



# Upper Uwchlan Township

## News

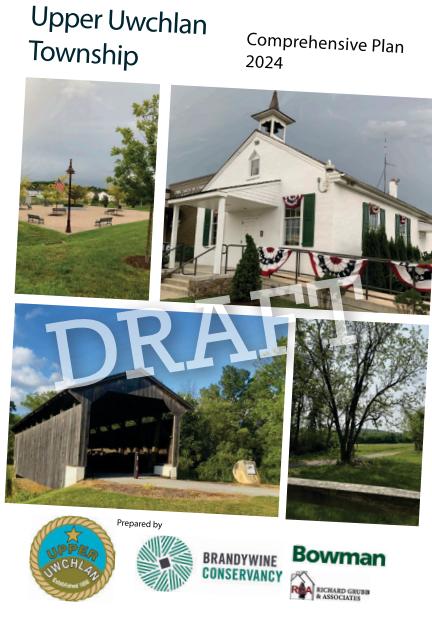
MISSION Accomplished!

**The Upper Uwchlan Township Comprehensive Plan Task Force accepted the final draft of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan.**

The task force recommended that it be forwarded to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation, and then on to the Board of Supervisors. Following the supervisors' approval, the Comprehensive Plan will be available for residents' review on the township website and at the township building. Residents will have the opportunity to comment at the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission meetings.

Pennsylvania Municipalities are required to update the existing comprehensive plan every ten years. Work on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan began in Spring 2022 and was completed mid-August 2024. A task force encompassing representatives from each of the township's commissions and boards, residents, as well as consultants from Brandywine Conservancy, Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd. and Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc. were charged with this task. They met monthly, sometimes twice a month, to review drafts, analyze the community survey data, and refine the language of the plan. In addition, two sub committees met to develop the Village Concept Plan and its accompanying Village Design Guidelines, and the Active Transportation Plan. Concurrent to this task, the Planning Commission is reviewing and updating the township's ordinances.

It is important to note that the municipality's comprehensive plan serves as a guideline not a mandate. The Upper Uwchlan Township 2024 Comprehensive Plan is comprised of nine chapters:



- **Introduction**
- **Future Land Use**
- **Village Concept Plan**
- **Historic Resource Plan**
- **Transportation**
- **Community Facilities and Services**
- **Natural Resources and Open Space**
- **Parks and Recreation**
- **Implementation**

Our Comprehensive Plan seeks to preserve the township's history, maintain its resources, and address needs and issues over the next ten years.

The township is most grateful to the following residents for volunteering to work on this project:

- **Jenn Baxter, Board of Supervisors**
- **Jim Dewees, Planning Commission**
- **Jim Greaney, Zoning Hearing Board**
- **Steve Hirsh, Emergency Management Planning Commission**
- **Vivian McCardell, Historical Commission**
- **Neil Phillips, Environmental Advisory Council**
- **Joe Samarco, Municipal Authority**
- **Patti Spackman, Environmental Advisory Council**
- **Gerry Stein, Historical Commission**
- **Joe Stoyack, Planning Commission**
- **Sushila Subramanian, Park and Recreation Board**
- **Sally Winterton, Planning Commission**

Many thanks to **Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary**, who scheduled numerous meetings and recorded minutes.

In addition, a thank you to the following consultants for their expertise and direction:

#### **Brandywine Conservancy**

Rob Daniels  
Olivia Falcone

#### **Bowman Consulting Group, Ltd.**

Chris Williams

#### **Richard Grubb & Associates, Inc**

Bob Wise

**Look for announcements on social media and the township website for the availability of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan and the public meeting.**

*Thank you!*

### Our Township

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Officer Zach Raymond

**TOWNSHIP TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Administration: 610-458-9400  
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### Boards & Commissions News

Welcome

RISHAV VIGNESH, Junior Member - Park & Recreation Board;  
JENNIFER COOK, Park & Recreation Board;  
JAMIE SKODA-BELL Park & Recreation Board

Thank you

### From the Township Manager:

#### Dear Upper Uwchlan Residents,

School has begun and soon we will be getting ready for cooler temperatures. Please drive safely and obey all traffic laws as buses will be on the roads getting students to school. As always, Township staff is here to assist you and your neighbors.

