

# UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER

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## Upper Yoder Township ...

is located in the southwest corner of Cambria County and borders Westmoreland and Somerset Counties. It is situated at the foothills of the Laurel Mountains and is a mix of both rural and residential development. The Southwest section is mostly farmlands, with rolling hills and mountain ridges.

The Township is 11.7 square miles in area with 24.48 miles of accepted Township Roadways and traversed by several major highways. These include Menoher Highway (Rt. 271), Goucher Street (Rt. 11007), Ferndale Avenue (Rt. 403) and Franklin Street (Rt. 985). The population of the Township as of the last 2020 year Census is 5,147 however, the daytime population swells to approx. 10,000 people.

There are three elderly homes, several apartment building complexes, professional office / medical buildings, golf course, food markets, one school and the Hiram G. Andrews Rehabilitation Center located within the Township. Nearby is Laurel Highlands Hiking Trail PA-DCNR, which is open for hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, with access to State Game lands for public hunting.

## Upper Yoder Township

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Johnstown, PA 15905

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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM

### Executive Secretary— Office Manager

Alice Hummel

### Assistant Township Secretary

Greta Lavelly

## Township Supervisors

**Edward Barzeski** - Chairman    **Kyle Shaffer** - Vice Chairman  
**Sue Konvolinka** - Treasurer    **Paul Pioli** - Supervisor    **Bob Amistadi** - Supervisor  
David A. Raho, Solicitor

Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM  
Email: [uytwp@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:uytwp@atlanticbbn.net)

### Road Commissioner

Ed Barzeski

### Police Commissioner

Paul Pioli

## Sewer Authority

**Vernon Walker** - Chairman    **Kevin Evans** - Vice-Chairman/Secretary  
**James Drapchak** - Treasurer    **John Heider** - Assistant Treasurer  
**James Peters** - Assistant Secretary    **David A. Raho**, Solicitor

Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM  
Email: [uytwpauthority@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:uytwpauthority@atlanticbbn.net)

## Planning Commission

**Roy Shaffer** - Chairman    **Edward Berkhammer**  
**Kevin Evans**    **Jack Goss**    **Thomas Polacek**

Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM (**as needed**)  
Plans & Applications should be received in the Township office,  
no later than ten (10) days prior to the meeting date.  
Email: [uytwp@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:uytwp@atlanticbbn.net)

## Zoning Hearing Board

**John Onufro**, Chairman    **John Knoll Jr.**    **William R McGhee**  
**Robert Varner**, Alternate    **Messina Law Office**, Solicitor

Meetings are held and advertised, on an as needed basis.

**Garbage / Recycling Bills** are issued in January and are due on or before March 31st.

**Sewer Bills** are issued quarterly in February, May, August and November, and are due at the end of those respective months. If payments are not received on or before the due dates, a past due penalty will be charged.

**ONLINE PAYMENTS:** [www.upperyodertownship.org](http://www.upperyodertownship.org)

Login with: **Account Number** and **CID number** listed on your bill .

### **Online payments options:**

- ACH Checking Account Payments (**NO** processing fees apply)
- The above listed Credit Cards are accepted at the Township Office & Website and are subject to a per transaction service fee of 2.65% or \$3.00 minimum processing fee by the payment processing company for this service.

# PayOnline



## GARBAGE AND SEWER PAYMENTS ARE ACCEPTED AT



**SLOVENIAN  
SAVINGS & LOAN**

*Big Enough to Serve You, Small Enough to Care. Since 1915.*

**585 Goucher Street, Johnstown, PA 15905**

### Lobby Hours

Monday – Thursday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM  
Friday 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

### Drive-up Hours:

Monday – Thursday 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM  
Friday 8:30 AM – 6:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon



Member FDIC

**1739 Lyter Drive, Johnstown, PA 15905**

### Office & Drive-thru hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 am 4:30pm  
Friday 8:00 am—6:00pm  
Saturday 8:30 am—12:00 pm

## Stay Connected With Us!

If experiencing an emergency call 911



@upperryoderfire

[www.upperryoderfire.org](http://www.upperryoderfire.org)



@upperryoderfire

In early March, the Upper Yoder Volunteer Fire Company, mailed out our subscription drive for the organization. This drive is one of our main fundraisers for the year. Your support is appreciated. If you do not receive your mailing, you may contact the station at 814-255-3222 or you can also go online to [www.upperryoderfire.org](http://www.upperryoderfire.org) and go under the EMS (Ambulance) tab to subscribe online.

