

For Immediate Release

Oak Grove Multi-Municipal Compost Processing Site: Useful and Essential



The new compost processing site at Oak Grove is both useful and mandatory. The use of a Municipal composting site is essential to meet the Department of Environmental Protection's mandate that townships collect leaf and yard waste and dispose of these items in a safe, clean location.

Each municipality including Smithfield and Lehman Township and Middle Smithfield Township need a site to drop off material. Rather than having each township incur the expense of purchasing, developing, and maintaining small sites throughout the area, the 3 townships came together and looked for a central location that would be inexpensive to the taxpayers and large enough to handle collection for the foreseeable future.

The Oak Grove Drive property, owned by the State of Pennsylvania, is a 45+ acre site that was once planned to be a major thoroughfare between Route 209 and Route 402. The selection of this site was also the most inexpensive in terms of purchasing (as we lease the property from PennDOT) and the cost to adapt the site to the composting use is minimal.

During the months of April, May, October and November, the site will be accessible to residents for drop off leaf and brush. The site will be staffed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

It is the intentions of each municipality to meet the requirements of the Department of Environmental Protection requirements and maintain a safe and clean site that we will be leasing from PennDOT.

It is not our intentions to collect recyclables at this site. We will not accept:

- Bottles, cans, aluminum
- Cardboard or paper
- Tree trunks or building materials

The site will be used solely for leaf and brush collection and composting. Periodically, the collected materials will be processed to accelerate the composting and maintain a clean and safe site.

We would like to thank The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the Department of Environmental Protection, our State Representatives and the 3 townships who collectively worked hard to turn this site from an abandoned roadway to a compost facility that will be utilized by our residents.

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