The Township is wrapping up its Comprehensive Plan Update. The Comp Plan Update committee voted to send a draft of the Plan to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. There will be opportunity for residents to comment and send in their thoughts. The draft will be posted to the Township's website and a hard copy will be available in the Township Building mid-September. Please take the time to look it over and comment if you would like to let us know your thoughts.

There are a few land developments that should be breaking ground this fall. The Celebree School, located at the corner of Route 100 and Station Blvd. should break ground in September as should Ducklings Preschool located at 241 Park Road. The 500 Pottstown Pike (The proposed Porsche Service Center location) land development should be wrapped up by the end of 2024 and groundbreaking should take place early in 2025. Fieldstone at Chester Springs, a 110 unit continuing care facility at the corner of Byers Road and Graphite Mine Road is now opened and residents have started moving in.

Township staff are finalizing plans for renovations to Hickory Park, and we are hopeful that the construction of these renovations will take place in summer 2025 after Little League baseball has finished up their season. Renovations include a tee ball field, parking improvements, pickle ball courts and more. We are also working on some trail plans and will be starting an Eagle Village Mobility Study early in 2025 to study traffic and pedestrian flows in the Village and the immediately surrounding area.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it is full of important information. Thanks for your interest in the Township and please contact me if there is anything that I can do to assist you in the future.

Tony Scheivert

Tony

### Elected Officials

**County Commissioners:**

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Marian Moskowitz  
Eric Roe  
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West Chester, PA 19380  
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**State Representative**

**(155th District):**  
**Danielle Friel Otten**  
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Mark your calendar!

15th ANNUAL  
Block Party  
JUNE 14, 2025

# Block Party Wrap-Up!

*The 14th Annual Block Party was a great success!*

Local vendors, Clowns, Magician, Musicians and Inflatable Bounces were some of the attractions at the Community Block Party event, held on Saturday, June 15, 2024. The live music, face painters, character artists, great food from local vendors and wonderful fireworks added to the fun for kids and parents alike!



On behalf of Upper Uwchlan Township's Board of Supervisors, the Administrative Staff, Public Works and Police Department, we would like to **THANK** all of our business sponsors for their contributions, volunteers, local fire companies and all of our residents, families and friends that came out to show their support of our Annual Community Block Party.

*Again, thank you for your generous support and participation of our event and we look forward to another successful event in 2025!*

★ Fireworks Sponsor **J-Tech**

★ Silver Sponsors

Dunkin Donuts

Gilmore & Associates

★ Bronze Sponsors

Clean Water, Inc.

Greater Philadelphia Falun Dafa Association

Brandywine Valley Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.

★ Donors

ARRO Consulting

Liberty Union Bar and Grill

Marsh Creek Signs

## Upcoming Events

★ SAVE THE DATES!



Saturday, October 26, 3-5PM  
at Hickory Park

### Trunk-or-Treat

**Call for Volunteers to host a "Trunk"!**

Are you a volunteer group that needs service hours? Are you a family that enjoys Halloween and likes to get creative? Do you want to get involved with our community? Then join us with your best-decorated trunks! Prizes will be awarded for the best-decorated trunks! Registration required to host a "trunk" only.

Register at:

[forms.gle/K69SJ8Kgt353Qwc4A](https://forms.gle/K69SJ8Kgt353Qwc4A)

For more info please email Lindsay at [lyeager@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:lyeager@upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

Children in costumes do not need to register for the event.

Saturday, November 30, 4-7PM  
at Upland Farm Barn

### EIGHTH ANNUAL Upper Uwchlan Township Tree Lighting & Fireworks

Join the Township Board of Supervisors and Park and Recreation Board for the Township's Annual Tree Lighting and Fireworks. Santa will arrive at Upland Farm Barn at 4:30PM. Tree will be lit at 5:30PM. Fireworks will start at 6:30PM, fireworks will be set off from behind Pickering Valley Elementary. There will be caroling, refreshments and crafts for children at Upland Farm Barn.

