



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA



VISITPA.COM

Autum arrives next week and Pennsylvania has some of the most beautiful state parks that are not only perfect for leaf-peeping but **FREE!** [Click here to for the best of the fall foliage PA has to offer!](#)

PHEEA



Financial Aid Timeline— Know What To Do When

This 1-hour presentation will provide the starting points and web resources for effective research before, during, and after your student makes postsecondary decisions. The journey will begin before high school and end in the land of understanding choices. One thing is for certain—it is never too early to start planning for a successful higher education experience. Join PHEAA's PA Forward and Keystone Student Loan Team as they guide you along the exciting, and sometimes bumpy, road to planning for an affordable education. Knowing what to expect and to plan for is the key; failing to plan is planning to fail!



Event Dates

Tuesday, November 4
Noon (ET)

Thursday, November 20
6:30 PM (ET)



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Understanding the Offer Letter and Balances

In this 1-hour webinar, PHEAA representatives Amanda Snyder, William McGinley, and Laura Worley of PA Forward and Keystone Student Loans will guide you through understanding and navigating the types of aid listed, what you are being offered, how to identify remaining balances, and the next steps you should take to make informed and affordable decisions.

Q&A interaction is encouraged.



Event Dates

Tuesday, December 2
Noon (ET)

Thursday, December 18
6:30 PM (ET)



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MONTGOMERY COUNTY



Montco Trail Challenge

New in 2025!
Twining Valley Park

2025 Challenge
April 26 - December 1

Get Started Today!

1. Register yourself and your household.
2. Print or pick-up a Montco Trail Challenge card.
3. Get out and go! Visit as many participating trails as you can and write in 3 of your own parks or trails.
4. Record your trail symbols and submit your results online or at a drop box.

Go to our website
montgomerycountypa.gov/trailchallenge
or scan QR code

Register 

Submit 

Montco Trail Challenge

The 2025 Montco Trail Challenge is on! The Trail Challenge is an annual family-friendly program that encourages participants to track their visits to select Montgomery County trails and identify specific markers, similar to a scavenger hunt.

April 26 – December 1

Click here for more info: Montco Trail Challenge | Montgomery County, PA - Official Website



Funding for the Community Traffic Safety Program is provided by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation Community Traffic Safety Project Grant.

Montco Agventure

Have fun with our bingo-style game and explore MontcoPA farms, support producers, and win prizes!

Participate now until November 30

montgomerycountypa.gov/MontcoAgventure

Montco Agventure

Montco Agventure is a fun way to discover farms here in Montgomery County. Get in on the action and start having your agventure today! [Click here to learn more!](#)

Montco Trail Challenge

TRICK OR TRAILS

Saturday, October 11
(Rain date: Sunday, October 12)

10 AM - 12 PM | Norristown Farm Park
2500 Upper Farm Road | East Norriton, PA 19403
(Enter at Germantown Pike and Park in Lot 3 near the pavilion)

Family-friendly event where children can explore Norristown Farm Park and 'trick or treat' for safe and healthy prizes. Wear your sneakers. Questions? Email trailchallenge@montgomerycountypa.gov

~ COSTUMES OPTIONAL ~

Register by Thursday, October 9

www.montgomerycountypa.gov/trailchallenge

Montco Trick or Trials

Join us on Saturday, October 11 at the Norristown Farm Park for Trick or Trails 🎃 🚶

[Register today by clicking here!](#)



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

2025 MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA RESIDENTIAL EVENTS

By Appointment Only. Preregistration is Required.

Register at www.MontcoPARecycles.org

DATES:

Saturday, April 26

Indian Valley Middle School
130 Maple Avenue, Harleysville

Saturday, June 7

Temple University–Ambler Campus
Enter at 1431 E. Butler Pike, Ambler

Saturday, June 21

Norristown Area High School
1900 Eagle Drive, Norristown

Saturday, June 28

Abington Middle School
Enter at 2056 Susquehanna Road, Abington

Saturday, September 20

Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center
400 South Lewis Road, Royersford

SUNDAY, October 12

Lower Merion Transfer Station
1300 N. Woodbine Avenue, Penn Valley

Free residential collection events are held outdoors. There are no permanent drop off locations, only these collection events. Montco residents may also attend any Household Hazardous Waste event held by [Bucks](#), [Chester](#), [Delaware](#), or [Philadelphia](#) Counties.

Please do not contact the host sites, as they are not affiliated with the events.

In case of severe weather, call 610.278.3618, option 6 for event status.

