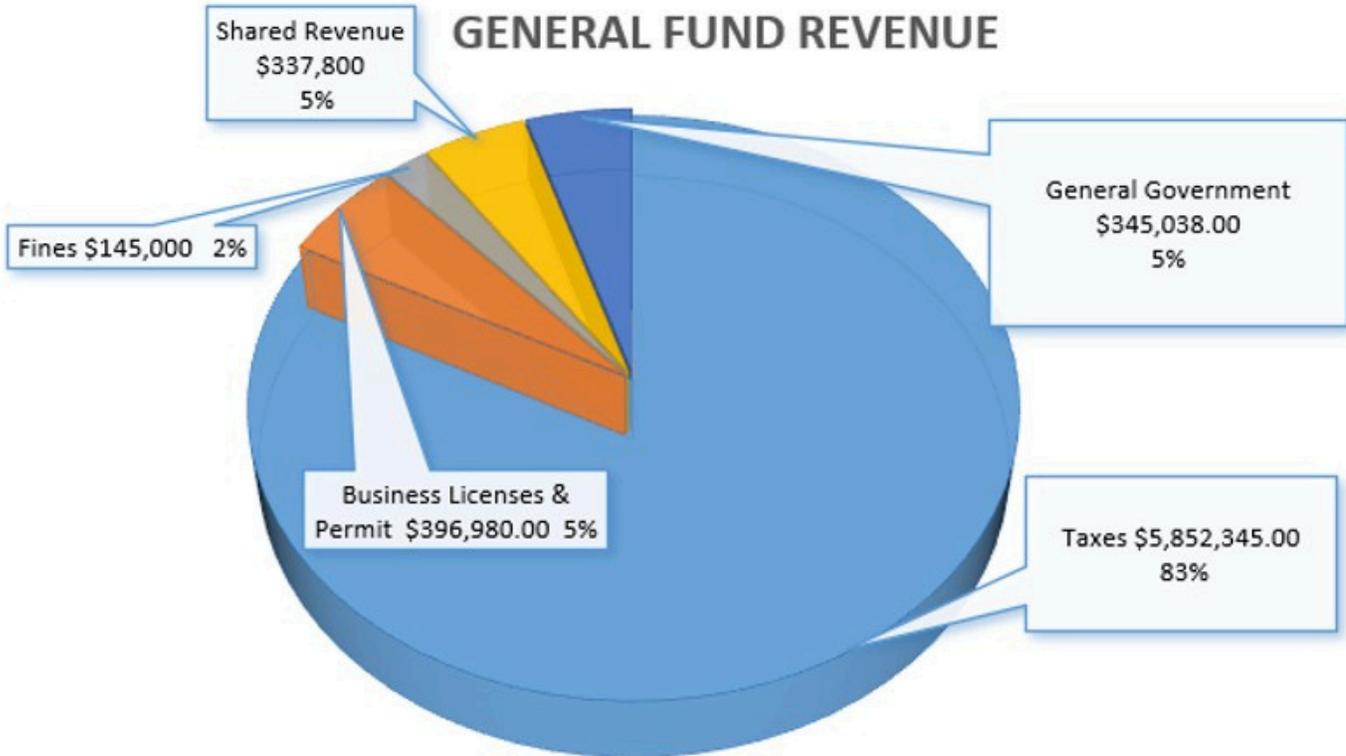


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Latest News

JANUARY 2026

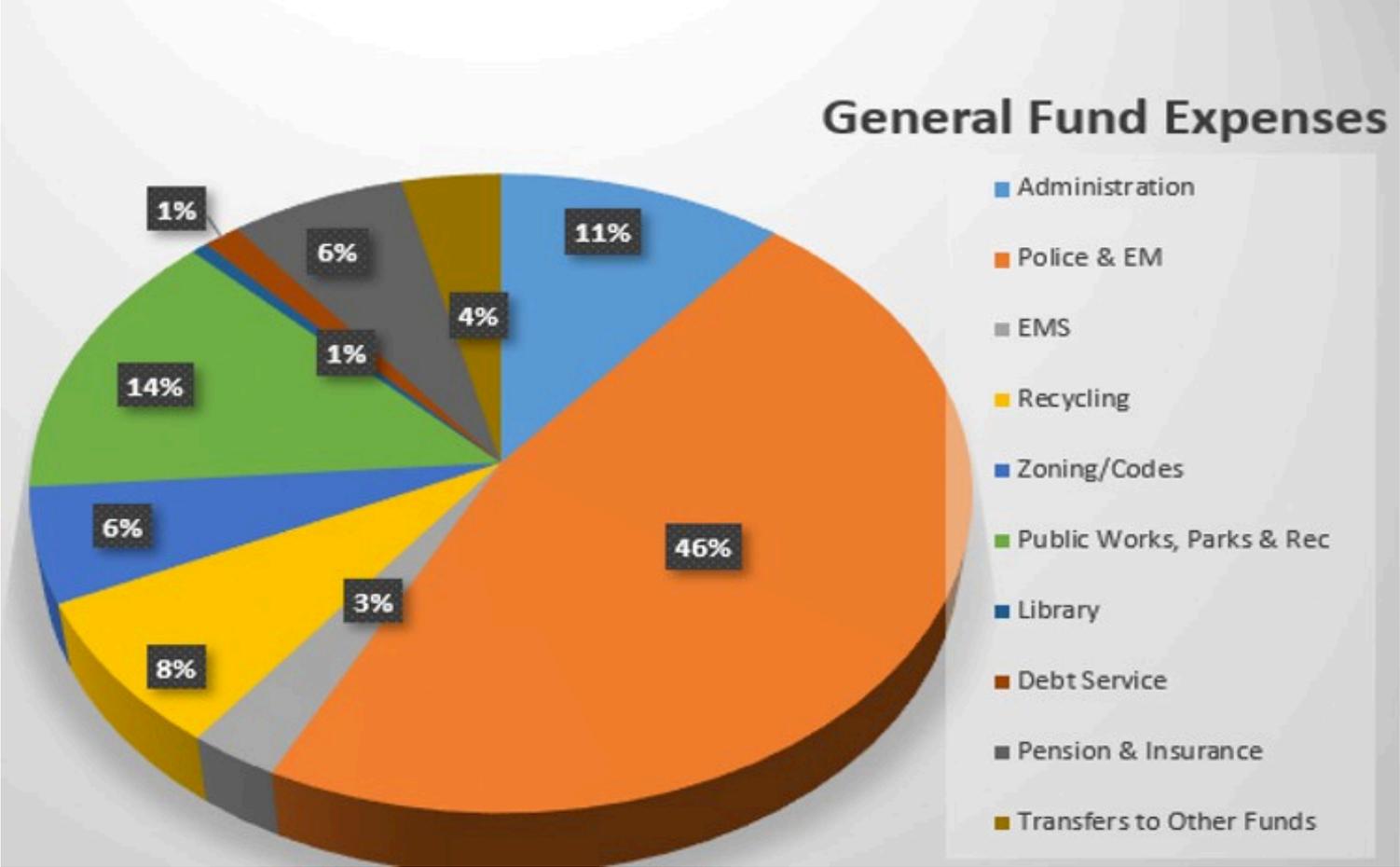
Happy New Year! The Amity Township Board of Supervisors adopted a 2026 Budget that requires NO tax increase. All programs and services you have become accustomed to will continue as in 2025. Below is a depiction of the sources and uses of your tax dollars. In other news, the Berks County Commissioners have also adopted their 2026 Budget with No tax increase!



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Permit Department

JANUARY 2026

Looking to do that bathroom or home renovation? Install a pool or fence come spring?

If the work needs a permit, this time of year is ideal as our code officer can review and process permits quicker than peak spring/summertime.

All of our permit applications are listed on our website. You can complete the application and in most cases pay at that time. Link here: <https://amitytownshippa.com/wp2/permits/>

If you have permit related questions, please email Steve Loomis at sloomis@amitytownshippa.com. Email is the best way to contact him.

Snow Reminders

Vehicles must be removed from the street if there is 1" or more of snow/ice.

Vehicles not in compliance will be fined \$40 per day.

Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks in the event of snow/ice.

A 2-foot-wide path must be cleared within 24 hours after cessation of snowfall.

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Septic System Pumping Reminders

JANUARY 2026

If you received a reminder from the Township regarding your septic pumping, please be aware these are generic reminders.

The reminders are sent because you are not in compliance with the ordinance for one of the following reasons:

1. You had your septic system pumped and you paid the fee to the Township, but the Township does not have the report card.
2. You had your septic system pumped out, the Township has the report card, but you did not pay the \$40 fee to the Township.
3. You had your septic system pumped out, but the Township does not have the report card and you did not pay the \$40 fee to the Township.
4. You did not have your septic system pumped, you did not pay the \$40 fee to the Township, and we do not have a report card from the company that did the pumping.

Any questions, please call Joanne at 610-953-0016.

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JANUARY 2026

WITHOUT IDENTIFICATION, A LOST DOG
MAY NEVER MAKE IT HOME.

**Your best friend's best chance
to make it home safely is to be
properly licensed.**

All dogs must be licensed when you buy or adopt them (earliest is 8 weeks old) or 3 months of age, whichever comes first, by Jan. 1 of each year.



Failure to have your dog licensed may result in a fine of up to \$500 plus court costs.

How to apply for a Dog License

Berks County Treasurer
633 Court Street, 2nd floor
Reading, PA 19601
610-478-6640



Scan to apply online or find a location to purchase in person!

How much does a license cost?

Annual Licenses \$10.80
Lifetime Licenses \$52.80

Senior Citizens or Residents with Disabilities:

Annual Licenses \$8.80
Lifetime Licenses \$36.80

*Licenses can be obtained through
your County Treasurer.*

For a list of County Treasurers, visit
www.licenseyourdogpa.com



AMITY TOWNSHIP

New Year Recycling Reminders

JANUARY 2026

-Put your recycling out the night before your scheduled pickup. Routes vary and sometimes your pickup time could be different than usual.