Thank you!

# Recycle Right!

## Curbside Single Stream Recycling

Toss these items directly into your Recycling Toter. DO NOT use plastic bags.

**PAPER** Newspapers, cardboard, paper bags, magazines and junk mail, phone books, home/office paper, paper egg cartons, rinsed milk and juice cartons, clean pizza boxes, and boxboard food packaging. Break down and flatten.



**PLASTIC** Containers marked #1—#5 and #7. Throw away caps and lids. Rinse thoroughly.



**METAL** Food and drink cans, pie plates, clean aluminum foil. Rinse thoroughly. Empty aerosol cans.



**GLASS** Clean food and drink bottles and jars. Throw away lids. Rinse thoroughly.



### For the Garbage Toter



**TRASH** Food waste; light bulbs; mirrors, plate glass, window glass, drinkware and crystal; ceramic cups and plates, flower pots, ovenware; caps/lids from recyclable containers; empty paint cans, empty oil cans and bottles; plastic food wrappers, plastic bags; wax or plastic coated boxes/paper, plastic and Tyvek envelopes; straws, tissues, towels, napkins, plasticware; Styrofoam/polystyrene; shoes and clothing; metallic wrapping paper.



## E-Waste Recycling & Shredding Event

**Saturday, October 19**

9AM to 12noon

UUT Public Works Building  
132 Oscar Way, Chester Springs

*See details on page 7!*

*This event is for Upper Uwchlan Township residents only.*

**NOTE: ALL BOX SPRINGS and MATTRESSES MUST be placed in plastic bags (separately) and put out at curbside the night before a Bulk collection day. If they are not in plastic bags, they WILL NOT be taken. Mattress Bags are sold at hardware stores and online.**

**Mattresses and Box springs MUST have a pre-paid sticker on each wrapped mattress and box spring. Pre-paid stickers are available for purchase at the Township Building Administrative Office.**

## RULES on Extra Recycling/Trash:

**EXCESS MATERIALS MUST BE BAGGED OR BOUND:** Any recyclables that do not fit in your Toter must be placed in paper bags. Cardboard boxes must be broken down and bound with twine.

**CARPETS MUST BE CUT UP AND BOUND INTO 3' SECTIONS** and no more than one room at a time collected on bulk day.

**Box Springs and Mattresses must be placed in plastic bags (separately) for bulk collection, they will not be collected if they are not in bags/wrapped in plastic or have pre-paid stickers on them.**

**All recyclables are to be placed directly into the recycling tote.**



**Recyclable materials include:** aluminum products, glass, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, periodicals, bulk mail, phone books.

**Reminder:** The Township is no longer legally allowed to collect e-waste such as televisions, computers, etc.

**Please note:** Yard waste is not considered trash and should NOT be put in with your trash. Use open containers (NO Attached lids) or brown compost bags. If yard waste is put in trash tote, it will not be taken.

**The burning of recyclable materials, to include yard waste, trees, shrubs, leaves, garbage, etc. is strictly prohibited. Burning permits are no longer issued.**

## Compost Leaves and Yard Waste: 24 Collections Annually - Wednesdays

Place leaves, grass clippings and yard waste in biodegradable paper bags or open containers. DO NOT use UUT Toters. DO NOT use plastic bags; these collections are composted. DO NOT overload bags. Tree limbs (no larger than 3" diameter and 3' long) must be bundled with string/twine. Place yard waste at the curb the night before collection to ensure it will be picked up.

Sept 11, 25    Oct 9, 23    Nov 6, 20    December 4, 18

## Trash & Recycling

**UUT Toters are your PRIMARY containers for trash and recycling collection.**

Place Toters at the curb the night before your collection day, and at least 3 feet apart and away from mailboxes, cars and other obstacles.



3 Feet



Recycling

96 Gallon Toter  
Blue Lid

Trash

96 Gallon Toter  
Black Lid

Bulk pick-up is the 3rd pick-up of the month.