If you are interested in First Aid or CPR classes, please contact the station via email [info@upperryoderfire.org](mailto:info@upperryoderfire.org).

In May, 2023, Upper Yoder Township passed a Lock Box Ordinance for commercial properties and houses of worship. This requires commercial properties, residential facilities with a common entrance, and houses of worship to have a lock box outside their building to allow Emergency Services Access to the keys for the property in the event of an emergency. This box reduces the damage which may occur in the event of a fire or medical emergency. You can access our website to find out more information and a link to the lock box.

<https://www.upperryoderfire.org/lock-box-ordinance>.

## A FEW REASONS YOUR WATER SERVICE CAN BE SHUT OFF:



IF YOU,

- DO NOT PAY YOUR BILL
- FAIL TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS
- DO NOT ALLOW THE COMPANY ACCESS TO ITS EQUIPMENT
- ARE CAUGHT STEALING UTILITY SERVICE
- OBTAIN SERVICE THROUGH FRAUD
- TAMPER WITH YOUR METER
- WRITE BAD CHECKS TO STOP TERMINATION

Before service is shut off, the utility company will take the following steps: Send a 10-Day Notice. Once the notice is received, within the next 60 days service could be terminated.

## To Report a Street Light Outage

Visit [www. Penelec.com](http://www.Penelec.com). Select the outages tab. This will allow you to fill out a form to report the outage. Please provide the street name and pole number.

If the light presents a hazardous situation, such as broken glass, danger of falling, or exposed wires, **do not** complete the online form. Call **1-888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877)** immediately.



**Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.**

811 protects you and your community! Hitting a buried line while digging can disrupt utility service, cost money to repair, or cause serious injury or death. Always contact your 811 center,

wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before putting a shovel in the ground.

### CONTACTING 811 IS IMPORTANT

All digging requires contacting 811. Dial 811 or online at <https://www.pa1call.org/> Prepare to share the location and details of the digging project. A ticket number and instructions will be provided to indicate how much time utilities have to respond to the request and how to confirm that all utilities have been identified with paint or flags, see color coded chart.

### WHAT'S NEXT? Digging Safely

After all utilities responded to the request, **it's time to roll up your sleeves and get to work!** Make sure to always dig carefully around the marks, not on them. Some utility lines may be buried at a shallow depth, and an unintended shovel thrust can bring you right back to square one facing potentially dangerous and/or costly consequences. All new digging jobs require a call to 811.

### COLOR CODE CGA/APWA TEMPORARY MARKING GUIDELINES ANSI STANDARD Z535.1

<b>WHITE</b>	Proposed Excavation
<b>PINK</b>	Temporary Survey Markings
<b>RED</b>	Electric Power Lines, Cables, Conduit and Lighting Cables
<b>YELLOW</b>	Gas, Oil, Steam, Petroleum or Gaseous Materials
<b>ORANGE</b>	Communication, Alarm or Signal Lines, Cables or Conduit and Traffic Loops
<b>BLUE</b>	Potable Water
<b>PURPLE</b>	Reclaimed Water, Irrigation and Slurry Lines
<b>GREEN</b>	Sewer and Drain Lines



**THREE BUSINESS DAYS  
BEFORE YOU  
DIG - DRILL - BLAST**  
DIAL 8-1-1 or 1-800-242-1776  
[www.paonecall.org](http://www.paonecall.org)

# Pro Disposal, Inc.

## 2024 GARBAGE COLLECTION & RECYCLING SERVICES

All items must be boxed, bagged, bundled or placed in containers, so that the collectors can pick up the bags easier and throw them into the truck. The larger cans cannot be picked up as they are too heavy.

Do not put loose materials in the cans. Any small loose items dumped on the ground will be left at the curb. The collectors will make no return trips.

