



PERRY TOWNSHIP NEWSLETTER WINTER 2026

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PERRY TOWNSHIP ROAD DEPARTMENT SNOW & ICE REMOVAL PROGRAM

Central Ohio has already experienced multiple snow emergencies this winter. The Road Department works hard to keep the streets clear of ice and snow.

To help improve the efficacy and safety of snow removal, the Road Department asks residents to follow these safety guidelines:



- **Slow down.** Drive carefully when visibility is reduced.
- **Be alert.** Trucks and plows can turn on to on streets with little warning. They may also move across street centerlines to improve road conditions.
- **Stay back.** Maintain a distance of at least ten car lengths between your vehicle and the plow trucks.
- **Be patient.** The Road Crew works hard to improve road conditions. The Road Department's trucks are large, and the drivers work in weather that reduces visibility. **For your safety, never attempt to overtake a truck plowing snow.**
- **Keep the road clear.** Do not park your car on the street during snow events. The Road Department needs the street clear of obstructions to safely maneuver and remove snow.
- **Do not push snow onto the street.** It is against Ohio law to place obstructions on public roads without authority, including piles of snow (O.R.C. § 4511.74). **You can be cited for piling snow in the roadway.**

2026 Holiday & Meeting Schedule

On December 15th, 2025, the Board of Trustees approved the holiday and meeting schedules for Perry Township in 2026. The meeting and holiday schedules are available on the Perry Township website: <https://www.perrytwp.org/2367/Board-of-Trustees-Fiscal-Officer>.

Regular public meetings are held on the first and third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM, unless that Monday is a holiday, in which case the regular meeting will be held on the next following Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Due to public holidays falling on a Monday, the following public meetings will be held on Wednesdays.

- Wednesday, January 21st, due to Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
- Wednesday, February 18th, due to Presidents Day.
- Wednesday, September 9th, due to Labor Day.

Residents are welcome to attend public meetings. Unless otherwise posted, public meetings are held at the Perry Township Hall at 7125 Sawmill Rd Bldg #1, Dublin, OH 43016. Public meetings are posted on our YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/@PerryTownshipFranklinCounty>. Recordings and meeting minutes are also available on the Perry Township website: <https://www.perrytwp.org/AgendaCenter>.

The 2026 service schedule and magnetic calendars are also available. Residents can request up to 3 calendars at no cost by calling our office at 614-889-2669 or completing the order form on our website: <https://www.perrytwp.org/2325/Service-Calendar>.

Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights Disposal



Rumpke can accept dead Christmas trees as part of regular yard waste pickup. To have your tree collected by Rumpke, please follow these guidelines:

1. Remove all tinsel, ribbons, Christmas lights, and other decorations.
2. Please cut the trunk and limbs to a length of four feet or shorter. Larger trees will not fit in Rumpke's truck and must be cut into smaller pieces.
3. Bundle the tree and place it at the curb by your waste bins, NOT in the street.

Artificial trees cannot be recycled or composted. Artificial trees should be broken down and disposed of with other curbside waste. If you have any questions, please call Rumpke's customer service line at 1-800-828-8171.

Holiday and string lights cannot be recycled and should never be placed in your recycling cart. Holiday lights will tangle around the gears of the equipment at the recycling facility. Visit SWACO offers seasonal holiday lights recycling programs and year-round electronic drop-off locations where to dispose of holiday and string lights:

https://recycleright.org/recycling_category/holiday-lights/.

Special Events in Perry Township



Residents and organizations who would like to host an event or party that will use a public road in Perry Township are required to apply for a special event permit. The permit application is reviewed by the police, road, and fire departments to ensure safety and to notify first responders of road closures.

The permit fee is \$25.00 for private individuals and \$0.00 for HOAs, Civic Associations, and school events.

The application is accessible through the Perry Township Permit Portal:

<https://twp-perry-oh.smartgovcommunity.com/Public/Home>.

