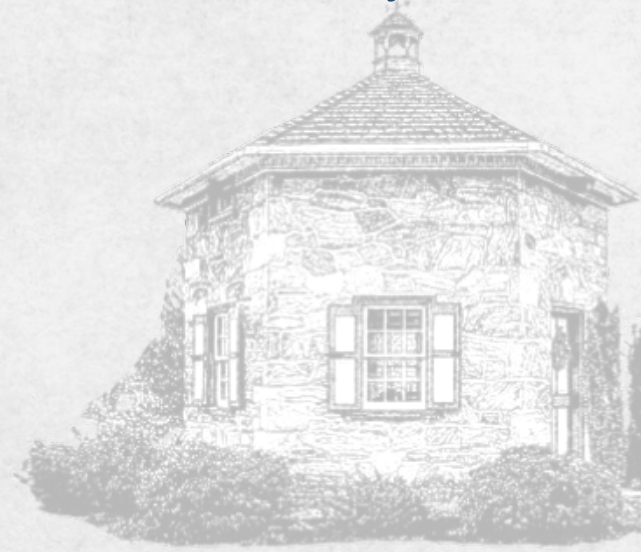


Caln TOWNSHIP

THE HEART OF CHESTER COUNTY



MARK your Calendar

February 11th
Board of
Commissioners
Meeting
7:30PM

February 15th
Presidents' Day
Township Offices
Closed
No Impacts on Trash/
Recycling Pick Up



2021 Billing Updates

Sewer Rate Adjustment

As infrastructure ages, the cost of operating and maintaining the Township's sewer system and necessary equipment increases each year. While the Caln Township Municipal Authority strives to keep fees as low as possible, the Authority is continuing to make significant investments in the system to help ensure the reliability of sewer service in our community. Consequently, the sewer fee in 2021 will be increased from \$75 to \$78 on a bi-monthly basis. This adjustment will be reflected in the next sewer/refuse bills, due March 25th.

Online Bill Pay - Pin Now Required

The Township will continue to offer online bill payment for bi-monthly sewer and trash bills. Following public feedback, additional security measures have been put in place. To pay your bill online, visit Calntownship.org/pay-my-bills and click on "Pay Bills Online." Using the box for "Utility Account Information" enter the account and pin numbers found on your bill. This will bring up your payment history and allow you to pay via credit card or bank transfer.*

Online Tax Payment

New for this year, property owners will have the option to pay their annual tax bill online as well. Visit Calntownship.org/pay-my-bills and click on "Pay Bills Online." You'll be able to use the tax account information and pin found on your tax bill to log in and pay via credit card or bank transfer.*

Convenience fees apply to online tax and utility payments

If you have any questions about bill paying options, you can reach us at finance@calntownship.org or by calling 610-384-0600 x1.

Understanding the Taxes and Utility Fees Collected by Caln Township

	Billing Date	Due Date	2021 Rate
Trash and Recycling	First business days of January, March, May, July, September, November	January 25th, March 25, May 25, July 25, September 25, November 25	\$42 paid bi-monthly (\$252/year)
<p>The Township collects an annual trash and recycling fee from each home. The fees collected cover the cost of our waste hauler, landfill costs, recycling disposal, leaf collection, yard waste collection, the chipping program, and weekly bulk item collection. The annual cost of trash and recycling collection is \$252 per household, divided into 6 bi-monthly payments.</p>			
Sewer	First business days of January, March, May, July, September, November	January 25th, March 25, May 25, July 25, September 25, November 25	\$78 paid bi-monthly (\$468/year)
<p>If your property is connected to public sewer facilities you are subject to pay for the operation of the utility. Caln Township provides sewer service at an annual rental rate of \$468 per home. Note that the connection of sump pumps and downspouts to your sewer line is strictly prohibited (these increase our sewer treatment costs substantially).</p>			
Township Real Estate Tax	First Business Day in March	June 30th (rate discounted if you pay by April 30th)	Varies by property - 3.458 mills plus 0.6 mills for the Fire Tax
<p>Townships, counties and school districts levy taxes on real estate in the form of mills. A mill is \$1 of taxes for every \$1000 of a property's assessment. The average home in Caln Township is assessed at \$150,000. This means that one mill of tax costs the average homeowner \$150.00 and our current tax rate of 4.058 mills (including Fire Tax), costs the average homeowner \$608.70 each year.</p>			
Street Light	January 1st	January 31st	Varies
<p>The Township assesses properties within several street light districts for the street light tax. The assessment is based upon the cost of the service and the front footage of the property. Some residents do not receive this bill, depending on their property location.</p>			
<p>* A Real Estate Transfer tax is collected by the County Recorder of deeds when real estate is transferred to a new owner. 1/4 of the collected amount is forwarded to the Township.</p>			
<p>* An Earned Income tax and Local Service tax are collected by Keystone Collection Services on behalf of the township. Keystone can be reached at 1-724-978-0300.</p>			