**ITEMS EXCLUDED** - Tires, car parts, car batteries, heavy metals (cast iron, steel, etc.), construction and demolition building materials, paints in liquid form (hardened or dry is fine - must remove lids), oil or any liquids, large appliances such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, dish washers, etc., any items containing freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, de-humidifiers, etc.), hazardous or bio-hazardous wastes.

**DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONICS - COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS, MONITORS, AND TELEVISIONS will no longer be accepted by the garbage collector.** The Covered Device Recycling Act of 2010 became effective Jan. 2013 which states waste haulers cannot accept these items. They must be recycled as they contain heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury, platinum, copper, iron, aluminum, etc. and are not to be disposed of in the landfills. The law also requires manufacturers to provide for the recycling of these items through various programs such as one-day events, or mail-back options. Some retailers also accept electronics for recycling. A list of collection opportunities, including those offered by manufacturers and retailers, is available by calling DEP's toll-free recycling hotline at (800) 346-4242. Questions concerning discarding the items listed above may also be directed to the Cambria County Solid Waste Authority at (814) 472-2109 or visit their website at [www.cambriarecycles.org](http://www.cambriarecycles.org). Cambria County Solid Waste Authority also has appliance pickup dates or hazardous waste collections.

## 2024 GARBAGE COLLECTION & RECYCLING SERVICES

are provided by PRO DISPOSAL INC. 814-266-5620—814-736-3631

2023 Garbage Fee is \$165.00 and Recycling Fee is \$60.00

Weekly Limit - No more than 3 garbage cans or 4 plastic bags.

Garbage must be at the curbside by 6:00 am the day of collection

### 2024 Garbage Collection Holiday Schedule

**New Year's Holiday** - Monday, January 1, 2024

All regular residential customer collections will be picked up one day late.

**Memorial Day Holiday** - Monday, May 27, 2024

All regular residential customer collections will be picked up one day late.

**Independence Day Holiday** - Thursday, July 4, 2024

All Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday regular residential customer collections will be picked up as normal. All Thursday regular residential collection will be picked up one day late.

**Labor Day Holiday** - Monday, September 2, 2024

All regular residential customer collections will be picked up one day late.

**Thanksgiving Day Holiday** - Thursday, November 28, 2024

All Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday regular residential collection will be picked up as normal.

All Thursday regular residential collection will be picked up one day late.

**Christmas Holiday** - Wednesday, December 25, 2024

All Monday & Tuesday regular residential collection will be picked up as normal. All Wednesday & Thursday regular residential customer collections will be picked up one day late.

## 2024 UPPER YODER RECYCLING SCHEDULE

**DENOTES HOLIDAY**

**DENOTES RECYCLING**

### COLLECTION OF RECYCLABLES (*Glass is no longer accepted*)

The following materials are recyclable: Aluminum Cans \* Steel and Bi-metallic Cans \* Plastics (#1 through #7) \* Cardboard (cereal / food / gift boxes, etc.) \* Corrugated / Moving / Packing Boxes etc. \* Newspaper

### RECYCLABLES PREPARATION

- Recyclable materials may be commingled, with the exception of cardboard and corrugated boxes. Place plastic bottles, aluminum, steel & bi-metallic cans, etc. in the recycling container.
- Cardboard and corrugated boxes must be flattened, cut into no larger than 3'x3' pieces, tied into bundles and placed beside the recycling container.
- Rinse recyclable beverage and food containers to keep insects away and to aid in the recycling process.

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# 2024 RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE SPRING CLEAN UP SCHEDULE

Monday Regular Customer Pick Up - Monday, May 13, 2024  
 Wednesday Regular Customer Pick Up - Wednesday, May 15, 2024  
 Tuesday Regular Customer Pick Up - Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
 Thursday Regular Customer Pick Up - Thursday, May 23, 2024



## **SPRING CLEANUP - 300# LOADS PER HOUSEHOLD**

Under the current contract, any extreme loads or piles will be rejected.

The property owner must contact the collector for disposal of extreme loads or piles under personal arrangements and fees.

## **RESIDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED ONLY ONE (1) BULK ITEM**

(Ex: mattress/boxspring or couch/loveseat or dishwasher/appliance) Refrigerator, Freezers or Air Conditioners will be taken ONLY after the freon is properly removed and tagged with proper certification. All other trash must be bagged or boxed at the curb.

