

# BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH

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Dear Edgeworth Resident,

Here is some pre-holiday news that may be of interest to you. Save the enclosed 2016 Rubbish and Recycling Collection Fact Sheet and Schedule. Please refer to this throughout the year so you'll know when garbage collection/curbside recycling is delayed a day due to a major holiday. Have a wonderful holiday season!

## LEAF COLLECTION

Mid- December is the time for our Public Works Department to convert its equipment from leaf removal to snow removal/salting. **Residents need to have their yards raked and have leaves ready for curbside pick-up. We will make the final pass along each street beginning the third week of December (12/14/15 -weather permitting).** The Borough will again collect leaves in bulk in the spring for a two week period beginning **April 2016**. In between these times, leaves can be bagged and placed at the curb for Waste Management Company's regular pick-up on Wednesdays.

## HOLIDAY GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no delay in the regular Wednesday garbage collection/curbside recycling schedule this year since Christmas and New Year's both fall on a Friday. Due to the large volume of trash generated at this time of year, it often takes more than one day to complete collection of the entire Borough especially the week after Christmas. Your patience and cooperation are appreciated and remember not to put your trash out at the street too early during the holiday season. The upcoming holidays: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and President's Day are not days off for the Borough's waste hauler and collection will be as usual during these weeks.

## CURBSIDE RECYCLING UPDATE

Curbside recycling in Edgeworth began in July. There has been a very good response so far - about 300 households have purchased recycle containers. If you have not yet picked up your green plastic recycle container, you can do so during regular business hours at the Borough Building. The 32 gallon can costs \$15 and lid is optional for \$5. Unless you live on a private lane or drive which cannot be accessed by the large recycle truck, we encourage you to recycle and use the curbside option as this is cheaper than using the drop off center. Either way recycling will cut down on the tonnage of garbage hauled to a landfill.

Top Recycled Items:

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|---------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Cardboard  | 4. Mail          | 7. Glass/plastic jars |
| 2. Paper      | 5. Cans          | 8. Jugs               |
| 3. Food boxes | 6. Glass bottles | 9. Plastic bottles    |

## NEIGHBORHOOD ETIQUETTE

A recent State-wide survey shows that Edgeworth is one of the best suburban places to live and raise a family. There are many positives to our community – such as housing, schools and safety. An often overlooked key to a good community is having good neighbors. What actually makes a good neighbor? Here are some tips on how to be a considerate member of your neighborhood:

- Make sure your sidewalk is shoveled this winter. Don't throw out into the street as this is a safety hazard.
- Make sure your leaves are raked up this fall and don't blow around the neighborhood. Don't pile your leaves in front of your neighbor's house.
- Keep low overhanging trees and shrubs near the public sidewalk trimmed so they do not interfere with pedestrian safety
- Pick up a newspaper if your neighbor is away
- Don't put your trash out earlier than 24 hours ahead of time
- Make sure your guests/contractor's vehicles don't block your neighbor's driveway
- Don't make excessive noise especially at night or early morning. Be respectful if you throw a party
- Pick up and dispose of your dog's waste properly – it is rude to bag it and leave it front of someone else's house!
- If you have an issue with a neighbor – go directly to that person and discuss as an adult

## NO INCREASE IN PROPERTY TAX RATE

Borough Council plans to set the property tax millage rate and adopt the budget for 2016 at the regular monthly meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup>. There is a public hearing on the proposed budget scheduled for 7:15 PM. A copy of the proposed budget is available for inspection in the Borough Office during regular business hours: 9 AM to 5 PM weekdays. For the past 13 years (2004-2016), the millage rate has remained at the same level. The tax rate for 2016 will be unchanged and remain at 4.15 mills (\$4.15 for each \$1,000 of assessed valuation). Tax bills will be mailed in mid- May. Anyone wishing to appeal their Allegheny County property assessment can do so in January 2016.

## EDGEWORTH EMPLOYEES HOLIDAY FUND

In appreciation of the efforts of our Borough employees (police, public works and office staff), Mayor Wayne T. Murphy reminds any residents wishing to contribute to the “**Edgeworth Employees Holiday Fund**” to either mail their checks to the Edgeworth Borough Building, 301 Beaver Road, Edgeworth, PA 15143, or drop them off at the Borough Building. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated.



***Happy Holidays from all of us at the Borough Building!***