TAX SEASON SCAMS – *By Chief Steve Cesaro*

As tax season approaches, be prepared for an increase in tax scams. Tax scammers mislead the public about tax refunds, credits, and payments. They pressure you for personal, financial, or employment information or money.

Watch out for IRS impersonation calls, emails, or texts where scammers use fake information, threats, or promises of large refunds to get your personal details. Phishing emails with urgent subject lines often contain malicious links or attachments. Be wary of "ghost" tax preparers who do not sign returns, provide copies, or deposit refunds into your account. Legitimate tax preparers have a Prepare Tax Identification Number (PTIN).

The IRS will **never** contact you by email, text, or social media to request personal or financial information. The IRS will **never** demand immediate payment using methods like gift cards or wire transfers, nor will the IRS ever threaten immediate arrest or license suspension for non-payment. Official IRS correspondence about a balance due typically begins with a letter mailed through the US Postal Service.

Do not respond to suspicious emails or texts, click links, or open attachments. Verify any contact by calling the official IRS number at 1-800-829-1040. Report scam emails and texts to the IRS at phishing@irs.gov. If your information was stolen, visit <https://identitytheft.gov> and contact the Police Department by calling our non-emergency line: 614-889-1231.

Property Tax Breakdown

Like all townships in Ohio, Perry Township primarily generates revenue through local property taxes. However, not all your property tax goes to the township. Property tax is split between the township, school districts, Franklin County, and other government entities.

The Franklin County Treasurer's website has a property search feature that lets you see the property tax breakdown for your home: <https://treapropsearch.franklincountyohio.gov/>. You can search for a property by owner name, street address, or the parcel ID.

The distribution tab allows you to see how your property tax is split between political subdivisions, including Perry Township, Franklin County, the school district, library district, etc. You can also see how your tax rate is calculated by clicking the valuation tab.

The Franklin County Auditor has tax reduction programs available. Visit <https://franklincountyauditor.com/real-estate/tax-reduction-programs> to learn more.





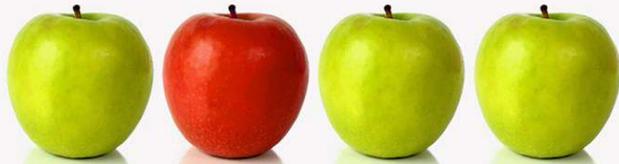
Energy Choice Ohio powered by choice.

Residential homeowners in Ohio can shop for energy options from a diverse group of competitive suppliers certified by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO). Homeowners can select the supplier and rates that best suit their needs. You can compare rates for both electricity and natural gas.

PUCO's Apples to Apples comparison tool allows Choice consumers to compare energy rates between different suppliers for both electricity and natural gas. The Apples to Apples chart provides a snapshot comparison of current rates, information about PUCO certified suppliers, and contract terms.

Visit <https://energychoice.ohio.gov> to use the Apples to Apples tool and to learn more about Energy Choice Ohio.

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BE SALT SMART FOR WATER QUALITY

From Franklin Soil & Water Conservation District

Help reduce the amount of chloride in Ohio's waterways by reducing the use of salt and deicers this winter. The Perry Township Road Department uses road salt prewetting kits to reduce the township's use of road salt during the winter.

Most chloride comes from salt and deicers used to keep ice off roads, driveways, and walkways. Once chloride is washed into waters via rainfall and snowmelt it is nearly impossible to remove.