## **ITEMS THAT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP INCLUDE**

Batteries, Tires, Auto Body Parts, TV's or any TV Components, Paint Cans, Construction, Demolition or Hazardous Materials and Computer Components.

All items must be bagged, boxed or bundled for easy handling and must be at curbside no later than 5:00 A.M.

## **THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS**

### UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE RECYCLING CENTER

300 Block of Sell Street is now open 24 hrs. a day, 7 days a week.

Available to Upper Yoder Twp. **RESIDENTS ONLY!**

Hours of operation **WILL BE CHANGED** if these rules are not followed and the site is abused.\*\*

**NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING IS PERMITTED**

**PERMITTED ITEMS** - leaves, branches (less than 2 inches in diameter), grass clippings, garden residues & tree trimmings.

**ITEMS NOT ALLOWED** - are stumps, logs, branches (exceeding 2 inches in diameter), tree trimmings (exceeding 8' lengths)

**DO NOT LEAVE** hauling containers, bags or boxes at site.

The site is monitored and violators will be prosecuted in accordance with Twp. Ordinance #223 Adopted 8/1991.

### UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTIAL YARD WASTE RECYCLING CENTER 814.255.5243

AVAILABLE TO RESIDENTS OF UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP ONLY  
NO COMMERCIAL DUMPING PERMITTED  
OPEN SATURDAY DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS

PERMITTED ITEMS	PROHIBITED ITEMS
> LEAVES	> STUMPS
> BRANCHES	> LOGS
> GRASS CLIPPINGS	> BRANCHES EXCEEDING 2in. IN DIAMETER
> GARDEN RESIDUES	> TREE TRIMMINGS EXCEEDING 8ft LENGTHS
> TREE TRIMMINGS	

**DO NOT DISPOSE HAULING CONTAINERS INCLUDING BAGS OR BOXES AT SITE  
VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED**

### **BRUSH PICK-UP DATES**

Spring - Week of April 22nd

Fall - Week of Sept. 23rd

**BRUSH AND TRIMMINGS ONLY.** If you remove an entire tree, you are responsible for its disposal. Brush is to be in lengths no longer than 8 feet and a diameter no larger than 2 inches. Leaves and trimming must be bagged or boxed.

**NO STUMPS.** Piles must be uniform with all limbs in one direction to allow easier pickup.

The Township Road Department will start at one end of the Township and work their way through the rest of the Township collecting brush during the designated weeks.

**THERE WILL BE NO RETURN TRIPS!**

Any questions, call the Road Department at the Township garage (814) 255-2820.

## KEEP CAMBRIA COUNTY BEAUTIFUL

**\*Please note ALL Price Changes\***  
**\*No longer accepting tires that are larger than tractor trailer size\***

Appliance and Tire Recycling Dates for the Spring of 2024

### CROYLE TOWNSHIP

April 27th

Parking lot of the Croyle Township Municipal building, at the corner of Route 53 & Beyers Road.

### STONYCREEK TOWNSHIP

May 4th

Take PA 756 West straight to Bedford Street. Turn at Oakland United Methodist Church to Ferg Street. Make an Immediate left on to Winter Street and the road will end into the Stonycreek Township municipal storage yard.

### CAMBRIA TOWNSHIP

May 11th

From Rt. 422, turn onto Municipal Rd., go 1/4 mile. Township building on left.

### PATTON BOROUGH

May 18th

Parking lot near the old Patton football field.

Keep Cambria County Beautiful, in conjunction with cooperating municipalities, will hold its semi-annual Appliance and Tire Recycling program this spring. All collections will be held on **Saturdays from 8:00am to 1:00pm** and are open to all Cambria County Residents.

#### **COSTS:**

Appliances:  
 \$10.00—for freon containing appliances  
 FREE—for non-freon containing appliances



Tires:  
 \$2.00 for off-rim  
 \$5.00 for on-rim  
 \$10.00 off-rim Tractor Trailer  
 \$20.00 on-rim Tractor Trailer



For more information please contact the Cambria County Conservation District at (814) 472-2120

#### **NO ELECTRONICS**

(TV's, computers, ect.)

