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Borough of Emmaus &
Upper Milford Township
Joint Environmental Advisory Council (EAC)



Earth Day 2019 – Community Cleanup

Saturday, April 13th • 8:30 AM to 12 PM • RAIN or SHINE

WHO: Community members from Emmaus and Upper Milford (and any other surrounding areas) are invited to participate in this fun, earth-conscious event!

WHAT: Cleaning up litter and debris from sites around the borough and township.

ALSO: Electronics recycling will be available at Community Park during the event – just stop by with items to recycle like TVs, computers, printers, air conditioners and batteries! Some fees will apply. (See Price list at www.uppermilford.net) **9-noon or until the truck is full.**

Document Shredding will be available at Community Park during the event at no charge to the community. Any type of office paper will be accepted. No need to remove staples. **Items not accepted are newspapers, cardboard or books.** Paper shredding will take place on the site while you wait. **Limit 4 boxes per household (office file size boxes only). Residential only no commercial businesses please. 9-noon or until the truck is full.** This event partially sponsored by, Representative Justin Simmons, Senator Patrick Browne, and New Tripoli Bank.

Household Batteries- House hold and rechargeable batteries will be collected for \$1.00 per pound.

WHEN: Saturday, April 13 We will begin gathering at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and to get organized, then start cleaning up by 9 a.m.!

WHERE: Meet at the Emmaus Community Park Shimerville Road at South 14th Street. Instructions and directions to all the cleanup sites will be provided.

WHY: Earth Day is a great time to show your commitment to our community's environment. Help out by cleaning up litter and debris, and providing community education about the importance of protecting local water resources!



Thirsty? Bring a water bottle to fill up so we reduce our waste at this earth-friendly event!





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Residents are Encouraged to Use the Township's Yard Waste Site

Upper Milford Township encourages the composting of leaves and yard waste. For more information about composting, please contact the Township.

Yard Waste Drop-Off Site Information:

- The Township accepts yard wastes dropped off by residents at the Township's Yard Waste Drop Off area behind the Township's Garage, accessed via Church View Road. Materials may only be dropped off by Township residents and this service is not offered to lawn maintenance or landscape businesses.
- Grass, leaves, and brush or branches must be kept separated and unloaded at the appropriate location as identified by the signage at the site.
- Branches are limited to 4" diameter and must be no longer than 8'.
- Hours of operations are:
Wednesday, 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Fall Hours (not including holidays) beginning October 14th through December 13th are:

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**
- Wednesday, 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. or dusk**
- Saturday, 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.**
- Sunday, 12:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.**

Call the office at 610-966-3223 for additional information.

- The Township, at times, has a supply of coarse wood mulch available to the public. Residents may load their own vehicles or the Township may load your truck or trailer by appointment only for a fee of \$5.00 per scoop or part thereof. The Township will also deliver mulch at a cost of \$35.00 per truck load which is approximately 7 cubic yards. You must prepay at the Township for the mulch to be either loaded onto your vehicle or delivered to your residence. Appointment hours are based on employee availability. Please call to schedule loading service.

Upper Milford Township Residents Upper Milford Township Yard Waste Collection Program

Upper Milford Township is offering residents a fee-based roadside yard waste collection program as a supplement to the Township's Yard Waste Drop-Off site program.

The collection dates will be scheduled for May 6th – 10th 2019 and again for November 4th – 8th 2019.

Residents desiring to use the roadside pick up service will be required to purchase a yard waste pick up sticker for each container or bundle to be picked up at a cost of \$1.00 each and also comply with the following procedures:

ONLY the following materials or items will be accepted and collected:

- Leaves
- Tree and Plant Trimmings
- Tree Limbs and Branches, less than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter
- Garden and flower bed plant materials

The following items **WILL NOT** be accepted and if placed out for pick-up will result in material not being collected:

- Grass Clippings
- Garbage
- Tree Stumps
- Animal Waste
- Lumber
- Dirt
- Sod
- Rocks
- Trash

Acceptable materials must be placed in open containers no larger than 32 gallons in size and have a total weight of less than 50 pounds. Limbs and branches less than 48" long and 4" in diameter may be tied in bundles no larger than 48" x 18" x 18" (maximum weight 50 pounds). Ties must be biodegradable material.