SALT AND DEICER COMPARISON

Melting Agent	Lowest Melting Temp.*	Things to Know
Urea	20°F	Promotes algae growth in waterways; over-application can harm plants; relatively pet-safe; slow-acting
Sodium Chloride (NaCl)	15°F	Harmful to plants; harmful to concrete; very corrosive to metal; cheap and abundant
Magnesium Chloride (MgCl ₂)	-10°F	Harmful to plants; corrosive to metal; relatively high cost
Potassium Acetate	-15°F	Can cause surface slickness; lowers oxygen levels in waterways; biodegradable; relatively high-cost
Calcium Chloride (CaCl ₂)	-20°F	Corrosive to metal; leaves slimy residue; less harmful to concrete
Sand	No Melting	Provides traction only; potential pollutant; can be swept up and reused

The best way to remove snow and ice is the old-fashioned way: clear the snow and scrape or chisel away at the ice. Avoid ice buildup by shoveling early and often and redirecting downspouts away from hard surfaces. Try to get out shovel once or twice before the snow piles up and becomes compacted. Compacted snow is heavy, slipper, and hard to separate from the pavement.

When to use salt

If you must apply salt or deicer, do so after the storm is finished. Clear off any loose and/or compacted snow first. Apply the product on ice only; do not apply it on dry pavement. Temperatures often drop after a snowstorm, so double-check the label on your salt or deicer to make sure that it will work before you apply. For example, rock salts do not work below 15°F.

How much salt to use

More salt does not equal faster melting, only more pollution and wasted money. FWSCD recommends a 3-inch spread between salt granules. Hand spreaders can make the job easier and more accurate. Try to apply no more than one pound of salt per 250 square feet of pavement.

What about sand?

Sand serves a completely different purpose than salt. Use sand when it is too cold for salt to work and sprinkle just enough to provide traction on walkways. Sweep up any excess sand after the ice melts and dispose of it in the trash or reuse it so that it does not get carried into storm drains. Remember: sand pollutes too!

Franklin Soil & Water has additional information resources to help you be salt smart for water quality on their website: <https://www.franklinwcd.org/be-salt-smart>.



ALERT Franklin County
Emergency Notification System



ALERT Franklin County is a mass notification and warning program used by Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security to inform residents about severe weather and important emergency/disaster alerts in Franklin County. Any Franklin County resident or commuter can register for ALERT Franklin County. ALERT Franklin is customizable and allows you to choose what kind of severe weather notifications you want to receive, how you want to receive them, and the location you want to receive them for.

You can receive emergency management alerts from FCEM&HS that do not require an account in ALERT Franklin County by texting FCREADY to 888777.

To sign up for a full ALERT Franklin County account, visit the official website: alertfranklincounty.org/

The ALERT Franklin County Program can also send out alerts issued through the OSU Department of Public Safety Buckeye Alert System. You must create a full user profile in ALERT Franklin County to receive Buckeye alerts.

Follow FCEM&HS on social media for emergency alerts and information: www.facebook.com/FCEMHS. Due to possible delays, do not rely on social media as your primary source of emergency information.

2026 magnetic service calendars are here!

You can order one from the Perry Township website by scanning the QR code or visiting

<https://www.perrytwp.org/2325/Service-Calendar>

OR

by calling our main office at (614) 889-2669



Vacation House Checks

Keep your home and property safe while you're away! The Police Department offers daily house checks for residents while you're on vacation. Officers will regularly stop by your home to ensure that it is safe and secure.



Access the online vacation house check request form on the Perry Township website at <https://www.perrytwp.org/2176/Vacation-House-Checks> or call 614-339-0240 to request a house check.

Zoning permits

Perry Township's Zoning Resolution requires permits for projects that involve the construction of a new structure or modify the impermeable surface of a property. Common projects that require zoning permits include driveways, fences, sheds, home additions, patios, and decks. Dumpsters, contractor signs, and garage sales also require zoning permits. You can apply for zoning permits via our online permit portal: <https://www.perrytwp.org/2159/Permits-Applications>.

If you have questions about zoning, please contact Zoning Inspector Rick Paul at rpaul@perrytwp.org or call 614-889-1211.

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- Township news
- Police & Road Advisories
- Construction notices
- Updates on seasonal brush chipping & leaf collection

You can sign up for e-blasts on the Township website by scanning the QR code below or calling our office at (614) 889-2669.



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