**DO NOT PUT CLEAN RECYCLING INTO PLASTIC BAGS – THEY ARE NOT RECYCLABLE!**

Recycling is to be put directly into the recycling tote, UNBAGGED. If you put in plastic bags, it does not go into the single stream recycling, it's contaminated and goes to TRASH, DEFEATING the purpose of recycling and not helping the environment. Styrofoam is not recyclable.

**SEE Chart for proper handling of recycling!**

**Bulk trash reminder:** No construction material will be collected at any time. Do not put out for trash or bulk.

# Township Bulletin Board



**Need to speak to the police but don't feel it's a 911 issue?**  
**Dial 610-692-5100** for all non-emergency calls.

**Residential Re-Sales**  
 When selling your home, the Township requires a Use and Occupancy Re-Sale Inspection at least two (2) weeks prior to your settlement date. The owner of the property or their Realtor, must contact our office to obtain the Certification Request form. **The fee for this is \$100.00.**  
 Your trash/sewer certification is also included. Once the signed Certificate is returned to the Township, we will automatically transfer the service(s) account to the new owner's name. [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

**Prescription Take Back Box**  
 is available again and located at the Upper Uwchlan Police Department 140 Pottstown Pike

**Holiday Tree Lighting with Fireworks!**  
 November 30, 4-7pm  
 Upland Farm Park  
 301 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs

**Election Day! Remember to VOTE!**  
 Tuesday November 5  
 Polls Open 7am-8pm

**Save the Date!**  
**15th Annual Block Party**  
**Saturday, June 14, 2025**  
 Volunteers, Vendors & Crafters Needed!  
 Contact: Kathi McGrath 610.646.7001  
[www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov)

**Plan Ahead for Any Emergency!**  
 Sign up for Smart911 so first responders will be aware of important information to help when you call 9-1-1.  
[Smart911.com](http://Smart911.com)

**Holiday Hours**  
 The Township offices will be closed on the following dates:  
 ★ November 28 & 29  
 in observance of Thanksgiving;  
 ★ December 25  
 in observance of Christmas;  
 ★ January 1, 2025  
 in observance of New Year's Day

**Sign up for the LATEST NEWS!**  
 Check your Notify Me profile by entering your email address at [upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe](http://upperuwchlan-pa.gov/NotifyMe)

## Gardeners Wanted!



Upper Uwchlan Township Park & Recreation Board is looking for residents who would like to display their gardens in a 2025 Community Garden Tour.

Whether your garden shines in winter, spring, summer, or fall, we invite you and welcome participation from all levels of expertise, whether you are an experienced gardener or just starting out.

Currently, we are only gauging interest so please reach out to:

Lindsay Yeager at 610-646-7018

or email [lyeager@upperuwchlan-pa.gov](mailto:lyeager@upperuwchlan-pa.gov) to express interest or get more information.

## Eagle Scout Awarded



Upper Uwchlan Township resident, Tejas Gurthy, successfully completed his Eagle Scout Project on August 4, 2024. Members of Troop 83, under his supervision, constructed 100 feet of boardwalk at Upland Farm. The pressure treated wood assembly connects the end of the paved trail system at Upland Farm. It traverses over 30 yards of what was once sloped and muddy terrain, to the adjoining wood chip trail system within the Reserve at Eagle.

Thank you to Tejas and Troop 83 for this wonderful improvement to Upland Farm Park and its contribution to the township's efforts in expanding our trail systems.

**Reminder: No Open Burning** is permitted in Upper Uwchlan Township.

# Junior Police Academy Update

The 2024 Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department's 10th Annual Junior Police Academy was a huge success with almost 50 cadets held in June of this year.

UUPD allows the youth to obtain experience in Emergency Services as a whole. Building better relationships between the youth of the community and the residents we serve daily. The Cadets experienced career paths in Law Enforcement, the Fire & EMS Services along with telecommunication as well as Criminal Justice. We encourage

cadets to have a better understanding of the police department as well as foster a better relationship with Emergency Responders.