-If your pickup falls on a holiday week, then the pickup is pushed out ONE day. If you didn't receive a flyer by mail, flyers are available in the Township lobby.

-Please break down your cardboard boxes. It helps the drivers fit more in the truck.

-Cans marked with other providers' logos will not be picked up if put out for recycling. (example J.P. Mascaro will not pickup a Whitetail Disposal can full of recyclables).

Missed Recycling?

If your recycling is missed, call the Township at 610-953-0016 to report the miss.

You may register for a code to bring your missed recycling to the Township building.

Recycling Bins Available

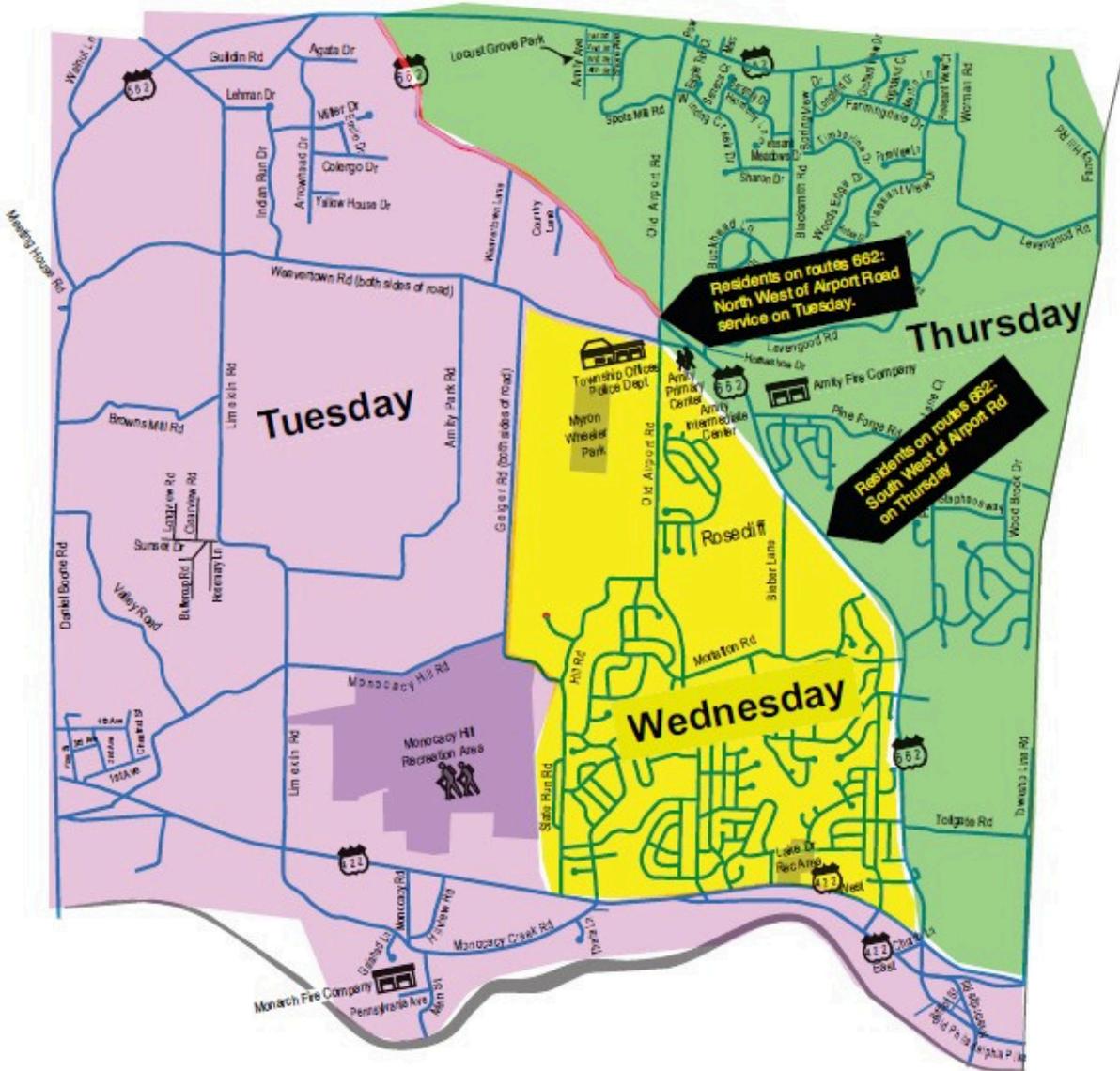
Is your recycling bin damaged or seen better days?

We have rolling carts available at the Township building at no cost. We do not deliver bins.

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026

Amity Township Collection Zone Map



Residents on Route 422: Both sides serviced on Tuesday

Residents on Route 662: Northwest of Airport Road on Tuesday.
Southwest of Airport Road on Thursday.

- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday



J. P. Mascaro & Sons
If it's service, it's us!

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026

Amity Township Collection Calendar

January 2026							February							March							April						
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Recycling Collection

Recycle collection will occur one (1) time per week on your service day depending where you live in the Township. J.P. Mascaro collects recyclable materials you place by the curb. Collection day will be either Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday depending on the zone you live in Amity Township. Use the color coded zone map and calendar to see what day recyclables collection will be. On your scheduled pick up day container placement on Routes 422, 662 and 562 shall be out prior to 4:00 AM. All other residential streets shall be out prior to 6:00 AM. It is highly recommended container be out

the night before. Collection times can not be set for any residence. Please be sure to secure your materials to prevent spillage and/or blowing around the community. Should your bin become knocked over or materials blow out of your container please be courteous to your neighbors and pick up those materials. J. P. Mascaro & Sons crew will pick up items if they spill in the street during collection.

Please reference the Accepted Recyclables section on the reverse side of this mailer to ensure that you are placing the right material in your recycling bin.

Single Stream recycling material can be placed together in the same recycling container



ADDITIONAL RECYCLING CONTAINERS

We want you to recycle as much as possible. Recycling containers must be clearly labeled. If you wish to use an extra container for recycling collection simply put the sticker supplied onto a container and use it for collection. You can use any container up to 35 gallons as well as your existing recycling bin. Make sure that the recycling sticker is visible to the collection crew. Additional stickers are available at J.P. Mascaro or the Township building. Amity Township also has containers with lids available.

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026

Christmas Tree Collection

The Road Crew will not be driving around by zones to collect trees this year. Residents must complete the Jotform below to be added to the collection list. Forms must be completed no later than January 19th.

Please remove all lights and decorations from the tree prior to putting out at the curb for collection.

Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Township for recycling as well in our yard waste area. If you do not have a code, there is an application on our website or stop in to complete an application.

Jotform link:

<https://form.jotform.com/252532839019157>



AMITY TOWNSHIP

Heating Bill Assistance

JANUARY 2026

Do you need help paying your energy bill?

The LIHEAP program is open now until April 10, 2026.

LIHEAP is a federally funded program that helps individuals and families pay their heating bills through heating energy assistance grants. It also provides crisis grants to help in the event of an emergency or if a resident is in danger of losing his or her heat due to broken equipment, lack of fuel or termination of utility service.

The income eligibility guidelines for LIHEAP are \$23,475 for an individual, \$31,725 for a couple and \$48,225 for a family of four. Residents may apply online or paper.

Application details:

<https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dhs/resources/liheap>

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026

PROTECT YOUR PIPES THIS WINTER



FIND & TEST YOUR MAIN WATER SHUT-OFF VALVE

Before the cold sets in, locate your main water shut-off valve and hang an I.D. tag on it so you can find it quickly in an emergency. In many homes, it is located near the water meter or close to where the water pipe enters the home.



BALL VALVE SHUT-OFF



GATE VALVE SHUT-OFF

To test your main water shut-off valve, slowly close it. If you have a ball valve, it generally only requires a quarter turn to close. Gate valves are generally closed by turning the handle clockwise and should turn easily. You may need to have it serviced if it does not close easily.

Once the shut-off valve is completely closed, check sinks and other water fixtures to make sure you found the main water valve and that it is working properly. If no water comes out of any faucets, CONGRATULATIONS, you found your shut-off valve!

MORE TIPS TO HELP KEEP WATER FLOWING SMOOTHLY THIS WINTER

-  Keep cabinet doors slightly ajar to let warmer air circulate.
-  Fully drain outdoor hoses and irrigation systems.
-  Eliminate drafts around pipes by wrapping them with heat tape or insulation.
-  Allow a small trickle of water to run to help maintain steady water flow.



REPORT A WINTER WATER OR WASTEWATER EMERGENCY

Visit us [online](#) and click on **Report Emergency** at the top of the page.