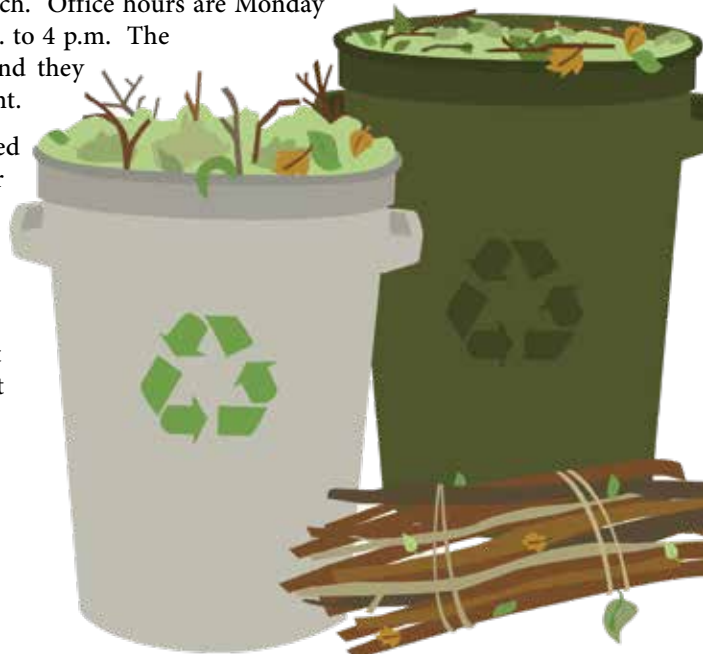
A new "yard waste sticker" must be fastened to each container or bundle or the material will not be collected. The sticker on the container will be removed or voided after one use.

Residents must contact the Township Office by either calling at (610) 966 – 3223, faxing (610) 966 – 5184 or e-mail info@uppermilford.net to schedule pick-up. Notification must be received by the Township prior to 12:00 noon on Friday of the collection week or material may not get collected.

Stickers may be purchased at the Upper Milford Township Office, 5671 Chestnut Street, at a cost of \$1.00 each. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Stickers may be prepaid and they can be mailed to the resident.

The Township is required to offer this program or service in order for the Township to comply with current Pennsylvania Recycling Regulations.

For more information visit the Township's website at www.uppermilford.net.



From Your Tax Collector

This office collects real estate taxes for Upper Milford Township and the East Penn School District only.

For questions regarding millage rates, contact the taxing authority:
UMT 610-966-3223, EPSD 610-966-8300

Deborah S. Schevets, Tax Collector

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 265, Old Zionsville, PA 18068
(U.S. mail tax payments use this address)

Office Address: 5671 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA 18092
Located in Upper Milford Township Building – formerly Kings Highway School (FedEx, UPS use this address)
*No mail accepted, use address above

Phone: 610-928-1030

Fax: 610-966-5184

E-mail: taxinfo@uppermilford.net



Tax Collector Office Hours:

April, May, July, August, October and December
(excluding major holidays)
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am–12pm, 1pm–3pm

The office will be open (2) Saturday mornings in May and August as listed below to accommodate those who would like to make their tax payments in person.

May 18th and 25th • 10am to Noon
August 24th and 31st • 10am to Noon
Other hours by appointment

IMPORTANT PAYMENT DATES:

Upper Milford Township 2019 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st 2019, and cover the calendar year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

2% Discount	Flat Amount	10% Penalty
Apr 1 - May 31	Jun 1 - Jul 31	Aug 1 - Dec 31

East Penn School District 2019-2020 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed July 1st, 2019, and cover the school fiscal year 7-1-2019 through 6-30-2020.

2% Discount	Face Amount	10% Penalty
Jul 1 - Aug 31	Sep 1 - Oct 31	Nov 1 - Dec 31

Option: Installment Payments (School only) See back of tax bill for detailed instructions.

1st Installment	2nd Installment	3rd Installment
Aug 10	Oct 10	Dec 10

From 12/15/19 thru 12/31/19 only:

No personal checks accepted. Cash, Money Order, or Certified Funds only. No payments accepted after 12/31/19 US Postmark. Postage bought online, and payments by bank disbursement do not meet USPS postmark requirements.

