcast	800.934.6489
SPCA	717.764.6109
Animal Control	717.916.1413
York Adams Tax Bureau	717.845.1584

Township Office Closed
Monday, September 7, 2026
Thursday, November 26, 2026
Friday, November 27, 2026

York County Regional Police Department 33 Oak Street, York, PA 17402	
Non-Emergency - 717.741.1259	
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	717.718.2383
Magisterial District Judge (19-02-05) 1410 Sixth Ave, York, PA 17403	
717.845.5508	

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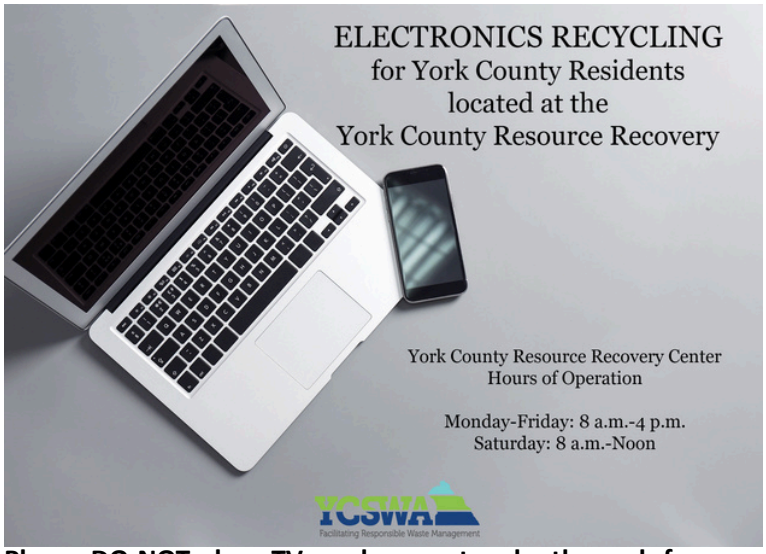
340 Tri Hill Road
York, PA 17403

VISITE WWW.SPRINGGARDENTWP.ORG PARA CONSULTAR EL BOLETÍN INFORMATIVO EN ESPAÑOL





Please DO NOT place TVs and computers by the curb for your trash hauler to pick up! Some electronics cannot be disposed of in the trash due to the toxic metals they contain. The Covered Device Recycling Act makes computer recycling and TV recycling mandatory in Pennsylvania.