



# Seasonal Tips

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## Public Works Dept.

The Public Works Department of West Norriton Township ensures that all of the infrastructures within the township are maintained and secured. The department maintains over 50 miles of streets in addition to the regular annual responsibilities such as leaf collection and snow removal.

## Tree Limb Collection

Collection will take place the third Tuesday of each month April through September. Branches shall be placed at the curbside for pickup on the third Tuesday of each month by 10 a.m. Only Branches and Tree limbs are permitted. Tree stumps, sticks, weeds, grass, any vine related species and leaves are listed as non-chippable materials and will Not be taken. Tree limbs must not be in plastic bags or tied. Once the Truck passes and clears the street it will not return until the following month for pickup. Tree limbs must be stacked curbside with the butt ends facing the street. The month's of February and March will be used as demanded. \*\*\*\*All of these rules will be strictly enforced \*\*\*\*

### Limits

Individual branches or limbs - up to 6 inches in diameter

Total collection per household limited to 2 cubic yards

Improperly prepared materials or materials deemed not chippable will



## Compost Material

Leaf mulch product is also available for pick up by the residents of West Norriton Township at the Bin located behind the Jefferson Fire Company 85 School Lane. Each resident is responsible to load the mulch themselves.

## Street Sweeping

### Street Sweeping in West Norriton

Street sweeping is not set to a certain schedule. Weather permitting, we start at one end of the township and continue throughout the township until all roads have been completed. Once all streets have been cleaned, the sweeper will start all over again.



### Portable Basketball Courts

It is important to remember that portable basketball courts are not permitted to overhang into the street area; this could impede the street sweeper's operation.

## Code Department

### Property Maintenance Code

#### Adoption of the International Property Maintenance Code

The West Norriton Township commissioners have adopted the 2006 International Property Maintenance Code along with its amendments. The International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) is a model code that regulates the minimum maintenance requirements for existing buildings.

The IPMC is a maintenance document intended to establish minimum maintenance standards for basic equipment, light, ventilation, heating, sanitation, and fire safety. Responsibility is fixed among owners, operators, and occupants for code compliance. The IPMC provides for the regulation and safe use of existing structures in the interest of the social and economic welfare of the community.

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### Common Code Violations

Some of the most common property maintenance code violations include:

Distressed or poorly maintained structures

Unlicensed and/or inoperable vehicles

Tall grass and weeds

Grass clippings blown into the street

Weeds growing along the curb line

Sidewalks in poor condition

Overgrown bushes obstructing the sidewalk or limiting sight distance at an intersection

Missing house address numbers



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### Vegetation (Grass)



Every owner or occupant of land in West Norriton Township shall not have any weeds or grass taller than eight inches. Every owner who shall fail, neglect or refuse to periodically cut tall weeds, tall grasses or other obnoxious or objectionable vegetation growing on said land

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## Abandoned Vehicles

**No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.**

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## Swimming Pools



Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in good repair.

Private swimming pools, hot tubs and spas, containing water more than 24 inches (610 mm) in depth shall be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48 inches (1219 mm) in height above the finished ground level measured on the side of the barrier away from the pool. Gates and doors in such barriers shall be self-closing and self-latching.

Spas or Hot Tubs with a safety cover that complies with ASTM F 1346 shall be exempt from these requirements.



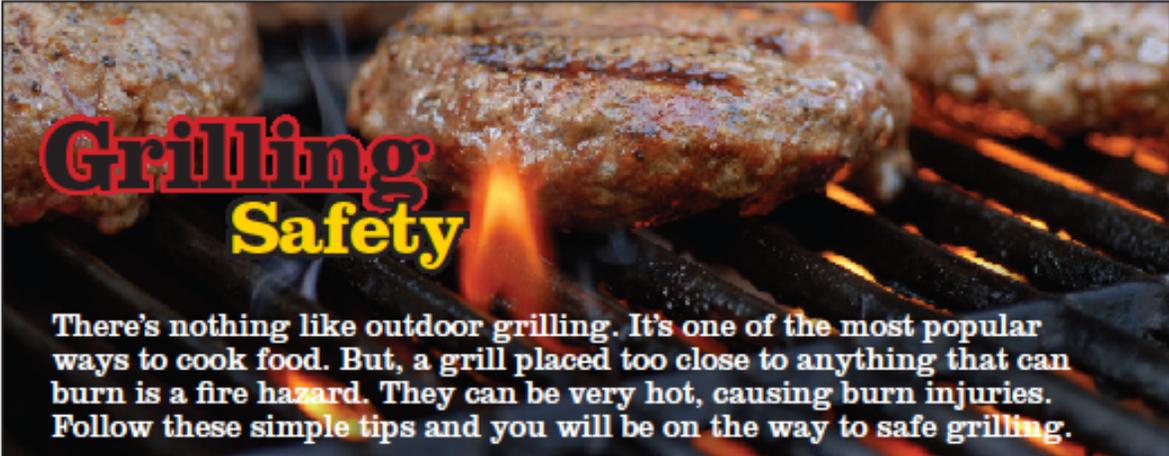
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## Rental Units

A residential rental license shall be required for each residential rental unit annually. Applications shall be filed on forms available at Township Offices on or before January 31 of each year. An application shall also be filed and a license shall be required prior to change in occupancy of the residential rental unit or prior to initial occupancy of a newly constructed or substantially rehabilitated residential rental unit.

Upon receipt of a residential rental license application by the Township, the Code Enforcement Officer shall fully inspect each residential rental unit. In addition, any residential rental unit which has not theretofere been inspected shall be inspected at least once every three years.

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# Grilling Safety

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

## SAFETY TIPS

- » Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- » The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- » Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- » Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- » Never leave your grill unattended.
- » Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

## CHARCOAL GRILLS

- » There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- » If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- » Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- » There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- » When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

## PROPANE Grills

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

## FACTS

- ❗ July is the peak month for grill fires.
- ❗ Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.



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