

Yard Waste Facility Changes

Beginning January 1, 2025, residents will be required to obtain an annual access card to enter the yard waste site. This change was necessary because the yard waste center has been abused by people dumping improper material and businesses and non-residents dumping material at the site. The excess amount of material required a significant amount of time and fuel for loading the boxes, cleaning the site, and hauling of the material to the FRCA site on Weaversville Road. As the result of all this, the Township applied for and received grant funding from DEP to install access gates and cameras at the site.

The annual fee for the access card will be \$10 (cash or check payable to Lehigh Township). Residents can obtain the cards at the Township Office during normal business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). For the initial distribution of the cards, we are asking residents to follow the following schedule:

Residents with last name A-G	Week of December 1
Residents with last name H-N	Week of December 8
Residents with last name O-Z	Week of December 15

In the event residents are unable to make it to the Township Office during regular business hours, they can make arrangements with office staff to pick up the card prior to various Township meetings.

The new hours for the site are will be 7 AM to sunset, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The site is closed on Wednesday, Sunday, and Township holidays. Between now and January 1, the gates will be automatically opening and closing based upon this schedule.

The Lehigh Township yard waste center is for township residents only for the disposal of yard waste accumulated on their own residential property and is not to be brought to the site by way of a commercial contractor.

Yard waste is considered to be unbagged leaves, tree branches, Christmas trees, and hedge clippings. The tree branches must be cut into 8-foot lengths and shall not be larger than 8 inches in diameter. These items are to be placed in the areas designated for these materials. Dried leaves and brush should not be mixed together. Do not place material in the green bins. They are only for the transportation of material to the FRCA site.

Residents may also pick up compost and mulch when the material is available.

The following material is not acceptable and cannot be dropped at the Lehigh Township site: Grass clippings*, ornamental grass, bamboo, sod, dirt, stones, cattails, hay, straw, nuts, large logs, root balls, stumps, wood, and construction material.

*Residents are encouraged to Grasscycle by leaving the grass clippings on their yard. If you do need to dispose of grass clippings, you may take the grass in containers to the main FRCA site at 6701 Weaversville Road, on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the 1st & 3rd Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There is a \$1 per 32-gallon container charge. Please visit the FRCA website frcauthority.org for additional information.

Since space at the site is limited, residents who have a large amount of yard waste are encouraged to take the material directly to FRCA. There is no charge for residents to go to the Weaversville Road site with proof of residency/identification.