We are fortunate that Upper Uwchlan Township provides a free program in addition to donations and participation from local businesses. Our hopes are the program expands and we continue to have interest from the residents and businesses as we continue.

The Program was established in 2014 and it has grown every year since



its first camp. Every year we expand the program to include topics and education that will benefit the Cadets. This year we included the Technical College High School (TCHS Brandywine) and Elite Edge Boxing & Martial Arts for self-defense techniques and utilized K-9's & the Emergency Response Team known as SWAT.

This year's UUPD Officers participating are Det. Sgt Gathercole, Det. Stiteler, Officer Lyndsay Taylor, Officer Cara Cortese, Officer Jamine Hess and behind the scenes Administrative Assistant Jami Martin.

**Thank you to our Sponsors for 2024 for assisting with donations and preparation into this year's event:**

Acme  
Aston Township Police Department (Delco) K-9  
Captain Junk  
Carmine's Parkside Pizza  
Chester County Department of Emergency Services  
Chester County District Court 15-2-07  
Chester County Emergency Response Team (SWAT)  
Chester County Public Safety Training Center  
Chick-fil-A of Lionville  
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Dunkin Donuts - Chester Springs  
East Brandywine Fire Co.  
Elite Edge Boxing & Martial Arts  
Glenmoore Fire Co.  
Happy House Restaurant  
J-Tech  
Jeff Stat Critical Care Transport  
Liberty Union Bar & Grill  
Lionville Fire Co.  
Ludwig's Corner Fire Co.  
Minquas Ambulance Corps.  
Montesano Brothers  
Pennsylvania State Police (PSP)  
Pizzeria Visco

Ron's Original Bar and Grille  
Spatola's Pizza  
Tom & Jerry Ice Cream (Abdel Shuweki)  
TCHS Brandywine Campus  
Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works  
Uwchlan Ambulance Corps  
Wawa  
Wegman's  
West Caln Township Police K-9  
West Chester University Police K-9  
Wolfington Buses

*Thank You*

## Department Promotions



On Monday, August 19, the Department honored two veteran police officers with well-deserved promotions.



**Corporal Kyle Sherman** was promoted to Sergeant. Sergeant Sherman has been with the Department since 1999 and was promoted to Corporal in 2022. He will oversee the Patrol Division.

**Detective Corporal Brian Gathercole** was promoted to Detective Sergeant. Detective Sergeant Gathercole has been with the Department since 2006 and was promoted to Corporal in 2015. In 2022, he was promoted again to Detective Corporal. In his role as Detective Sergeant, he will oversee the Detective Division.

There was a large turnout of friends, families, and professional colleagues from around the area to show their support. Both Officers took their oaths of office for their new positions, which were administered by Magisterial District Judge Paige N. Simmons.

**Congratulations Sergeant Sherman and Detective Sergeant Gathercole!**

Thank you to all the men and women that help make a difference in our community and across the nation each day!

**FIRST RESPONDERS DAY**  
HONOR COURAGE SACRIFICE

October 28

# Leaf Season is Upon Us!



This fall as you are preparing to clean up your lawn, please do not rake or blow leaves or other debris into the streets or storm drains.

Leaves are to be placed into brown compost bags or open containers for collection on designated yard waste days. The leaves clog the drains which causes flooding.

**This act violates Township Code §155-24.**

## Simple Ways Homeowners Can Protect Our Watersheds



**The dangerous effects of flooding can be reduced by doing simple tasks like these!**

### Plant a Rain Garden

Rain gardens are plots full of native shrubs and flowers that are planted in a depression. This is designed to capture stormwater runoff in the surrounding area. They prevent flooding and create habitat for pollinators and birds.

### Reduce Use of Pesticides, Fertilizers & Deicing Chemicals

Limiting household use of harmful chemicals can prevent nutrient overgrowth and plant/animal death in our waterways.

### Plant Trees/Riparian Buffers

Planting trees prevents flooding, lowers summer temperatures, improves air quality, sequesters carbon and adds value to the neighborhood.



