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## Sidewalk Maintenance

With Spring fast approaching, more people will be outside walking. Now is a good time for property owners to inspect sidewalks for cracks and heaving. These obstructions

create a hazard for pedestrians walking along the sidewalk. This situation has the potential to create a liability for property owners.

Later in the season, please be sure to remove any weeds & grass within the cracks of the sidewalk and provide continued maintenance to remove regrowth.

Warwick Township adopted a Property Maintenance Code to eliminate these unsafe conditions. Section 303.3 addresses sidewalks and driveways. The provision states that "All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces and similar areas shall be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions."

The responsibility to repair and maintain sidewalks lies with individual property owners. If your sidewalk is in need of replacement, please ensure that the construction meets the requirements of Chapter 277 of the Code of Ordinances; available online by clicking the "Administration" tab and "Code of Ordinances".



## Recycling Program

With warmer weather approaching, thoughts of spring cleaning come to mind. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1299 Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, provides Lancaster County residents convenient disposal of hazardous materials like paints, cleaners, motor oil, antifreeze, pesticides, herbicides, computers, TV's, cell phones, fluorescent bulbs and more - FREE of charge. For more information about this facility, including additional acceptable materials, call their office at 717-397-9968 or visit their website at: [http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma\\_facilities\\_hhw.cfm](http://www.lcswma.org/lcswma_facilities_hhw.cfm).

While we're thinking about recycling, let's review the basics...as most people are aware, recycling is a requirement for all homes, businesses, and institutions within Warwick Township. Every homeowner in the Township is required to recycle clear and colored glass containers, food & beverage cans, newspapers, yard waste, and plastics (with a "1" or "2" designation on the bottom). In addition, white goods and tires are also required to be recycled. Before you place any item not otherwise listed above in your recycling bin, please contact your hauler to find out if they accept additional materials as part of their recycling program.

## Vegetation Maintenance

Vegetation overgrowth is a safety concern for motorists as well as pedestrians. Chapter 300 of Warwick Township's Code of Ordinances addresses unsafe conditions caused by trees and shrubs. Following is a summary of these vegetation guidelines:

- *Must be at least 18' above the paved road surface.*
- *Must be at least 7' above a sidewalk / pedestrian access.*
- *May not block posted road signs.*
- *May not block the view of traffic at an intersection.*

Warwick Township has begun using door hangers to notify residents of hazards being caused by vegetation growing on their property. The photos at right illustrate the proper way to trim vegetation. The photos to the left are before, and the photos to the right are the same locations after trimming.

