

BROWN TOWNSHIP

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Summer 2020

Property Tax Collection To Be Delayed Until August

In an effort to assist Franklin County residents through the COVID-19 pandemic, the Franklin County Treasurer's Office and the Franklin County Auditor's Office have moved the due date for the second half real estate property tax collection from June 22, 2020 to August 5, 2020.

Tax bills were to become available June 8. If you receive your bill by email, you should have received it on June 9. If by mail, you should have received it between June 16 and 19. You can pay anytime but the payment is not due until August 5.

The Franklin County Treasurer's Office hopes that this extension will assist taxpayers who are struggling financially during this unprecedented time while also ensuring that government agencies receive the funds necessary to continue providing essential services to all citizens.

The Franklin County Treasurer's Office encourages residents concerned about paying their second half taxes by the August 5 due date to pay as much of the property tax bill as possible by that date. If you are unable to pay in full by August 5, you may enter into a delinquent tax monthly payment plan which is set up by the Treasurer's Delinquent Tax Division at 614-525-3431. Taxpayers who are currently on

a budget or delinquent tax payment plan should call 614-525-3438 for their extended payment totals.

Tax bills not paid by August 5 will have 5% interest added to the balance due as it appears on the second half tax bill. Tax bills not paid by August 16 will have 10% interest added.

We strongly encourage payments by check or money order mailed to:

Franklin County Treasurer Cheryl Brooks Sullivan, 373 S. High St., 17th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6306.

Payments can also be made:

- In the dropbox at the Franklin County Complex
- Online at <https://treasurer.franklincountyohio.gov/>

- At participating Check Free Pay locations.

Tax payments can also be made in person at the Treasurer's Office between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office will be practicing safe social distancing based on recommendations of the Ohio Department of Health. Masks are required.

Please visit <https://treasurer.franklincountyohio.gov/Payments> or 614-525-3438 for more information.

Information provided by Franklin County Treasurer, Cheryl Brooks Sullivan

Thank You!



The Brown Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer add their heartfelt thanks to this expression spotted in the township this Spring. Thank you, front line, for all you do to keep us all safe and healthy.

Spring Cleaning Tips

Many people engage in the annual ritual of spring cleaning, taking advantage of longer, warmer days to air out and deep-clean their houses that have been closed up during the winter.

With most of us spending more time at home during Ohio's recent shelter-in-place order, chances are a lot of spring cleaning has taken place.

As you clean, purge, and organize, please keep in mind that even during a pandemic there are opportunities to reduce, reuse, and recycle. These three "Rs" are critical to diverting waste from the landfill and protecting our environment. We offer these suggestions:

Closets

Your closets are probably filled with accessories you don't use, clothes that don't fit, and shoes you haven't worn in years. Clear those items out, but don't throw them away. Consider donating them to Goodwill or Volunteers of America. Visit their websites to find out when and where you can donate.

Kitchen

As you clean cupboards and drawers, consider donating unwanted

items to one of the local non-profit organizations, like the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio, that accepts pots, pans, and other kitchenware in good condition and then gives it to families in need.

You can also take steps to reduce the amount of food you send to the landfill. Donate non-perishable items to a local food pantry or food bank like the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. If you have food scraps, try composting them. SWACO's "Compost at Home" and "Backyard Composting" videos explain the steps to start your own compost system at home. It's easy and produces nutrient-rich compost for your lawn and garden.

Finally, using the garbage disposal to dispose of appropriate food items is another good solution to avoid putting it in the trash.

Garage and Basement

Motor oil, paint, and pesticides are examples of household hazardous waste materials often stored in garages and basements. These types of products should never be thrown in the garbage because they pose hazards to sanitation workers, wastewater

treatment systems, and human health. Household hazardous waste collection events have been canceled because of the coronavirus, but SWACO's household hazardous waste facility at 645 E. 8th Avenue in Columbus is open for drop-offs on Wednesdays from noon to 6, Thursdays from 9 to 5, and Fridays from noon to 6 and is closed on holidays. A list of accepted items is available at swaco.org.

If you want to get rid of bulky items like carpet and mattresses or hard-to-recycle items like batteries, electronics, and scrap metal, SWACO has a search tool to help you find a location that accepts and properly disposes of the items.

Yard

Residents can compost yard waste along with their food scraps. To encourage people to compost, Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (fswcd.org) offers a \$50 rebate to anyone who installs a compost bin.

Information provided by Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, www.swaco.org

Composting 101



Composting is cheap, easy, and rewarding. It turns food and yard waste into rich, organic soil. Composting is a natural process by which organic material is broken down by organisms such as bacteria, fungi, worms, and sow bugs. These organisms need nitrogen, carbon, water, and air to carry out their mission. Provide them with "green" moist materials rich in nitrogen (such as grass clippings and kitchen scraps) and "brown" dry materials (such as dried leaves, paper, and small twigs) and let nature take its course.

There are many ways to make a compost pile—purchase a compost bin or tumbler, create a do-it-yourself area in your yard dedicated to composting, or compost with worms in a vermicomposter. Regular mixing or turning of the compost and some water helps to mix the materials and add oxygen, speeding up the process.

Visit www.swaco.org/200/Yard-Waste for more information on composting or call Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District at 614-486-9613 for advice and guidance.