Contact us at:

Recycling@MontgomeryCountyPA.gov
610.278.3618



MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Neil Makhija, *Chair* • Jamila H. Winder, *Commissioner* • Thomas DiBello, *Commissioner*

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENTS

Registration is now available for the 2025 Montco Household Hazardous Waste events. Click on the link above for the list of scheduled events. [To register, click here](#) and select the preferred date and time. Register for only one (1) time slot and print the ticket. If unable to print the ticket, write the date of the event and time on a piece of paper and have it displayed on the dashboard of your vehicle for the staff to see. **Attendees MUST remain in their vehicle at all times and any personal items should be removed from your trunk.**

NO TV's or Electronics and NO Latex Paint is accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste events. Businesses and contractors will be turned away.



Vape Buy-Back Program

Parents and guardians of teens, the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services is launching its 3rd cohort this Fall!

Here's how the program works:

- Parents can complete an interest form, which is available [here](#).
- Families will receive an email with more information along with a DocuSign permission slip.

- A pre-paid envelope is mailed directly to the family for returning the vape safely and confidentially.
- Teens participate in ten (10) one-hour virtual sessions. Once completed they earn a **\$100 reward**.

[Watch the video link to learn more.](#)

LOWER GWYNEDD



Going Green Award

The Lower Gwynedd Environmental Council is accepting nominations for the 2025 Going Green Award.

This award recognizes sustainability initiatives that improve or protect the environment and our natural resources and raises awareness about important environmental issues. Area of focus will include energy; water; sustainable land practices; waste minimization; and community outreach and betterment. For more information please visit: [Going Green Award | Lower Gwynedd Township](#)



Cider WITH COPS



A Halloween Safety Event

Please join your neighbors and Lower Gwynedd Township police for cider and conversations on Halloween safety.



25
October

11 AM
- **1 PM**



Giant
1121 N. Bethlehem Pike
Springhouse, PA 19477



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Unit



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NORTH WALES



NORTH WALES PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD PRESENTS

JACK O LANTERN CRAWL

WEINGARTNER PARK, 200 SUMMIT STREET

BRING YOUR CARVED PUMPKINS AND PUT THEM ON DISPLAY FOR ALL TO SEE! COME STROLL THROUGH THE PARK, SIP SOME CIDER, AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PUMPKIN!

Oct 25, 2025	TIMES: SET UP: 4-5 PM STROLL: 5-7 PM	NO OPEN FLAMES!
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PARTICIPANTS WILL BE GIVEN A VOTING NUMBER UPON SETUP. ENTRIES MUST BE CARVED. BRING YOUR OWN TABLES FOR DISPLAYS. 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE RIBBONS WILL BE AWARDED!

Participants are responsible for removing their pumpkins after the event concludes.

UPPER GWYNEDD

FALL Festival



OCT
18
11A-3P



Crafts, Vendors, Food Trucks, Games, and more!

Upper Gwynedd Township
Parkside Pavilion



2025 NATIVE TREE GIVEAWAY

UPDATED LIST

You might not know it, but Fall is an excellent time to plant trees! The Environmental Advisory Council is having its annual native tree giveaway Friday, October 24th from 4 PM to 7 PM at the Pavilion at Parkside Place. No reservations will be accepted – this will be on a first come, first serve basis for Upper Gwynedd Township residents only. There is a limit of 3 trees or shrubs per household. A variety of native trees and shrubs, mostly in #3 containers, will be available for residents to take home, including the following:

Trees

Alleghany serviceberry (*Amelanchier laevis*)
Umbrella Magnolia (*Magnolia tripetala*)
American Plum (*Prunus americana*)
Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*)
Pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*)
Redbud (*Cercis canadensis*)
Sugar maple (*Acer saccharum*)
White Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*)
Sweet Birch (*Betula lenta*)
Pagoda Dogwood (*Cornus alternifolia*)

Shrubs

Red osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*)
American Hazelnut (*Corylus americana*)
Sweet Pepperbush (*Clethra alnifolia*)
Witchhazel (*Hamamelis virginiana*)
Smooth Hydrangea (*Hydrangea arborescens*)
Red Chokeberry (*Photinia pyrifolia*)
Mapleleaf Viburnum (*Viburnum acerifolium*)

WHITPAIN



JOIN THE WHITPAIN ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COUNCIL AND PARKS AND OPEN
SPACE BOARD AND

Take a Guided Walk* on Whitpain's Nature Trails



Learn about **native** and **invasive plants** in our local parks with **expert John Cassels**, the Mid-Atlantic Field Coordinator at LWLA.

***Walks will last about an hour and are at a leisurely walking pace.**

Learn more and
register:



- **October 18 at 10am at Mermaid Lake Park**

**Guided Walk on
Whitpain's Nature
Trails**

**Join Whitpain
Township for a
guided walk-
through Mermaid
Lake Park and
learn more about
native, non-native
and invasive
plants. [Sign up](#)**

FREE NATIVE SHRUBS & SMALL TREES GIVEAWAY

All plants must be reserved by
October 31st.