After 12/31/19:

Unpaid taxes as of 12/31/19 are turned over to Northeast Revenue Service LLC, dba Lehigh County Tax Bureau, for collection. 610-782-3119 <http://lehighcountytaxclaim.com> Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th St., Room 120, Allentown, PA 18101

Miscellaneous:

- Failure to receive a bill does not entitle the owner to discount or remission of penalty on taxes.
- If you no longer own the property, please provide name of new owner on bill and return to tax collector's office.
- If serviced by a Mortgage Company, forward township bills and school bills to them immediately.
- Township tax payments & school tax payments cannot be combined. Separate checks are required.
- No credit cards accepted
- No partial payments —exact amount required
- A "Change in Assessment" (due to a new house, improvements such as a garage, pool, or home addition, lot-line adjustments, etc.) may result in an additional pro-rated bill covering the difference between the old assessed value and the new assessed value. These bills are mailed in February, May, August or September and cover the period from the "effective date" until the new taxable rate is reflected on your tax bill.
- Contact this office for "Taxpayer Receipts", Surviving Owner Name Change Form, Mailing Address Change Form

Property Tax Rebates:

Rebate forms for 2018 should be available in the tax office mid-February for the following programs:

- 2018 East Penn School District Property Tax Rebate Application (PTR-1000)
<https://www.eastpennsd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2017-East-Penn-School-District-Property-Tax-Rebate-Application-PTR-1000.pdf> (To view 2017 Form)
- 2018 Pennsylvania Property Tax / Rent Rebate Program (PA-1000)
<https://www.revenue.pa.gov/FormsandPublications/FormsforIndividuals/PTRR/Documents/rev-573.pdf> (To view Brochure)

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Earned Income Tax and Local Services Tax:

Berkheimer at 800-234-2345 or

<https://www.hab-inc.com>

Lehigh County Real Estate Tax:

Lehigh County Fiscal Office at 610-782-3112

The Lehigh County 2019 Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed April 1st 2019, and cover the calendar year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Lehigh County Government Center, Room 119, 17 South Seventh St., Allentown PA 18101-2400

<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Fiscal-Tax-Claims/Mission-Statement>

Lehigh County Assessment Office: 610-782-3038

Taxpayer Relief Act (Homestead /Farmstead Exemption), Act 4 (Open Space), Act 319 (Clean & Green), Search Records, Maps, Millage Rates, American Heroes Grant, Assessment Appeal

Lehigh County Government Center, Room 517, 17 South Seventh St., Allentown, PA 18101-2401

<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Assessment-Home>

Veterans Affairs: 610-782-3295

Pennsylvania Disabled Veterans Real Estate Tax Exemption

Lehigh County Government Center, 17 South 7th St., Room 230, Allentown, PA 18101-2400

<https://www.lehighcounty.org/Departments/Veterans-Affairs> (Eligibility, Documents, Procedures)

Planning on Digging?

Call Pennsylvania One Call System, Inc. (POCS) three business days before you dig at 800-242-1776 or 8-1-1.

PA Act 287 as amended requires excavators as well as private landowners to call POCS three days prior to any type of digging occurring with powered equipment.

Mark your excavation area in white paint before calling with a dig notification.

By calling you allow the facility owners the opportunity to locate and mark their underground facility in advance of the planned excavation (gas and liquid pipelines will mark underground facilities using yellow stakes, flags or paint.)



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Emmaus Ambulance Subscription Benefits

THE 2019 SUBSCRIPTION APPLICATIONS WERE MAILED IN OCTOBER.

Emmaus Ambulance Corps covers the eastern portion of Upper Milford Township. This is the same district covered by Citizens Fire Company of Vera Cruz.



Do you know the benefits to becoming a subscriber to the Emmaus Ambulance Corps?

If you are a subscriber... Your insurance company payment will be accepted as full payment (provided your deductible has been met). If your insurance company doesn't pay anything towards the bill or you do not have any insurance, you will receive a 50% discount on the charges for emergency services.

Subscribers also receive discounted rates for non-emergency medical transports.

If you are **not** a subscriber... You will be responsible for 100% of the amount charged for the service. If you don't have insurance or any balance is still due after your insurance company payment has been received, you are still responsible to pay any outstanding debit. It can cost hundreds of dollars for a single emergency, as emergency rates can reach as high as \$900.