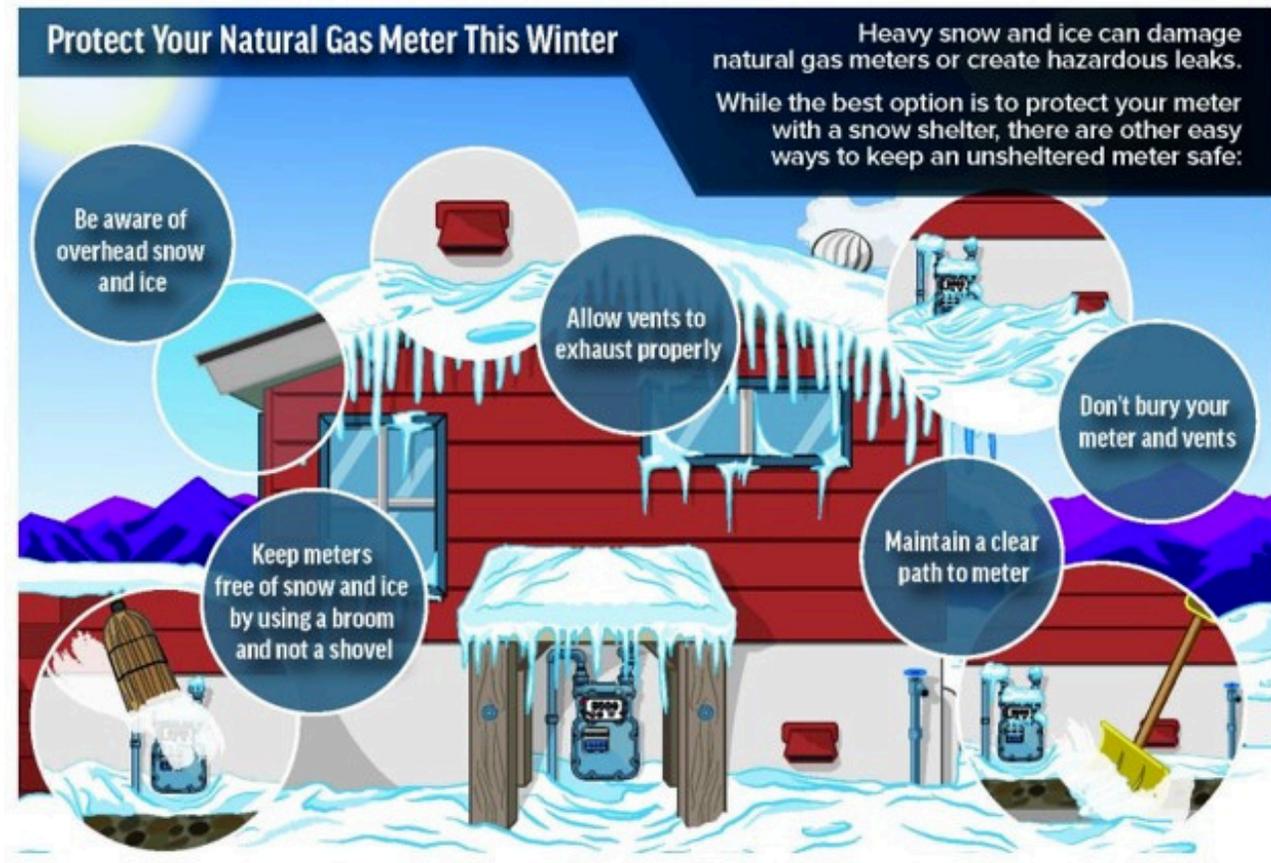
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Protect Your Natural Gas Meter This Winter

Heavy snow and ice can damage natural gas meters or create hazardous leaks. While the best option is to protect your meter with a snow shelter, there are other easy ways to keep an unsheltered meter safe:

- Be aware of overhead snow and ice
- Allow vents to exhaust properly
- Don't bury your meter and vents
- Maintain a clear path to meter
- Keep meters free of snow and ice by using a broom and not a shovel



Plug space heaters directly into wall outlets.

Never use an extension cord or power strip.



FEMA | U.S. Fire Administration | Fire is Everyone's Fight

Plugging portable space heaters into extension cords or power strips creates a fire hazard. To prevent home fires, plug space heaters directly into wall outlets and turn them off when leaving the room or going to bed.

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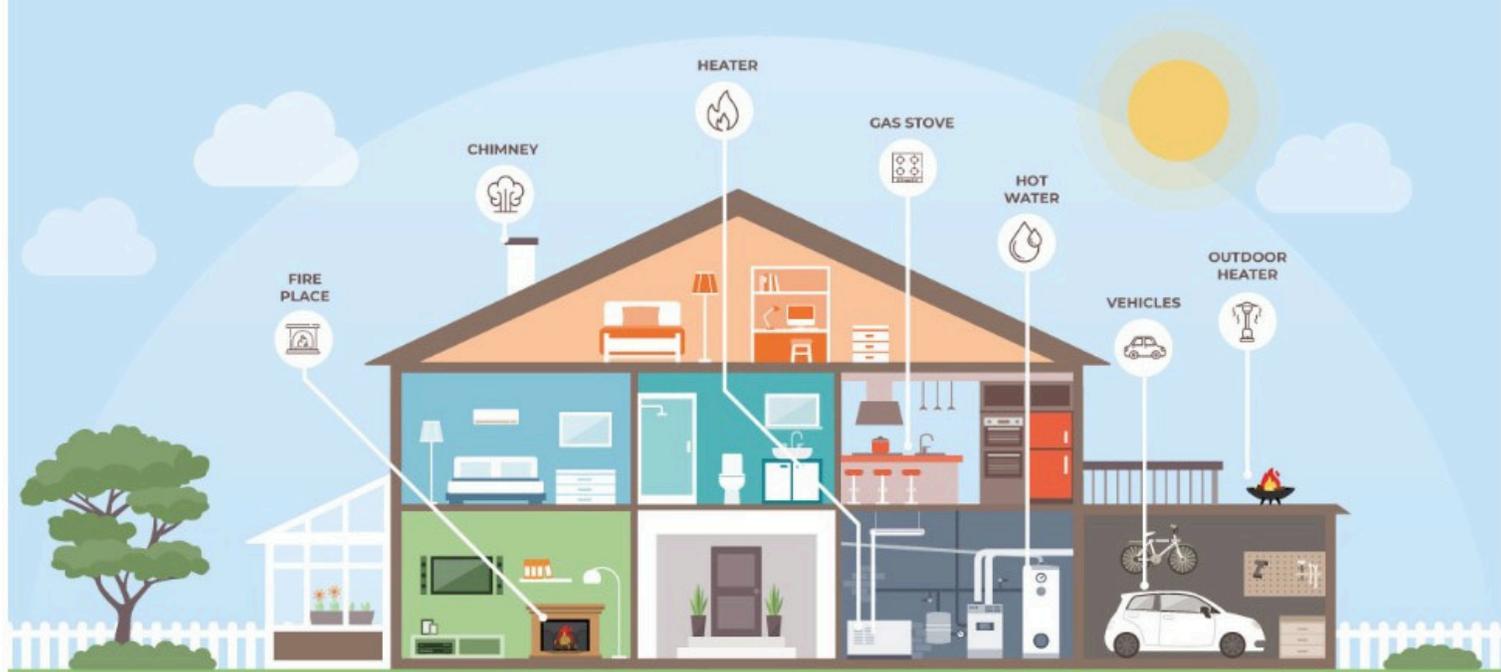
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Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and toxic gas. It is often referred to as the silent killer. When inhaled it affects the blood's ability to transport oxygen throughout the body.