**TIRES FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

# A Message from the Upper Yoder Police Department



The Upper Yoder Township police department is staffed with five full-time and seven part-time officers who protect and serve over 5,000 residents within 11.7 square miles. Their combined 200+ years of experience provide a service that can be taken for granted in our fast-paced world. The political climate of recent years has identified the importance of fostering public trust in our police departments. Building trust relies on a critical component to promote the identity of local police officers. They are humans who relate to situations with integrity and respect. Advanced training is associated with a variety of acronyms that many may not be aware are crucial for community safety. UYT officers are trained and certified in a wide variety of services:

**HSI TF** – Homeland Security Investigation Task Force

**FBI SS TF** - FBI Safe Streets Task Force

**SART/VAWA TF** – Sexual Assault Response Team/ Violence Against Women Task Force

**SFST Instructor** – Standardized Field Sobriety Testing Instructor

**PA OAG DTF** – PA Office of the Attorney General Drug Task Force

**DUI TF** – Driving Under the Influence Task Force

**CIT** – Crisis Intervention Team

**TASER Instructor**

**PIO** – Public Information Officer

**DT Instructor** – Defensive Tactics Instructor

**HTTF** - Human Trafficking Task Force

## **NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, May 12-18, 2024**

Every year since 1962 May 15<sup>th</sup> has been recognized as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15<sup>th</sup> falls is National Police Week, May 12-18, 2024. Please honor law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

## **DID YOU KNOW? MOVE OVER: IT'S THE LAW**

has been adopted in 50 states. The law requires that all motorists move over when encountering stopped or disabled emergency vehicles displaying warning lights. Reducing speed, changing lanes, and providing ample space to avoid compounding vehicle incidents, protect law enforcement officers and first responders.

## **UPPER YODER TWP POLICE - IMPACT ON NATIONWIDE HIGH-LEVEL DRUG TRAFFIC ORGANIZATION**

The Department of Justice released a statement on January 8, 2024, announcing that 2 defendants were charged under the Federal Kingpin Statute with indictments of 35 individuals by a federal grand jury in Johnstown on narcotics, conspiracy, and money laundering charges. Investigations spanned two years from August 2021 to June 2023 involving substantial quantities of fentanyl, methamphetamine, and cocaine. The federal 'Kingpin' statute was served on the two principal administrators. The charges received national notoriety as redistributors sold these drugs throughout the United States, including Arizona, the state of Washington, Kansas, Minnesota, Ohio, Indiana, and Western Pennsylvania. The Upper Yoder Township Police were named as one of many agencies that assisted the FBI and Homeland Security in this successful capture.



Upper Yoder Township Police Department are offering their facility for a well-lit designated parking area located at their entrance, for exchange of sales when buying and selling online; and assisting families in the transfer of children from one to the other for visitation and/or custody.

## **Who You Gonna Call ???**



**Deer on roadway**—PennDOT 1-800-349-7623

**Hunting trespassing/Dead deer on property**— PA Game Comm. 833-472-4868

**Road Issues -State Road (PennDOT)**-1-800-349-7623— **UY Twp**-814-255-2820

**Street Lights**—Penelec Online Reporting— <https://www.firstenergycorp.com>

**Power Outages**—Penelec— 1-888-544-4877

**Lost of Found Pets**— Humane Society of Cambria Co. 814-535-6116

**Online Fraud**—FBI Cyber Crimes— <https://www.ic3.gov>

**Scams Bureau of Consumer Protection** —1-802-441-2555

[scams@attorneygeneral.org](mailto:scams@attorneygeneral.org)

**PA Unemployment Compensation Fraud**— 1-800-692-7469

**Social Security Fraud**— <https://oig.ssa.gov/report>

**Landlord/Tenant Issue/Civil Matters**, (loan not repaid, bounced checks, property line disputes—Magisterial Dist Judge Susan Gindlesperger 814-266-1066

**Nuisance Animals** (Bats, Rodents, Raccoons, Coyotes)

Contact Private Exterminators/ Private Animal Control

**Mental Health**— **Crisis Hotline** 1-877-268-9463

**National Suicide Prevention Hotline**— 988

## **NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

**Saturday, April 27, 2024 10am - 2pm**

The Upper Yoder Twp. Police Department will be participating in the DEA's National Drug Take Back Initiative. The UYPD will be open and an extra officer will be standing by on Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 10:00am until 2:00pm.