Subscription fee is \$40 for a senior single, \$45 for an individual, \$50 for a senior couple, or \$60 for a family. If you haven't received a subscription notice by mail in October, please pick one up at the Emmaus Ambulance Corps Office, Upper Milford Township Building, or Emmaus Borough Hall. A full explanation of your benefits is provided in the subscription mailing.

Payments for services or your subscription should now be made at the Borough Hall. Payments can be made by mailing back your subscription, stopping in or calling the Borough at 610-965-9292 to pay by credit card.

Even if a subscription is not right for you, The Emmaus Ambulance Corps welcomes your tax-deductible donation. The Emmaus Ambulance Corps relies on subscription memberships, donations, grants, insurance reimbursements and user fees to sustain and improve its advanced life-saving operations and to purchase state of the art lifesaving equipment and supplies to help provide the necessary services of the operation. With recent cuts in healthcare reimbursements, the advent of healthcare reform and the growing number of requests for services, your participation in our subscription program is now more important than ever...with your support, we can continue to provide the highest quality of pre-hospital medical services to the citizens of our community.

Did you know that we do Non-Emergency Transports? That means if you need to see your doctor or must go for tests and have no way to get there, you can call us. We also transport to and from nursing facilities and return trips to your residence from the hospital. Please try to give us a 24-hour notice when scheduling a non-emergency transport. Be advised that these trips are not billable to your insurance in most cases and you may be responsible for the full expense. If you are a subscriber, you will receive our discounted rates.

Important Numbers:

Emergency – Dial 911

Emmaus Ambulance Corps Office / Station – 610-967-5615, Ext. 201

Billing Questions – 610-965-9292 (Borough Hall)

To schedule a Non-Emergency Transport – 610-965-4988 (Station)

Macungie Ambulance Corps



The Macungie Ambulance Corps believes that community outreach and education is an integral part of the Emergency Medical Services system. When an emergency happens, bystanders can play a pivotal role in giving a person the best chance for survival. This is especially true when somebody needs CPR.

Each year the community outreach team of the Macungie Ambulance Corps certifies over 500 people in First Aid and / or CPR... In addition, we are part of a group of organizations known as C.O.R.E. (Community Organized for Resuscitation Education.) This group provides basic "Hands-Only" CPR training, free of charge, to community groups and at major events. In 2018 we

helped train over 5,000 people in this life-saving skill.

CPR is not nearly as complicated as it was once thought to be. Anybody can learn, in just a few minutes, how to save a life.

For more information, contact our community outreach team at (610) 966-2601 ext. 115 or visit our website at www.macamb.org

You can easily learn "Hands Only" CPR with a simple internet search or by visiting the American Heart Association website dedicated to this important skill.

http://cpr.heart.org/AHA/ECC/CPRandECC/Programs/HandsOnlyCPR/UCM_473196_Hands-Only-CPR.jsp

ANNUAL
Easter Egg Hunt

Upper Milford Western District Fire Co. #1
 6341 Chestnut Street, Zionsville, PA

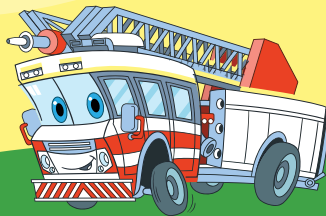
Saturday, April 20, 2019 • 11:00 am - 2:30 pm



Special Appearance by the Easter Bunny!
Fire truck tours, kids activities, face painting,
light refreshments & basket raffle!
Children & Adults' egg hunts will commence at 1 pm!



Please come, Friday, April 19th at 9am to help color nearly 1,000 eggs!



Vera Cruz Community Association

Events for 2019

EASTER EGG HUNT
 Saturday March 20th, 2019 at 1 pm

HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
 Sunday August 18th, 2019
 from 12-8 pm

HALLOWEEN PARADE
 Wednesday October 16th, 2019

Visit us on Facebook
@veracruzcommunity

UPPER MILFORD Youth Association

UMYA is a great organization that provides an environment for kids of all ages and skill levels to be able to play sports. Our teams and programs participate in both leagues and in house programs that are competitive, fun and provide great environments for kids to learn and enjoy sports.