Reserve Yours here:

<https://gformsapp.com/f/1wZ49CurNYfVxQvkerxfXBn9BoZLKT6zab16S2de2jv4/en/>



Pick Up: Nov 8th, 9.00am till 11.00am

Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Rd,
Outside Police Station Lobby

Organized by Whitpain Township Environmental Advisory Council. Plants sponsored by
Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Interfaith Power and Light organization.

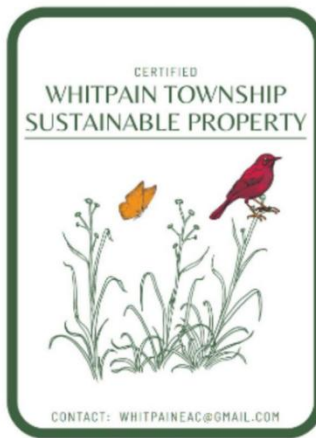
[here!](#)

Wissahickon Valley Public Library

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SUSTAINABLE PROPERTY PROGRAM

in collaboration with WHITPAIN TOWNSHIP EAC



WORKSHOPS
& SPEAKERS



EDUCATIONAL
RESOURCES &
TIPS

METAL YARD SIGNS
AWARDED TO
QUALIFIED APPLICANTS

LEARN MORE
AT OUR
WEBPAGE:



Tuesday, October 28, 6:00pm,

Blue Bell Library

To Register: sustainableprop.eventbrite.com

Whitpain Township EAC Battery & Media & Watch Recycling Event

When: October 11, 2025

Time: 9am - 11am

Where: Outside of Township Building

Details of Acceptable Items: [HERE](#)

Whitpain EAC 2025 Recycling Event Battery & Media & Wrist Watches

Drop off Dates: March 8, June 7, and October 11, 2025

Time: 9am to 11am

Where: Outside Police Station Lobby, Whitpain Township Building, 960 Wentz Rd

Collection of Used Batteries, Disc Media, and Wrist Watches are being collected and recycled for Whitpain Township residents three times per year. Details of all acceptable items:

Household Battery Details:

Batteries that are accepted for recycling include:

Alkaline, Zinc-Carbon, Nickel, Lithium, Mercury, Silver Oxide, Coin/Button Cells, Lead Acid, including rechargeable and single use batteries

Large volumes of batteries cannot be handled by this program as it is designed for small volumes of batteries used by Whitpain Township residents. We **do not** accept car batteries or any industrial batteries.

Alkaline Batteries:

- No need to tape alkaline batteries
- Corroded alkaline batteries must be separated into clear plastic baggies

Lithium Battery Taping Instructions:

All lithium batteries and batteries over 9V (small tool batteries) **MUST BE TAPED**. Terminals must be covered with clear scotch tape (do not use packing, electrical, or duct tape) to prevent accidental short-circuiting during shipping, which could cause a fire. Most hearing aid, watch, and button batteries are lithium and must be taped.



Easy taping method: Line up batteries, apply a strip of tape to them, flip them over, and put another piece of tape on top.

See Cirba Solutions.com to learn the benefits of battery recycling.

Acceptable Media/Tapes/Cases/Film items

- **Disk Media:** CDs, CD-Rs, CD-RWs, DVDs, DVD-Rs, Blu-ray, LaserDisc, 3.5" and 5.25" floppy disks, zip and jaz disks, and cases.
- **Tapes:** VHS-all types, audio cassette tapes, 8mm, Hi8, mini DV, DAT, DLT, LTO, Beta, BetaCam, BetaMax U matic/ 3/4" tape, DVCam, Digibeta, 8-Track, reel-to-reel audio, and cases.
- **Cases:** All types of plastic CD and DVD cases, All types of plastic video and audio tape cases.
- **Film:** Black and White film-related items only. Please do not include color film or any type of photograph.
 - Black & White Photographic film negatives, instant film and sheets, sheet film, Advanced Photo System, slides, Disc film, 110, 126, 127, 120/220
 - Black & White or undeveloped only: Motion picture film, film reels, Super 8, 8mm, 9.5mm, 16mm, 35mm, 70mm.
 - Black and white only: microfilm, microfiche, lithographic film.
 - Medical x-ray, industrial x-ray.

See GreenDisc.com for more information on the media recycling provider

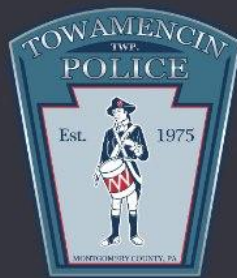
Acceptable Watch Items:

Any brand wrist or pocket watch - Mechanical or Quartz (battery operated)

See We Recycle Old Watches.com for more information on the watch recycling provider

TOWAMENCIN

Come join us for a spooktacular event at North Penn High School! Get ready for a night of fun, candy, and community spirit. Dress in your favorite costume and enjoy a safe and festive atmosphere. Our First Responders will be there with their vehicles filled with treats for all the trick-or-treaters. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to meet and greet our local heroes. See you there!



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OCTOBER 25TH
STARTING AT 5 PM