Make sure you install CO alarms on every floor of your home, especially near bedrooms and sleeping areas. Test your alarms often.

Symptoms are flu-like such as headaches, nausea, dizziness, burning eyes, confusion, drowsiness or loss of consciousness. Severe cases can cause brain damage or death.

COMMON CARBON MONOXIDE SOURCES



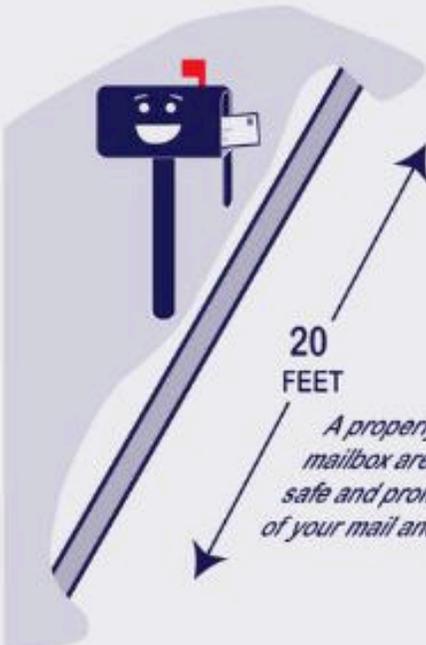
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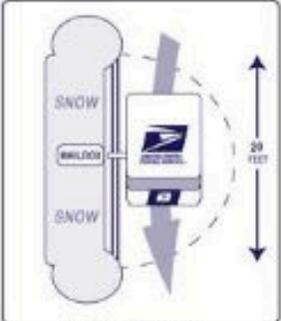
**CURBSIDE DELIVERY
GUIDELINES**



HELP US TO SERVE YOU BETTER!



A properly cleared mailbox area ensures safe and prompt delivery of your mail and packages!



SNOW
MAILBOX
SNOW
20 FEET
Properly Cleared



SNOW
MAILBOX
SNOW
Insufficient Snow Removal

Approaches and exits to rural or curbside mailboxes should be clear of snow, ice, vehicles, trash-cans, objects or obstacles. Snow should be cleared at least ten feet on each side of your mailbox and all the way up to the mailbox post to allow for safe delivery of your mail. Some postal customers opt to put a temporary mailbox in the snow in situations where snow removal is not practical; the same guidelines apply for clearance as permanent mailboxes. The carrier needs to be able to deliver to the mailbox without backing up. Your consideration and cooperation is appreciated!

Questions may be directed to your local post office.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026

Shake your mailbox

This simple trick will get you ready for winter.



Winter is coming. Don't let your mailbox become a casualty of winter weather.



Damaged mailboxes can be hazardous to drivers if they come loose.



Mailboxes that aren't sturdy are more likely to break or be damaged by heavy snow, wind and the force from plows.



To check the sturdiness of your mailbox, shake it by the post and if it "gives," it's likely that your mailbox could come loose this winter.



If you believe your mailbox was damaged by our plows during a snowstorm, please call our Roads Department at 610-953-0045. The plow must physically hit the post or the box. Rolling snow hitting the mailbox is not the Township's responsibility.