Soccer (Spring and Fall)

Kickball (Summer)

Volleyball (Summer)

Baseball (Spring and Fall)

Softball (Spring and Fall)

Basketball (Winter)

Registrations and additional information can be found on our website: www.umya.org

"Where Kids Come to Play"



 **Conserving Water this Spring**

Tips for managing stormwater on your property this spring:

- Plant trees. Trees slow stormwater and help it soak into the ground.
- Install rain barrels. Capture water for use in gardens or slow release into your yard.
- Reduce lawn mowing. Dedicate part of your yard to garden rather than turf grass.
- Reduce chemical use. Fertilizers, weedkillers and coal-based driveway products can all end up in the creek after it rains.
- Reduce paving. There are many convenient alternatives to traditional pavement that reduce run-off.
- Go native. Native trees, shrubs and perennials are better suited for local weather and soil conditions.



The Citizens Fire Company



The Citizens Fire Company of Upper Milford Township (Vera Cruz Fire Department) would like to thank everyone who supported our 75th Anniversary celebration in 2017. It has been an honor to serve this community for so many years and we look forward to many more!

Interested in Volunteering? Our department meetings are the first Monday of the month, at 8:00 pm. If you are interested in joining our department (either as an active member running on emergency calls, as well as a social member who can help with fundraisers feel free to call the station (non-emergency phone 610-965-9444) to leave a message, or see any member for more information.

Our fire team also meets every Tuesday at 7:00 pm to practice skills and continue our education. You are welcome to stop in on practice night to see what we do and learn more about how to become a volunteer. The station address is 4093 Main Road West, Emmaus, PA 18049.

Like us on Facebook! Vera Cruz Fire Department (@VCFD28) Check out our Facebook page for frequent updates about our department.

The Vera Cruz Fire Department will be teaming up with the Red Cross again for 2018. We hope to be running another Smoke Detector install program. Watch for further information on this program.

Our social hall is available for rent. For details on pricing and availability, please contact us at 610-965-9444 (voicemail). Please leave a message and your call will be returned in a timely manner.

Would you like to support our department? Vera Cruz Fire Department hosts various fundraisers throughout the year. Whether you would like to jump in and join to help with raising funds or simply Like our Facebook page to help Spread the Word by sharing our posts to help broaden our reach. Our current fund raiser is selling T-shirts showing the PRIDE of the EAST SIDE. To purchase a t-shirt see any member or call the station at 610-965-9444 and leave a message for Laura (our fundraiser chairperson). Watch for more information regarding our upcoming fundraisers.

The Ladies Auxiliary meets the last Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Vera Cruz Fire Department Social Hall. We're always looking for new members. The Ladies aid in supporting the department by lending a hand in fund raising and other support when needed.

Our First Annual Home Town Christmas was a huge success. Watch for dates for December 2018. We also hold various fundraisers throughout the year by holding pizza sales, shoo-fly pie sales, a picnic to honor emergency responders and assist the firefighters with fire prevention activities. For more information on fundraisers or how to join the Ladies Auxiliary contact Becky at 610-967-1081.

Please keep your eye out for our annual mailers! Your support and contributions to our donation mailer has a significant impact on our 100% volunteer department!

Thank you for your continued support, and may you all have a healthy, fire safe 2019.

--Vera Cruz Fire Department

Permits Required

Upper Milford Township is a zoned community. The following are required:

- **Bonfire Permit:** required at least 10 days in advance of the proposed bonfire.
- **Building and/or Zoning Permit:** required for new construction, additions, or alterations to exterior of existing structures; deck, patio, pool, spa or hot tub; electrical work or wiring; plumbing and HVAC work; and shed.
- **Driveway Permit:** required for the construction of a driveway or other means of ingress or egress onto a Township or PennDOT road.
- **Fence or Wall Permit:** required for the installation of any fence or wall over two feet high.
- **Grading Permit:** required if not in conjunction with another permit.
- **Moving Permit:** required when moving into, out of or within Upper Milford Township. There is no fee for this permit.
- **Occupancy Permit:** required prior to occupying a newly constructed building.
- **Park Permit:** required in order to reserve a pavilion in a township park.
- **Peddler's Permit:** must be obtained before engaging in solicitation or peddling in Upper Milford Township.
- **Sewage Permit:** required for the inspection of a new septic system and for the repair or enlargement of an existing system.
- **Tree cutting and Logging Permit:** required if more than 10 trees/year or more than 30 percent of total number of trees on lot are taken down. Call the Township office for specific information.
- **Use or Change of Use:** required for any activity, occupation, business, or operation carried on or intended to be carried on in a structure or lot.

