



Borough of
**Seven
Fields**



January 2024



FACT SHEET

On Monday, December 11 the Borough Council of Seven Fields ratified a four-year contract for police services with the Northern Regional Police Department.

Here are some details regarding the Borough of Seven Fields, Northern Regional Police Department and the new law enforcement service agreement between the parties.



The Agreement

The agreement between Seven Fields and NRPD is for \$650,000 in the first year and requires NRPD to devote its utmost efforts towards public safety, traffic enforcement, criminal investigation and other law enforcement functions within Seven Fields, as it does with its other partner municipalities.

Administrative and budget-related matters will be handled by the existing Northern Regional Police Commission.



Seven Fields

The Borough of Seven Fields is a one square mile, primarily residential municipality located 17 miles north of Pittsburgh in Butler County. It is home to more than 2,900 people as of the 2020 U.S. census.

Prior to the newly ratified arrangement, the Borough has been a partner in a long-standing police services contract with the Evans City Seven Fields Regional Police Department. In 2022, it was determined that service from this department was no longer viable, and the two partner communities are near to completing a process of disbandment.



Northern Regional Police Department

The Northern Regional Police Department (NRPD) has existed since 1969 serving the townships of Pine and Marshall, and the Borough of Bradford Woods. Richland Township joined the Northern Regional Police Department in 2006.

NRPD maintains a staff of more than 40 full-time patrol officers and includes a full-time detective bureau, a K-9 Unit, a Special Response Team for high-level incidents, and a traffic enforcement detail which includes a dedicated crash reconstruction and investigation team.

Unlike its previous law enforcement arrangement, Seven Fields will not own nor maintain any equipment related to the police service, nor will Seven Fields be considered an employer or manager of any officers, civilian employees or leadership within NRPD. The chief of the police department will continue to exert complete control over its equipment and staffing.

NRPD has already made itself visible in Seven Fields, beginning to pass through in marked vehicles as of this month and also appearing with a squad vehicle, tent and officers to give away free items at Seven Fields' Light Up Night for 2023.

PLEASE CALL 911 FOR POLICE SERVICES



BOROUGH OF SEVEN FIELDS 2024 BUDGET MESSAGE

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Thomas B. Smith, Borough Manager

Introduction & General Comments

The 2024 Budget Message is important because it gives Seven Fields residents a high-level understanding of the financial and functional condition of the Borough in a concise manner and reflects the Borough Council and the Borough Manager's vision for our community's future. The approved 2024 budget total for all funds is \$2,619,768, which is a 3.5% increase from 2023. This is in part due to the increase in fire & police protections services, new traffic security cameras and increase in cost of road salt. The Seven Fields Borough has also been privileged to host numerous community events such as the annual Community Carnival, Beer/Wine & Music Festival, food truck nights, and Light Up Night for residents in our area. An Inaugural Octoberfest is planned for October 2024. Efforts are made by the borough to sustain a conservative budget with the prior year while allowing for important projects and needed personnel to provide essential services. The details will be explained in the report that follows.

Demographics

According to the 2023 Census data, Seven Fields is a borough of 2,811 citizens, having a median age of 38.7 years. It has a land mass of approximately one square mile. Land in the borough is expected to be completely developed with the completion of the Enclave in 2024.

Sources of Income

Seven Fields has five major sources of revenue income on which to operate: (1) Property Tax, (2) Earned Income Tax, (3) Local Services Tax, (4) Real Estate Transfer Tax, (5) Revenue From Sale of Water.

Fees for services are also another source of funds, but are relatively minor in comparison the ones above.

Taxes

Taxation in the Borough is as follows:

- The average homeowner will pay \$225.52 in total Borough Real Estate taxes in 2024. The Borough of Seven Fields Real Estate Tax continues to be the smallest portion of a Borough homeowner's overall Real Estate Tax bill, accounting for 4.2% of the total taxes paid.
- Real Estate Property Tax at 7 mils is expected to produce \$249,430 in revenue. This millage rate has not been increased for 14 consecutive years.

Butler County

The Borough remains the smallest part of an individual's real estate tax burden as shown:

<u>Taxing Authority</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Percentage of Total</u>
Seven Fields Borough	7	4%
Seneca Valley School District	133	79%
Butler County	<u>27.626</u>	17%
Total Millage	167.626	

all percentages are rounded

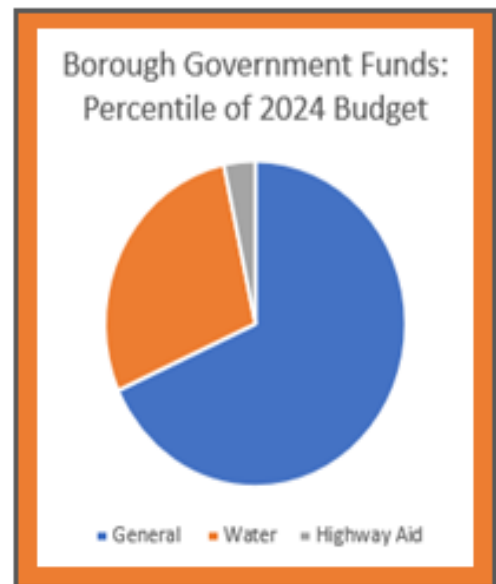
Revenue Fund Structure

The Borough's financial budget is structured into three (3) funds as follows:

General \$1,615,624

Water \$920,279

Highway Aid \$83,865



Northern Region Police Department

The Borough Council of Seven Fields is pleased to announce that late 2023, the Borough will begin its operational partnership with Northern Regional Police Department. This improvement follows more than a year of analysis and negotiation by the Borough Council, the Mayor and the Borough Manager.

Northern Regional Police Department is a force of 43 qualified officers, now serving a total of five boroughs/townships in the Allegheny/Butler County Area. The department recently began conducting supplementary patrols in Seven Fields and will soon transition to become the Borough's full-time police force.

In addition to dedicated patrols, the department is staffed with a full-time detective bureau, a Special Response Team, K-9 Unit, collision reconstruction team, and traffic & commercial vehicle enforcement. Northern Regional Police Department is committed to delivering the highest quality police services to our community and meeting our specific needs.



2024 General & Water Fund Capital Reserve Project Highlights:

The 2024 fiscal year gives us the opportunity for continued improvements within the Borough, including the

Following:

- No tax increase in the millage rate for the 14th year.
- General Fund Budget increased 5% & Water Fund Budget increased 1.5% from 2023.
- The 2024 General Fund budget is at breakeven, and the Water Fund surplus is at \$125,567.
- No increase in water rates/monthly service charges. The last time there was an increase in water rates was on 12/14/2020 from \$9.18 to 9.25.
- 4% Cost of Living Allowance/Merit Increase for all eligible staff.
- Funds allocated for the Cranberry Library is \$14,545.
- Police Services Agreement with Northern Regional Police Department for an Annual Contribution of \$650K.
- Fire Services Agreement with Adams Area Fire District for an Annual Contribution of \$67,580.
- Proposed spending \$250K for Seven Fields Road Resurfacing Program (Highpoint Drive).
- \$250K renovations at the Seven Fields Town Park Pool Complex from the DCEd-LSA Reimbursement Grant (filtration system, pool slide, concrete installation).
- New rates for Community Center Rentals. Non-Profit Rates- \$65/hr, Resident-\$65/hr weekdays & \$75/hr weekends. Non-Resident Rates-\$90/hr weekdays & \$100/hr weekends.
- Proposed spending of \$200K (split equally between General & Water Capital Funds) for Replacement of Original Windows at Seven Fields Borough Building.
- Proposed Spending \$9,500 for GIS Mapping Seven Fields Water Distribution System as Part of a Phase I.
- Proposed Spending \$10K for Stormwater Maintenance of the Covington Court & Cumberland Drive Swales.
- Spending \$15K for Installation of the Traffic Cameras at Seven Fields Boulevard/State Route 228 Intersection to Assist Northern Regional Police Department.
- Spending \$25K in Phase II of Replacing 150 of 350 Water Meters to New Digital Technology.
- Upgrading of Northern and Southern Detention Ponds after 30 years using Borough Public Works staff and grant money.

DCED/LSA Grant- Seven Fields Town Park Swimming Pool Renovations-Borough Council approved the bid from Shiloh Industrial in the amount of \$259,970 contingent on review of Local Share Account Program Grant and review by Engineer Balewski and Solicitor Turnbull.

Seven Fields Northern Detention Pond Grant Project Payment and Change Order (W.M. Aiken & Sons)-Borough Council approved Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$13, 150 for additional tree removal and partial payment in the amount of \$106,827.50 to W. M. Aiken for work performed on the Storm Water Retention Pond Remediation Project.

Seven Fields Borough Building Front Entrance Renovation Project Payment (DiSalvatore Group)-Borough Council approved partial payment in the amount of \$25,148.61 to DiSalvatore Group LLC for the Seven Fields Borough Building Storefront Window Assembly & Entrance Canopy.

Legal Ad-Seven Fields Borough Council Reorganization Meeting-Borough Council approved the legal advertising for the 2024 Reorganization Meeting to be held Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 at 6:00pm.

Resolution No. 2023-20 (2024 Council Meeting Dates)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2023-20, establishing dates and time for Borough Council Meeting's.

Resolution No. 2023-21 (2024 Planning Commission Meeting Dates)-Borough Council approved Resolution No. 2023-21, establishing dates and time for 2024 Planning Commission Meeting's.