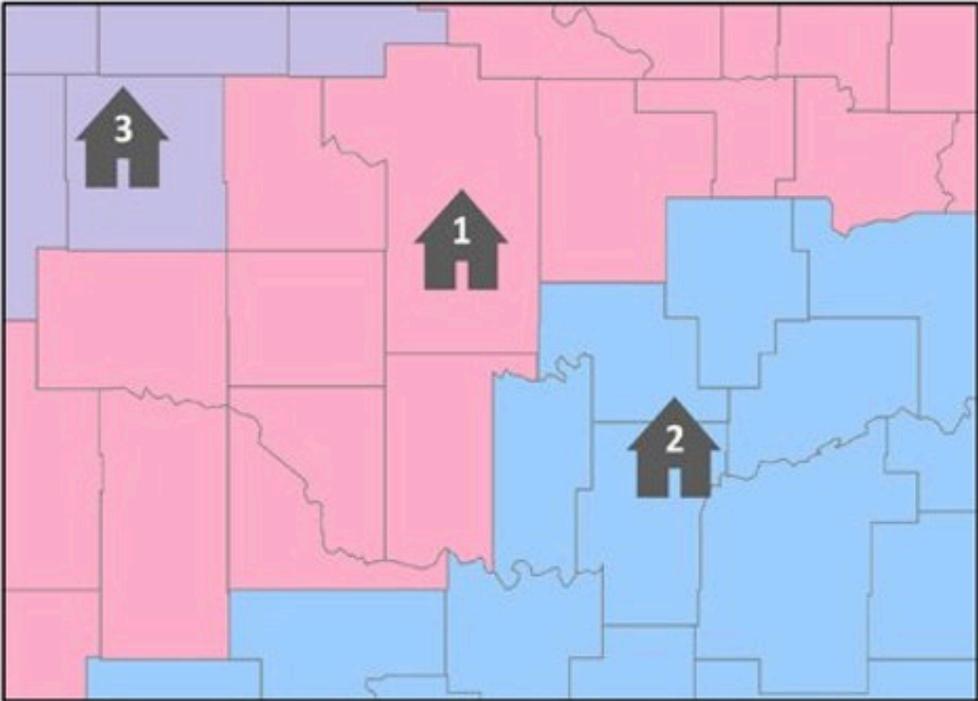
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What are the different types of winter weather advisories issued by the **U.S. National Weather Service (NWS)**?

- Advisory = Winter weather expected. Be cautious.
- Watch = Snow, sleet, or ice possible. Be prepared.
- Warning = Snow, sleet, or ice expected. Take action.