For more information on these techniques and more, check out:

[www.cwmp.org/homeowner\\_resources](http://www.cwmp.org/homeowner_resources)

For more information about stormwater management in Upper Uwchlan Township, visit [www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/stormwater](http://www.upperuwchlan-pa.gov/stormwater)

## Winter Weather Updates



Upper Uwchlan Township Public Works Department is responsible for plowing and salting over 59 miles of roadway and would like to take this opportunity to issue several friendly reminders:

- Please make sure trees along the roadway are trimmed to a minimum of 12'-14' above the sidewalk. Tree branches hanging in the street prevent plow trucks from cleaning the entire street.
- Please be patient as our crews are working long hours in harsh conditions to keep roads clear and residents safe.
- There is No Parking on the roadway during snow and ice events. Vehicles parked on the streets interfere with plowing and salting operations.
- Wait to shovel. As we plow the roads, we have no place to push the snow except to the curb line. If you shovel your driveway, sidewalk or mailbox before we have completed you will need to clear those areas again.
- Please do not deposit snow into the roadway when clearing your driveway or sidewalk.
- Please remove trash and recycling toters from the roadway as soon as possible so they do not interfere with plowing or salting operations.
- Property owners are required to remove snow or ice from sidewalks and fire hydrants if located on your property.
- Please inspect your mailbox and post prior to winter weather. Snow that is thrown from plows can damage mailboxes if they are not properly prepared and secured. Homeowners should also check the placement of their mailbox to ensure that it is not leaning into the street. The door of the mailbox should be 6 to 8" behind the curb. Please make sure the mailbox is installed according to USPS specifications which can be found at [www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm](http://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm)



# 12 Simple Steps to Get Ready for Emergencies in PA

The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is encouraging residents to prepare for emergencies and provided the following tips that township officials can share with their residents.

Preparing for emergencies doesn't have to be overwhelming. Here are 12 simple steps you can take to ensure that you and your family are ready for whatever comes your way:

- 1. Make a Plan:** Create an emergency plan for your family, including communication methods and meeting spots.
- 2. Build a Kit:** Assemble a supply kit with essentials like water, food, and first aid.
- 3. Stay Informed:** Sign up for local alerts and make sure your phone can receive emergency notifications.
- 4. Prepare for Evacuations:** Know your evacuation routes and where you can go, including plans for pets.
- 5. Secure Important Documents:** Keep important documents safe and consider making digital copies.
- 6. Check Your Insurance:** Review your insurance policies to make sure you're covered for disasters.
- 7. Strengthen Your Home:** Take steps to protect your home, like securing heavy furniture and reinforcing doors.
- 8. Plan for Family Needs:** Consider special needs for children, older adults, and family members with disabilities.
- 9. Prepare for Power Outages:** Have backup power sources for medical devices and know how to keep medications safe.
- 10. Educate Your Family:** Make sure everyone in your household knows the emergency plan and how to use the supplies.
- 11. Get Involved in Your Community:** Join or start a local preparedness group to help your community be ready.
- 12. Practice Your Plan:** Regularly review and practice your emergency plan so everyone knows what to do.



## Lawn Care and Stormwater Management

Stormwater runoff is water from precipitation that runs off the land into nearby streams and water bodies. It can be caused by heavy storms and land development, which creates impervious surfaces that water cannot filter through into the ground.

### Negative Impacts of Stormwater Runoff

- 1. Flooding**
- 2. Pollution of Water Bodies**  
Runoff causes fertilizers, pesticides, bacteria, and pet waste to flow into water bodies. Excess nitrogen from fertilizers leads to eutrophication, algae blooms that block light and kill insects, plants, and fish. This can also impact water treatment facilities.
- 3. Erosion and Destruction of Ecosystems**  
Runoff dumps excess sediment into water bodies and erodes the soil. Stormwater is often warmer and has more dissolved oxygen that natural water bodies are used to, which can harm organisms.