Cardboard Recycles!

Since the very early days of Governor DeWine's initial stay-at-home order, retailers have seen a surge in online shopping which is expected to continue. That means people are getting a lot of goods delivered—much of it arriving in shipping boxes.

Shipping boxes are made of corrugated cardboard—"corrugated" meaning the ruffled or grooved inner sheet sandwiched between two outer sheets that gives the boxes strength and durability.

Corrugated cardboard is 100% recyclable either at the curb or at one of the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO) drop-off recycling centers. Yet people are throwing away

a lot of corrugated cardboard instead of recycling it. Based on a 2019 study of Franklin County's waste stream, more than 10% of the material in the Franklin County Sanitary Landfill is corrugated cardboard, second only to food scraps. The amount of cardboard being thrown away each year could fill garbage trucks reaching end-to-end from Columbus to Cleveland.

All that's needed to recycle corrugated cardboard is to remove the packing materials, make sure the box is clean and dry, and flatten it to save space.

Recycled corrugated cardboard is used to make new corrugated boxes right here in Ohio as well as paper

towels, writing paper, shoe and cereal boxes, and much more.

Nearby drop-off locations are:

- Brown Township Firehouse, 2491 Walker Road
- Kroger (rear), 2525 Hilliard Rome Road
- Columbus Fire Station, 5433 Fisher Road
- Prairie Township Office, 23 Maple Drive

Or contact your trash hauler to learn about recycling options.

Information provided by Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio, www.swaco.org

PUBLIC SAFETY SUMMARY

Each issue of the Brown Township newsletter contains a quarterly wrap-up of public safety reports and calls in Brown Township.

Norwich Township Fire Department

Calls to addresses in both incorporated and unincorporated portions of Brown Township:

	Fire Calls		EMS Calls	
	Incorp.	Unincorp.	Incorp.	Unincorp.
Mar. 2020	1	6	1	10
Apr. 2020	0	6	2	9
May 2020	0	7	4	13

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Calls to addresses in unincorporated Brown Township:

March 2020

March 9 - criminal damaging of a vehicle at a location on Interstate 70.

Reported March 12, occurred between February 10 and March 2 - identity theft from a victim at an address on Cole Road.

March 13 - discharge of a firearm and damage to an occupied structure at an address on Morris Road.

Reported March 22, occurred between March 18 and 22 - aggravated menacing at an address on Darby Knolls Road.

March 23 - domestic violence threat at an address on Cole Road.

April 2020

Reported April 1, occurred between March 31 and April 1 - protection order violation at an address on Cole Road.

Reported April 10, occurred between February 1 and March 15 - theft of a bag containing cash from an address on Davis Road.

Reported April 23, occurred between April 21 and 23 - breaking and entering and theft of property at an address on Walker Road.

May 2020

May 5 - domestic violence threat at an address on Patterson Road

Reported May 11, occurred May 8 - theft of money from a vehicle at an address on Hubbard Road.

Reported May 12, occurred between May 11 and 12 - protection order violation at an address on Patterson Road.

Reported May 22, occurred between May 21 and 22 - criminal damaging of a residence at an address on Roberts Road.

May 29 - criminal damaging of a vehicle at an address on Carter Road.

Hilliard Division of Police

Non-routine calls to Brown Township addresses within the City of Hilliard:

December 2019

No non-routine calls.

January 2020

No non-routine calls.

February 2020

No non-routine calls.



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Brown Township Administration Office

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(614) 876-2133

Website

www.BrownTwp.org

Fiscal Officer

Becky Kent • (614) 446-2359

Trustees

Mr. Gary Dever • (614) 876-4768
Mrs. Pamela Sayre • (614) 878-0199
Mr. Joseph Martin • (614) 870-9601

Norwich Fire Department

Jeff Warren, Chief • (614) 876-7694

Franklin County Sheriff's Department

Emergency • 911
Non-Emergency • (614) 525-3333

Meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at 2491 Walker Road, Hilliard, Ohio.



L-R: Trustees Pam Sayre,
Gary Dever and Joe Martin
Seated: Fiscal Officer Becky Kent

Mosquito Season Update

Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) and its contractor will proceed with its mosquito management program for 2020 despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Residents with complaints about mosquitoes or standing water should contact FCPH either by completing the form at <https://mosquito.myfcph.org/request-for-service> or by calling the BITE line at 614-525-2483. In-person contact will be minimized and a green door hanger will be left summarizing what actions were taken. Trapping and West Nile virus testing will continue. Residents can sign up to receive email notifications for spraying as well as the Do Not Spray request form at <https://mosquito.myfcph.org/notification-do-not-spray>.

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Peak season has arrived for adult American dog ticks, Lone Star ticks, and nymph deer ticks—the ones most likely to cause Lyme disease. Lyme disease and other tick-borne illnesses are on the rise. FCPH is working with The Ohio State University on an active tick surveillance program. Any resident interested in finding out more about tick populations in local parks should contact Sarah Fink at sarahfink@franklincountyohio.gov or 614-525-7445.

Information providedd by Franklin County Public Health



Notice

If you want to sign up for notifications about mosquito spraying, go to:

<https://mosquito.myfcph.org/spray-notification-do-not-spray/>