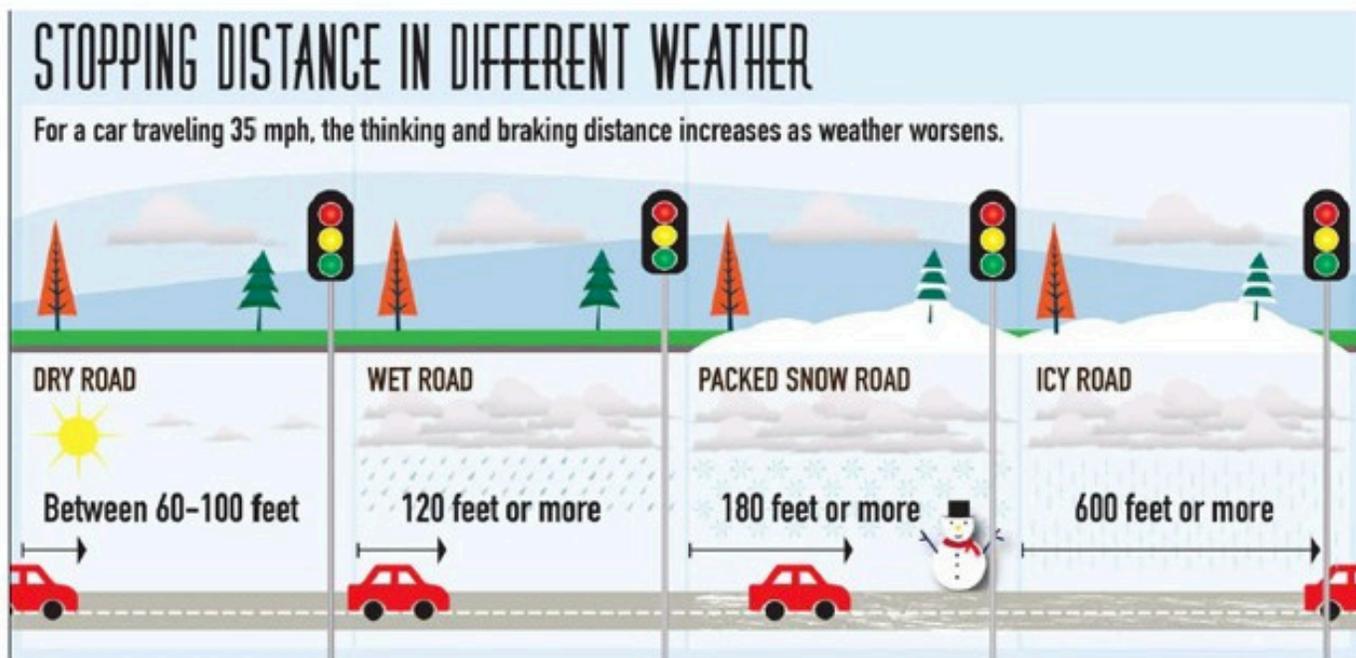


Winter Storm Products

-  **Winter Storm Warning**
Snow, sleet, or ice expected! Take Action!
Confidence is high that a winter storm will produce heavy snow, sleet or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
-  **Winter Storm Watch**
Snow, sleet, or ice possible! Be prepared.
Confidence is medium that a winter storm could produce heavy snow, sleet, or freezing rain and cause significant impacts.
-  **Winter Weather Advisory**
Wintry weather expected. Exercise caution.
Light amounts of wintry precipitation or patchy blowing snow will cause slick conditions and could affect travel if precautions are not taken.

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JANUARY 2026



SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

DON'T CROWD THE PLOW

- Avoid traveling beside a snowplow for extended periods
- An operator's field of vision is restricted – if you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you
- Snow clouds caused by plows can reduce visibility to zero, and conceal other vehicles or hazards
- Don't pass a snowplow when visibility is limited

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JANUARY 2026

Are you ready for Winter Storm Runoff?

- Check gutters and downspouts before heavy snow or ice.
- Sweep up excess salt and grit from driveways and sidewalks.
- Help keep storm drains clear.
- Report drainage issues in your community to your local municipality.



BERKS COUNTY
CONSERVATION DISTRICT

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026



Boone Area Library - 129 N. Mill St, Birdsboro, PA 19508

Friday, January 9th from 6pm-8pm

Shake, stir, and sip your way through a fun and flavorful Mocktail Workshop at the Library! Join us for a hands-on experience where you'll learn how to create delicious, alcohol-free drinks using fresh ingredients, simple techniques, and a little creativity.

This workshop is a great way to discover new recipes, pick up entertaining tips, and enjoy a refreshing social evening, no alcohol required. All supplies and snacks will be provided.

Tickets are \$20 each. Must be 18+ to register.

Purchase tickets: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/mocktail-workshop>

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026



MONOCACY HILL



WALKS IN THE WOODS

Sunday January 11, 1:30 PM

All hikes are free and open to the public.

Hikes start from the parking lot at 42 Geiger Road, Douglassville. Heavy rain or ice will cancel hike. Please wear sturdy footwear and bring water.

AMITY TOWNSHIP

JANUARY 2026



**NIGHT
GLOW**

Party WITH *Boot Scootin' Becky*

Line Dancing - Drinks - Glow sticks

JAN 17 - 7-11 PM

59 Pennsylvania Avenue - Douglassville, PA

\$10 COVER

Ages 18+ ID required for entry

AMITY TOWNSHIP

Active Development Updates

JANUARY 2026

Highland Place - Water & sewer has been run to serve the development of 337 age restricted homes. Building permits are expected to be coming in for Phase 1.



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Active Development Updates

JANUARY 2026

Arbour Green – Plans have been received for the community pool. Buildings are moving along smoothly.

Reservations are being taken for apartments.
<http://arboureenatamity.com/discover/>

Leaf Creek Farms – The Township has conducted their last review of the final plans. The development will consist of 322 age restricted single family detached units.

Contact Info

Kathie Benson
Planning Secretary
M-Wed 8am-3:30pm
(610)-953-0030

AMITY TOWNSHIP

Sewer News

JANUARY 2026

As the plant upgrade continues, sewer rates have increased to \$201.00 per quarter for 2026. The Township will conduct a review to determine what the 2027 rate increase will be.

Unfortunately rates will not go down, but they may not increase as high as previously projected. The plant will need continued maintenance and equipment which is offset by these rate increases.

Selling Your House?

***Disable your auto pay.**
***Conduct an I&I Re-Sale Inspection prior to closing.**
I&I Information:
<https://amitytownshippa.com/wp2/home-resale-inspections/>

Questions 610-953-0046.

Auto Pay Reminders

If you are set up for auto pay, please update your card info if your card expired or was reissued for any other reason.

Contact Info

Call our office at 610-953-0046 or Xpress directly at 1-800-720-6847.

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JANUARY 2026

Amity Township Police Department has “We Support Our Local Police” signs available for purchase.

The signs are \$20 each and include a yard stake. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to a local charity.

We accept check or money order. Office hours are M-F 8am-4:30pm.



AMITY TOWNSHIP

Township Meeting Schedule

JANUARY 2026

Planning Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Board of Supervisors meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Parks & Recreation meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

All meetings start at 7pm at the Municipal Building located at 2004 Weavertown Rd. Douglassville, PA 19518.

Agendas are posted on the Township website prior to each meeting.

Upcoming Meetings

Planning: Jan. 8th at 7pm

Parks & Recreation: Jan. 20th at 7pm

Supervisors Jan. 21st at 7pm

Office Closures

**New Year's Day:
Thursday
January 1st**

Contact Info

**Amity Township
2004 Weavertown Rd
Douglassville, PA 19518
Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm
(610)-689-6000**