We will be accepting any unused or unneeded prescription medication and we can also properly dispose of any used or unneeded hypodermic needles. It is very important to get these unused or no longer needed prescriptions medications out of your home and safely disposed of.

Residents may drop off unneeded prescriptions and over the counter medications at any time with no questions asked.

Please **ring the buzzer** **at the front door of the POLICE STATION**. If there is no response, call the **Non-Emergency number (814) 472-2100** and the on-duty officer will respond as soon as possible.



## UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP AUTHORITY

### SEWER COMPLIANCE AT SALE, TRANSFER, ASSIGNMENT & MORTGAGE/FINANCING REGULATIONS

In accordance with Upper Yoder Township Authority Rules & Regulations, it shall be unlawful to sell, transfer, assign or mortgage any improved real property connected to Upper Yoder Township Authority Sanitary Sewer Collection System without having obtained a **Certificate of Compliance for Sanitary Sewer Pressure Testing** for the property being sold, transferred or assigned whether or not the customer/occupant can provide documentation that the property successfully passed an air or water pressure test previously. It is the sole responsibility of the owner to have a contractor or plumber of his/her choice perform the test, either with air or water, and when certain it passes, they will need to contact the Authority for an inspection of the same. An Application for a Certificate of Compliance must be completed at the Authority office along with an inspection fee in the amount of \$75.00 prior to the inspection.

Upper Yoder Township Authority is committed to doing everything possible to eliminate the I&I and to maintain the sanitary sewer system. The PA DEP is levying substantial fines against Municipalities for overflows that occur and the fines have gone from \$1,000.00 per occurrence to \$10,000.00 per occurrence which will ultimately impact everyone's sewer rates if they occur.

Everyone is required to eliminate the risk for causing backups and overflows so PLEASE do your part. Just because it is advertised as "flushable" does not mean that it is. Do NOT discharge the following items into the sanitary sewer system:

- ◆ Detrimental Waste deemed harmful to the system and dangerous to health or safety or waste that interfere with the flow in sewers
- ◆ Wipes, paper towels, dental floss, diapers, wrappers, and feminine hygiene products are not permitted. These items are to be placed into sealed containers and placed in your trash.

The full content of UYTA Rules & Regulations and Certificate of Compliance - Sanitary Sewer Pressure Testing can be viewed by visiting our website at: [www.upperyodertownship.org](http://www.upperyodertownship.org) and click on "Sanitary Sewer" at the top of the page

and scroll down to UYTA Rules & Regulations effective October 16, 2023

## SANITARY SEWER CUSTOMERS

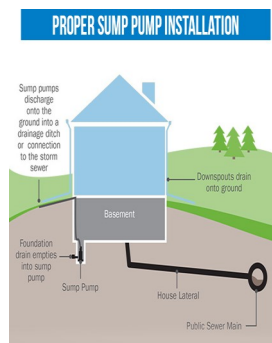
The Authority will continue to monitor and inspect the main lines and viewports where private laterals connect to the municipal main lines by CCTV (closed circuit television) inspections for the existence of illegal flows.

**Do you have a sump pump?** Be advised, **sump pumps ARE NOT allowed to discharge into the sanitary sewer system.** If you are found to have a sump pump illegally going into the sanitary sewer system, or I & I is discovered, the property owner will be notified immediately as they are violating the Upper Yoder Township Authority Rules & Regulations governing sanitary sewer service.

- Article 16, section 1601 declares any violation to be a summary offense in accordance with Section 5607 (d) 17 of the Municipality Authorities Act, as amended, and shall be **punishable by a fine of up to Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00), and up to ninety (90) days imprisonment, for each offense.**

**Each and every day that a violation of the Rules & Regulations exists shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.**

- Under Article 17 Section 1702 of UYT Rules & Regulations, **the Authority may discontinue water service for violation as they relate to illegal connections or discharge into the municipal Sanitary Sewer System.**



### Attention:

Thank you for **NOT** flushing wipes. Depositing in trash will keep our drains open.



