



# Warwick Township

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### Warwick Emergency Services Commission

The Warwick Emergency Services Commission consists of the Lititz Fire Company, Brickerville Fire Company, Rothsville Fire Company, Brunnerville Fire Company, Warwick Ambulance, and

Rothsville Ambulance. There are two ways that you can support your local fire companies and ambulances; through volunteering and donating. Our local fire companies are 100% volunteer and are always looking for volunteers to join their ranks. Our local ambulances are staffed by volunteers and paid employees and are also looking for volunteers to serve their community. The fire companies and ambulances rely on their annual fund drives to generate the majority of their yearly budget. Locally, there is no specific tax charged for fire and ambulance services. PLEASE consider volunteering and/or donating when you receive their fund drive letter, so that they will be ready and able to respond to your call for help. If you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions, please call Warwick Emergency Services Commission Administrator Duane Ober at 626-8900 ext. 144 or 717-224-0114 (cell).

### Ordinance Update:

Warwick Township contracted with General Code to maintain its **Code of Ordinances online**. This includes all of the Ordinances that govern the Township, as well as regulatory Ordinances. Individuals may access the online Code of Ordinances at <http://www.ecode360.com/WA2488>. Throughout the year, the Township adopts **new Ordinances**, which are not immediately codified into the online version. These are found at the above link by clicking the "New Laws" tab. These new Ordinances can be printed and downloaded from the eCode360 website, and also on **Warwick Township's website** at <http://www.warwicktownship.org/planning-zoning/pages/code-of-ordinances>. The Township's website also summarizes the new Ordinances so you can quickly find these.

For instance, the Township recently updated regulations governing **domestic pets** (Ordinance #272) and **alarm systems** (Ordinance #271), among others. We are currently working to have these Ordinances **codified within the next few weeks**. This codification process is generally performed once annually, but updates are provided as needed at the "New Laws" tab and on our website.

### Revised Storm Water Management Regulations:

As part of a State mandate, Warwick Township adopted new **Storm Water Management Regulations** on April 16, 2014. The regulations affecting homeowner's can be found at this link: <http://www.warwicktownship.org/home/news/warwick-township-revised-stormwater-management-regulations-ordinance-262>.

These regulations address any **new impervious surfaces** that will be constructed on a property (patio, building addition, shed, etc.). Residents should familiarize themselves with these regulations since they **affect all properties** within the Township.

The main impact of the Township's updated ordinance is to enable an applicant to use a "Small Projects Design Assistance Guidance" permit application for impervious areas less than 2,500 square feet. Under the revised ordinance, any existing lot of record in the Township, which has undergone no impervious area additions since June 21, 2006, will be eligible for a stormwater management **exemption up to a cumulative 1,000 square feet** of new impervious area. Cumulative impervious areas between **1,001 and 2,500 square feet** would be eligible to use the "Small Projects Design Assistance Guidance" permit application. The permit application can be found at the website link above.

The purpose of the ordinance is to control runoff rates associated with impervious areas of newly developed and redeveloped properties and, in addition, to improve the quality of the stormwater runoff and to promote groundwater recharge.

## A Note From the Tax Collector



**Lancaster County and Warwick Township Real Estate Tax:** County and Township property taxes are combined on one bill and mailed annually in February. The discount period ends April 30th; the base period is May 1st to June 30th; and a penalty applies for payments received after July 1st. This tax is collected by the elected tax collector. Contact by phone: 717-626-8900 or [lreapsome@warwicktownship.org](mailto:lreapsome@warwicktownship.org). Office hours at the Warwick Township Building, 315 Clay Road, are every **Wednesday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. Also, a **24-hour drop box** for payments is located at the Municipal Building, inside 1st set of double doors. **Checks should be made payable to Lynn Reapsome, Tax Collector.**

**Streetlight User Assessment Billing:** Streetlight bills are mailed in January to only those property owners located within a streetlight district. Streetlights are only in certain subdivisions (**5%** of the properties located in Warwick Township are within a **streetlight district**). Individual streetlight bills are calculated by dividing the total Township PPL electricity cost evenly among the property owners in your streetlight district. This procedure is according to the **Second Class Township Code**, Article XX Streetlight, Section 2003, and adopted by Warwick Township by Resolution. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Reapsome at the Warwick Township Building at 717-626-8900 or by email at [lreapsome@warwicktownship.org](mailto:lreapsome@warwicktownship.org). Checks should be made payable to Warwick Township.

### Neighborhood Courtesy: A Significant Prerequisite for a Great Community

The **Lititz-Warwick** region strives to continue to be a great **community** and place to live. All great communities consist of many **great neighborhoods**. It is important that we continue to practice **neighborly courtesy** in each of our neighborhoods. Some **resident questions** that the township will frequently receive in the summer months **include** the following:

- **Maintain or cut lawns** (grass/weeds need to be maintained **below 12"**)
- **Don't park unregistered cars** in your yard; **park RVs in proper areas**. For regulations on storage of recreation vehicles, boats, campers, trailers, and trucks, refer to Section 340-26A of the Zoning Ordinance at: <http://ecode360.com/11671452>
- **Open burning is restricted** in Warwick Township. For proper waste management and opening burning guidelines, refer to the **Municipal Waste Management/Open Burning Ordinance #228**: <http://www.warwicktownship.org/recycling/pages/municipal-waste-managementburning-ordinance-228>
- Disposal of animal carcasses on roads/sidewalks: current laws allow for residents to **dispose of animal carcasses in their own trash**
- **Don't allow your dog to run at large**
- In **all zones**, **outdoor stockpiling** of any material is **prohibited in the front yard**. In any **Residential Zone**, the outdoor stockpiling of materials (**except firewood**) for more than one year is prohibited. Refer to Section 340-26B of the Zoning Ordinance at: <http://ecode360.com/11671452>

### Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Guidelines

- **Don't sweep, dump or pour any materials into storm drain inlets**
- **Don't pile or dump grass clippings, leaves, mulch or other debris in basins, swales or streams**
- **Don't apply pesticides, fertilizer or herbicides prior to or during a rainfall**
- **Clean up after your pet** and do not dump pet waste into storm inlets or drainage channels
- **Floor drains, sump pumps or wastewater discharges are not permitted** to be connected to the storm drainage system
- **Report illegal dumping to Warwick Township**

To see the Warwick Township Stormwater Management Ordinance and stormwater educational links information, refer