Other permits may be required for certain activities. For specific information call 610-966-3223.



UPPER MILFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

5671 Chestnut St, PO Box 210, Old Zionsville, PA 18068

MISSION:

To preserve, research, and educate about the culture, traditions and historical landmarks of the Township by promoting the discovery, collection, display, and publication of historical information and memorabilia relating to the area.

Join us to attend a meeting held on: Last Thursday of each month (except November and December) 7 p.m. | Upper Milford Township Building, 5671 Chestnut Street Old Zionsville Visit us at www.uppmilford.org! Contact: Uppermilfordhist@gmail.com

2019 Programs

MARCH 28TH

Roselyn Parry - A Hill Full of Ministers: The Corning Hill Colony

Reminisce through the words of family members about life and experiences in the summer cottages that flourished among the hills of Corning Road in Powder Valley during earlier days.

APRIL 25TH

Edward Quinter - The Story of the Liberty Bell Follow the story of America's Liberty Bell as it winds its way through history, passing through our township, leading and ringing out American spirit, independence and freedoms.

MAY 30TH

Herb Kaufman - The Music That Got Us Through WWII

Turn up the radio as we listen to and learn about the patriotic music, sentimental songs, big bands, and comic melodies of the music that is woven into the fabric of our American culture, including Glenn Miller and the Andrews Sisters.

JUNE 27TH

Mike Jesberger - Military Flags of the Early American Wars Parade with the flags! Learn about the flags that symbolized each military group in the early days of the American colonies, the causes represented by the flags, and little known details and myths about each flag.

JULY 25TH 6:00 p.m.

Picnic Meeting Don't eat dinner at home tonight. Enjoy the yummy, plentiful dishes brought by members to our annual picnic gathering. No meeting is conducted, only servings of fellowship, good conversation, perhaps some historical reminiscence, and light-hearted banter.

AUGUST 29TH

Reverend Tom Kochenderfer - Musing of an Old Man: Pastor Muhlenberg Reflecting on His Life

Join retired Pastor Kochenderfer as he brings Pastor Henry Melchior Muhlenberg to life in a serious yet amusing portrayal of the life (1711-1787) and colonial times of the first ordained Lutheran Minister sent to early Pennsylvania.

SEPTEMBER 26TH

Neil Moser - Township One Room Schools, Don't Be Absent

UMHS President Neil Moser will give details about each of our early one room township schools, show where they were located and introduce us via old photos to people who attended the schools. If you're one of those former students, you want to be present for this meeting.

OCTOBER 31ST

Bruce Stocking - All That Remains

Dare to spend Halloween evening learning about the meaning behind many symbols found on headstones, funeral customs through the years, the origin of cemeteries, and more afterlife themes from a researcher and expert on these topics.



Spotted Lantern Fly Treatment from the PA Department of AG

Description of Basal-Bark-Spray Tree Treatment

The treatments outlined in the Penn State documents—particularly the treatments using the systemic insecticides Dinotefuran and Imidacloprid as Basal Bark Sprays—are the most effective remedies Penn State recommends. Properly treated, trees will become toxic to SLF in a few days to a few weeks. The trees will then remain toxic for a year or more. SLF who feed on these trees will quickly die. A proper, to-the-instructions application of these insecticides will often prevent or avoid the difficulty of tree removal.

The application of Dinotefuran or Imidacloprid as a basal bark spray is a systemic method of long-term control of SLF on individual trees—particularly on those trees which cannot be removed this season. In addition, the Basal-Bark-Spray method of application, allows one to treat just the first 5-6 feet of the trunk of the tree—thus avoiding complicated and expensive treatments to the entire foliage of the tree.

Over a longer period however, in addition to using insecticides, the removal and herbicidal treatment of Ailanthus trees, where these trees exist, is essential for area control of SLF.



TOWNSHIP DIRECTORY

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL CENTER

5671 Chestnut Street • P.O. Box 210 • Old Zionsville, PA 18068

Phone: 610-966-3223 • Fax: 610-966-5184

Email: info@uppermilford.net • Web: <http://www.uppermilford.net>

Office Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The office is closed on Saturday and Sunday



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