

If you live in Bellefonte Borough, you must use the Borough's refuse collection service, per Borough ordinance. The Borough has four refuse collectors: two on each truck. All containers for garbage shall be those issued by the Borough.

Place garbage containers at curb after 6:00 p.m. the night before your regularly scheduled garbage collection day within 10 feet of the curb or street. Remove garbage containers no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of pickup. Tickets will be issued to violators of this procedure. First fine is \$50, second is \$100, and third is \$300.

Holiday Pickups: Normal collection schedules are altered due to Borough holidays. For changes in refuse schedule on holidays, refer to: 1) the newsletter sent out in late winter; 2) the Borough website (www.bellefonte.net); 3) the Borough's Facebook page; and 4) various local radio and TV stations, as well as C-Net.

Recycling: Borough residents are mandated by the County to recycle all recyclable items. Recycling bins and arrangements for this service are provided by the Centre County Recycling Program, 814-238-7005. Email: ccra@centrecountyrecycles.org. For additional information go to the Centre County Recycling and Refuse Authority website at www.centrecountyrecycles.org.

Electronics: It has been mandated by Centre County that electronics are to be recycled. As of January 1, 2013, the Borough no longer collects electronics in normal household trash.

Special Collections: Unusually large items and appliances can be disposed of by the Borough refuse collection staff if the pick-up is scheduled. A fee is charged for this service. Scheduling can be arranged by calling the borough office, 814-355-1501, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Most fees are in the \$20.00 range, except for washers, dryers, water heaters, stoves, refrigerators and freezers, which are \$30.00. If items are not individually priced, the base rate is \$34.80. Special collections are only done on Wednesdays, with the exception of weeks that have a holiday. No special collections are done during these weeks.

Ash Collection: Ashes, placed for collection, must be placed in a separate metal container, not to exceed five gallons in capacity. They are collected on Wednesdays, beginning November 1 and ending March 31. Ashes must be cold.

Grass Clippings: For a one-time fee of \$50, the Borough will provide the property owner with a grass container. The Borough will pick up grass clippings between April 1 and October 31. Clippings must be placed in the grass container. No compostable materials shall be placed in plastic bags. This service is optional and must be scheduled by calling the borough office at 814-355-1501, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brush: For a one-time fee of \$50, the Borough will provide the property owner with a brush container. The Borough will pick up brush between April 1 and October 31. Brush (leaves, gardening waste, sticks, and twigs) must be placed in the brush container. No compostable materials shall be placed in plastic bags. This service is optional and must be scheduled by calling the Borough office at 814-355-1501, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Brush can also be picked up as a special collection on Wednesdays (unless it is a holiday week). The Borough must be contacted no later than the Tuesday morning before the Wednesday pickup. The brush must be bundled in six foot lengths or less. There will be no charge for this type of special collection unless it is an excessive amount; it is a formality so the Refuse Crew knows to pick it up.

Annual Riff-Raff Week: Once a year the Borough holds a Riff-Raff Week. It is usually the week after the Bellefonte yard sales are held in May. Riff-raff that regular customers wish removed from their properties will be picked up at the **CURB** only. There will be no charge for this extra pickup service. The riff-raff pickup will follow the same routes and schedules as the regular refuse collection service, with one pickup truck-size load limit per customer. The refuse crew will not make extra trips to an address. Tires, batteries, items too heavy for two men to handle, construction material, paint cans and hazardous waste cannot be picked up during riff-raff. Residents are not to use cardboard boxes for items if it is raining or it is calling for rain as it makes it difficult for the refuse crew to pick up the boxes without them falling apart. The Borough reserves the right to not collect if there is too much or it is too heavy.

Landfill: Borough residents can take compostable items such as grass clippings, brush, limbs (cut in six foot lengths), etc., to the Borough landfill on Musser Lane. No construction materials may be taken to the landfill. The landfill is open Saturday mornings from April until November, weather permitting, from 8 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. There is no charge. Throughout the year, however, Borough residents may obtain a landfill key at the Borough offices. There is a \$10 deposit required, which is returned when the key is brought back. The key **must** be returned by 4:30 p.m. the day it is borrowed. If not, you could forfeit your \$10 deposit and lose the privilege of using the landfill.

For refuse billing questions, contact Utility Billing at 814-355-1501, ext. 11.

For refuse collection problems, contact the Borough office at 814-355-1501, ext. 20 or 21.