Billed Together



Go Paperless

Sign up for Paperless eBilling today!

Caln residents can now take advantage of the option to receive utility and property tax bills via email. By using this convenient service you will cut down on paper, reduce the cost to taxpayers for printing, and avoid any issues with the postal service as you will receive the bill by the first day of the billing month. Sign up for eBilling at CalnTownship.org/pay-my-bills.

Note: eBilling does NOT impact how you choose to pay your bills, it simply replaces the paper bill you receive in the mail. See below for payment options.

Bill Payment Options

For your convenience, we now have four different options for paying your Township bills.

- By mail to:
Caln Township/CTMA
C/O S&T Bank
P.O. Box 1004
Downingtown, PA 19335
- Pay in person via the drive-up drop box outside the Township building, located at 253 Municipal Dr., Thorndale, PA 19372

Due to the impacts of COVID-19, postal mail delivery is experiencing delays. To help you with this potential issue, here are some tools you can use to conveniently manage your payments and billing online:

- Pay online at CalnTownship.org/pay-my-bills. Online payment requires your account number and pin. Convenience fee applies. Contact us with questions about your account or pin information at finance@calntownship.org or by calling 610-384-0600 x1.
- If you would like to avoid writing checks for your trash or sewer bills, you can take advantage of automatic debit from your checking or savings account. To sign up, complete the [Automatic Debit Authorization form](#) and return it to the Finance Department:
 - Via email to finance@calntownship.org
 - Via postal mail to Caln Township Finance Department - 253 Municipal Dr. Thorndale PA 19372
 - Or via the drive-up drop box outside the Township building

This service is free to use. Find more information and the sign up form at CalnTownship.org/pay-my-bills.



COVID-19 VACCINE

Pennsylvania has started to vaccinate against COVID-19 and is working to expand eligibility to more groups of people.

Supplies are extremely limited, so we must prioritize who gets vaccinated first — starting with those most at risk of catching COVID and experiencing complications. You can visit www.pa.gov/guides/get-vaccinated/ to learn about the

vaccine phases, check your eligibility, and find local vaccine providers. You can also access the state's COVID-19 vaccine dashboard at health.pa.gov to learn more about the vaccine and view statewide vaccination data.



DID YOU KNOW?

As we settle into winter, it's important to be mindful of how salt usage can impact water quality.

Road and driveway salt dissolves in melted snow and ice, flows into storm drains, and is discharged into our rivers and streams (not a treatment plant). This saline water enters our shared surface waters and harms aquatic habitats.

So what can you do? Reduce your use!

Shovel first, use only as much salt as necessary to match current site conditions, avoid spreading clumps, and explore salt alternatives. And of course, use none if it's possible or safe! Salting is often an important, necessary public safety measure (especially on roads), but some research has shown that half of all salt application is applied by homeowners and businesses. If we all take steps to reduce salt usage where we can, it can make a difference!



We're all eating more takeout food these days, but remember, styrofoam doesn't belong in your recycling cart!

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