### How Homeowners Can Help

- 1. Plant Native Plants**  
Adapted for local conditions - will require much less fertilizer, pesticides, water, and maintenance. They also attract pollinators and improve biodiversity  
Larger plants w/ broader leaves absorb more water
- 2. Reduce Fertilizer and Pesticide**  
Read labels thoroughly - use minimum recommendations Perform soil test to see what nutrients your lawn actually needs  
No fertilizer between Dec 15-Mar 1  
Clean fertilizer + pesticide residue from impervious surfaces Alternatives: compost, organic mulch!
- 3. Keep grass clippings + leaves on lawn - natural fertilizer!**
- 4. Plant a Rain Garden + Install Rain Barrels**
- 5. Don't overwater your lawn**  
When irrigating your lawn, place a tuna can on the ground. When it fills up, you're at 1" and can stop!
- 6. Clear storm drains of debris**
- 7. Don't mow until the water's edge.**  
Plant a riparian buffer.



# 2024 *Events* CALENDAR

SAT  
SEPT  
**21**

## FALL CLOTHING DRIVE

10:00 AM @ Upland Farm Barn  
Hosted by the Environmental Advisory Council

WED  
SEPT  
**25**

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION LECTURE

6:30 PM @ Upland Farm Barn  
Registration is required.

SAT  
OCT  
**19**

## E-WASTE COLLECTION/SHREDDING

9:00 AM @ Public Works - 132 Oscar Way  
Hosted by the Environmental Advisory Council

SAT  
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## ANNUAL TRUNK-OR-TREAT

3:00 PM @ Hickory Park  
Hosted by the Upper Uwchlan Township Police Department and Park & Recreation Board

SAT  
NOV  
**30**

## 8TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

4:00 PM @ Upland Farm  
Hosted by the Park & Recreation Board

WED  
DEC  
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EDATES! SCAN HERE TO VIEW THE TOWNSHIP CALENDAR FOR MORE DETAILS: 

# Trash Fee will increase January 1, 2025

The Township Board of Supervisors approved a new trash and recycling collection contract at their March 18th, 2024, business meeting. Starting February 1, the annual trash fee will increase. This is the first increase in Upper Uwchlan Township since 2008.

Four bids were received for the Solid Waste and Recycling collection bid. The new collection contract period began August 1, 2024, and ends July 31, 2027, for once per week collection of trash (1 totter), recycling, once per month bulk trash, 24-yard waste collections each year, provisions of and once per week collection of dumpsters at Township facilities. The low bidder was A.J. Blosenski, Inc. at \$3,142,254.38 for the 3-year contract.

This represents an increase of over 50% from the contract awarded in 2019. The current fee per residence is \$315.00. After careful consideration, the Board of Supervisors has set the trash and recycling fee for 2025 at \$425.00. This fee will not increase over the life of the contract.

There will be an option to split the fee into two payments and there is a discount if paid before March 31. For more information on Trash and Recycling please visit the Township website and under the resources tab you will find a link to trash and recycling information. In addition, each homeowner will also receive a letter with more detailed information.

## New Rules for Mattress and Box Spring Disposal

Mattresses and box springs are still required to be wrapped in plastic. The hauler is charging a \$30.00 flat rate per mattress or box spring (size does not matter) to dispose of this item. To dispose of mattresses and box springs the hauler will now only collect those that are wrapped AND have a prepaid sticker affixed. Stickers can be purchased at the Township Building for \$30.00 to cover the cost of tipping fees.

## Upper Uwchlan Township Virtual Toy Drive



Toys for Tots runs from October 1 to December 6. With the help of our community, we assisted over 15,000 children last year.

Chester / Montgomery County Toys for Tots serves families with children up to the age of 18. We appreciate all donations, but every year we run short on toys to serve the youngest and oldest children. **We find our largest gaps every year are in the age ranges of 0-2, and 11+.** Toys for children in these age ranges are greatly needed, and prevent us from having to purchase them.

Please scan the attached QR Code for the Virtual Toy Drive!



*Thank you*  
<https://yougivegoods.com/upperuwchlan-toysfortots2024>

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