## HAVE A BROKEN VIEWPORT CAP?



If you have a broken viewports cap on your property, please contact the Authority at the Township office. A broken viewports cap, can allow water and debris to enter into the sewer system, which may result in unnecessary expenses to be incurred by the Authority and the residents in the long run.

## WHAT DO THOSE GREEN FLAGS IN YOUR YARD MEAN?

When you see a green flag in your yard and/or by your viewports, **do not remove the flag.** It is make you aware that the Sewer Authority crew are locating and inspecting lines for proper flows in your area. This is part of the continuing maintenance of the sewer lines, in an attempt to keep the Authority and residents costs to a minimum, by meeting required flows set by PaDEP.



# TAX TIDBITS— REAL ESTATE TAX



**MAKING PAYMENTS:** Payments must be made payable to UPPER YODER TWP. TAX COLLECTOR by CHECK OR MONEY ORDER in the exact amount owed. **NO CASH.** Please enclose the tax bill to ensure your payment goes where you intend it to. For your convenience, you may drop them off in the black drop off box at the top of the Township Office steps and to the right beside the Entrance Doors for deposit of payments. Please make sure your check is for the exact amount owed. If requesting a receipt, enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

**DUE DATES:** The due dates are printed on your bill(s) right under the bold TAX AMOUNT DUE columns. Please pay close attention to the last day to pay if you choose to pay at the end of the year. **ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN 12/18/2024 FOR THE YEAR 2024.** Tax Collectors are required to turn all unpaid tax bills over to Cambria County Tax Claim at the end of the year. If you have unpaid tax bills from previous years, call (814) 472-1445 for payment information.

**PROPERTY OR DEED CHANGES MADE IN 2024:** Cambria County Assessment Office has informed Tax Collectors that we are not permitted to change names on tax bills. Property deeds recorded in 2024 will have the previous owner's name(s) on the tax bills the entire 2024 year. Assessment Office updates are only done in January of each year as per mandate. Real Estate Tax Bills are sent out in March and July. Homeowners are responsible for making sure you receive them.

**ADDRESS CHANGES:** The Tax Office may not change the address to a mortgage company. There is good reason for this rule. Mortgages are sold frequently and tax collectors have no way of knowing to what company. Property Owners are ultimately responsible for making sure they receive and pay the bill.

**ESCROW ACCOUNT PAYMENTS:** An escrow account is set up to put aside funds for paying real estate taxes and maybe other mortgage related bills that you agree to when you take out or re-finance a mortgage. **SOME Mortgage Companies, but not all, send a request for a duplicate of the tax bill.** I send the requested duplicate to them but please be aware...**IT DOES NOT GUARANTEE THAT YOUR REAL ESTATE TAX BILL WILL BE PAID.** If there are not sufficient funds in the escrow account the mortgage company will not pay the bill. The company should notify you if funds are not available to cover the taxes but, once again, this may not happen. That is why it is very important for you to ensure your real estate taxes have been paid. These companies usually do not pay until the very last day of discount so I do not know until discount has ended whether your bill has been paid or not. It is your responsibility to ensure your tax bill has been paid and that your mortgage company has a copy of your bill. If you have questions as to whether a mortgage company asked me for a duplicate I will graciously verify that for you. **MAILED PAYMENTS:** Allow plenty of time for the USPS to deliver mailed payments in a timely manner!

## TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE HOURS

During the discount period: Wed. and Thurs.

During the Face and Penalty Period: Wed. Only

10am—noon and 1pm—3pm (Closed noon to 1pm for lunch)

Email: [khowelltax@yahoo.com](mailto:khowelltax@yahoo.com) or Phone: (814)659-3819

## ZONING & CODES ENFORCEMENT

Upper Yoder Twp. Zoning / Codes Officer  
Mark Walker 814-255-3413



### WHEN DO I NEED A PERMIT?

Upper Yoder Township helps preserve and improve the quality of life for residents and businesses within the community through the enforcement of the codes and ordinances of the Township. One of the ways the Township makes sure codes and ordinances are being followed is through the use of building permits. **The Township requires a Permit for any addition, alteration, demolition, replacement or new construction prior to the start of any work.** It will be the applicants/contractors/owners responsibility to contact the Upper Yoder Zoning/Codes Officer to determine whether your project requires a building/construction permit.

**This is a list of some common projects that require a permit:**

New construction \* Demolition of buildings \* Additions, exterior & interior renovations \* Outbuildings, sheds, detached garages  
Decks, patios & some walkways \* Fences \* HVAC \* Outdoor furnaces \* Electric & plumbing improvements  
Swimming pools & hot tubs \* Solar panel systems \* Whole-house generators \* Signs

After the permit is issued and work begins, the Township will inspect the improvements to ensure the work done meets the approved plans. The required inspections will be provided with the permit.

- To schedule inspections, please contact the Township Zoning/Codes Officer at least 48 hours in advance.
- Please have the property address or permit number, inspection type, and contact name and phone number readily available when scheduling.

### NEED A PERMIT?

Visit our website at [upperyodertownship.org](http://upperyodertownship.org), under the Documents Library, Forms & Applications. Download the Permit Application. Complete and submit to the Township office at 110 Sunray Drive, Suite #1, Johnstown, PA 15905.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

**Parking of accessory vehicles**, such as boats, boat trailers and house trailers, or campers, or any other type of recreational vehicle, not used as dwellings on premises, provided that the location of the parked vehicles shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet from a rear or side property line(s), and a minimum of twenty (20) feet from a front property line. All accessory vehicles shall be owned by the residents of the property on which it is parked and shall maintain current inspection and registration, as applicable for the type of accessory vehicle.

**Grass/Weeds** - It is unlawful to have grass or weeds on developed lots that exceed 10" in height, buildings that are deteriorated or damaged, accumulations of junk, garbage or debris around the exterior areas of a property, or to have un-inspected / unregistered vehicles parked on exterior areas of a property that are not stored within enclosed buildings.

**Home Occupation Permits** - Working from home has become more prevalent. Home Occupation permits can be approved for service type occupations, or business offices conducted by the residents of a property. Commercial retail sales, commercial activities, or keeping of stock items for sale at a residence or in areas zoned for residential purposes are not permitted.

UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP  
 110 SUNRAY DR., SUITE 1  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA 15905

PRESORTED  
 STANDARD  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
 PAID  
 JOHNSTOWN, PA  
 PERMIT NO. 517

CURRENT RESIDENT OR

**POLICE, FIRE & AMBULANCE**  
**EMERGENCY - DIAL .....911**

**Non-emergency.....814-472-2100**

**Road Department.....814-255-2820**

**Township Office.....814-255-5243**  
**Fax.....814-255-1805**

**Contact the Township Office regarding:**  
**Garbage/Recycling Bills - Sewer Bills**  
**Moving Permits - Building Permit Applications**  
**Zoning Hearing Fees - Subdivisions**  
**Land Development**

**Zoning Permits - Building Permits**  
**Nuisance Enforcement Officer**  
**Mark Walker.....814-255-3413**

**Septic Systems/Perc Tests**  
**Contact Township Office.....814-255-6901**

**Real Estate Taxes (ONLY)**  
**Karen Howell, Tax Collector.....814-659-3819**

**Business Privilege - Mercantile Taxes**  
**Earned Income Tax - Local Services Tax**  
**Per Capita Taxes**  
**BERKHEIMER TAX ADMINISTRATORS**  
**BANGOR, PA.....610-599-3139**

**2024 REAL ESTATE**  
**TAX MILLAGES**

**12.625 UPPER YODER TWP.**  
**30.50 CAMBRIA CO.**  
**89.20 SCHOOL DISTRICT (2023)**  
**132.325 REAL ESTATE MILLAGE**

**UPPER YODER TWP. TAXES DID NOT**  
**INCREASE for 2024**

**2024 TOWNSHIP MILLAGES**

**10.000 TWP. GENERAL FUND**  
**0.625 FIRE COMPANIES**  
**0.500 RECREATION**  
**1.200 STREET LIGHTS/SIGNALS**  
**0.300 FIRE HYDRANTS**  
**12.625 TOWNSHIP SHARE**

**2024 GENERAL**  
**FUND BUDGET**

**INCOME \$2,031,450.00**  
**EXPENSES \$2,031,450.00**

**Twp. Area - 11.7 square miles**  
**Twp. Roads - 24.48 miles**  
**State Roads - 12.24 miles**