Ordinance No. 9 (2024 Seven Fields Millage Rate)-Borough Council approved amending Ordinance No. 9 that established the 2024 millage rate at 7 mills.

Resolution 90-15 (Amendment Seven Fields Recreational Fire Permits)-Borough Council approved extending recreational fire permits from 2-weeks to 6-months.

Northern Regional Police Department/Seven Fields Police Services Agreement-Borough Council approved the agreement with Northern Regional Police Department in the amount of \$650,000.

Seven Fields Public Works Tractor (J&D Lawn & Tractor Sales)-Borough Council approved invoice in the amount of \$14,450.34 from J&D Lawn Tractor Sales for the purchase of a new Public Works Tractor.

Seven Fields Water Company Supplies-Borough Council approved the quote by LB Water in the amount of \$19,162 for spare parts to have on hand for the Seven Fields Water Company.

Seven Fields Boulevard/State Route 228 Traffic Cameras (Secure Technical Solutions)-Borough Council approved estimate for traffic cameras for Seven Fields Boulevard/State Route 228 from Secure Technical Solutions.

All Traffic Solutions Renewal Quote (Traffic Calming Signs)-Borough Council authorized renewal quote from All Traffic Solutions for a 36-month agreement.

2024 Seven Fields Employee COLA/Merit Increase-Borough Council approved a 4% COLA/ Merit increase effective January 1st, 2024 to eligible staff.

Transaction Report

Here is a municipality by municipality breakdown of the real estate transactions in Butler County for the month of November.

There were 236 transactions resulting in a sales volume of more than \$174 million with an average price of \$738,620.

Cranberry Township had the most transactions with 51, totaling more than \$51 million. Butler Township had the second highest number of transactions, 34, totaling more than \$8 million.

The average price for Cranberry Township was \$1,002,683 and for Butler Township was \$246,496.

If a municipality is not listed, there were no recorded property transactions.

Municipality	Transactions	Total Volume	Average
Adams Township	16	\$4,609,397	\$288,087
Brady Township	2	\$2	\$1
Bruin	1	\$4,000	\$4,000
Buffalo Township	3	\$708,701	\$236,233
Butler	20	\$2,363,300	\$118,165
Butler Township	34	\$8,380,882	\$246,496
Center Township	6	\$1,506,730	\$251,121
Cherry Township	2	\$83,150	\$41,575
Clay Township	2	\$258,500	\$129,250
Clearfield Township	4	\$760,000	\$190,000
Clinton Township	3	\$685,000	\$228,333
Concord Township	1	\$1	\$1
Connoquenessing	2	\$789,980	\$394,990
Connoquenessing Township	5	\$1,210,500	\$242,100
Cranberry Township	51	\$51,136,882	\$1,002,683
Fairview Township	1	\$1	\$1
Forward Township	5	\$1,835,851	\$367,170
Franklin Township	2	\$561,900	\$280,950
Harmony	2	\$735,000	\$367,500
Jackson Township	13	\$4,057,636	\$312,125
Jefferson Township	1	\$884,000	\$884,000
Kams City	1	\$1,200	\$1,200
Lancaster Township	14	\$5,694,582	\$406,755
Marion Township	1	\$40,000	\$40,000
Mars	2	\$575,000	\$287,500
Mercer Township	1	\$690,000	\$690,000
Middlesex Township	10	\$2,950,762	\$295,076
Muddy Creek Township	4	\$994,000	\$248,500
Oakland Township	4	\$845,500	\$211,375
Parker Township	1	\$1	\$1
Penn Township	4	\$959,000	\$239,750
Portersville	1	\$1	\$1
Seven Fields	2	\$805,500	\$402,750
Slippery Rock Borough	1	\$700,000	\$700,000
Slippery Rock Township	3	\$715,001	\$238,333
Summit Township	2	\$178,000	\$89,000
Venango Township	2	\$2,385,000	\$1,192,500
Washington Township	2	\$26,500	\$13,250
Winfield Township	1	\$650,000	\$650,000
Worth Township	1	\$300,000	\$300,000
Zelienople	3	\$900,000	\$300,000

Source: January 2024 Business Matters

HAPPY NEW YEAR

**Office Closed
Monday, January 1**

*Seven Fields Council Members and Mayor Galitsis would like to thank everyone who helped make Santa's visit to Seven Fields a great success! Thank you to the Adams Area Fire Department and Borough Staff for working together to bring Santa through our Community. And a special thank you to **Seven Fields Public Works Department, Sean Caughey, Shawn Hildebrand, and Nevin Chance** for making **Christmas 2023** a memorable one for the children of Seven Fields and the surrounding area.*

Have a safe and happy Holiday!



MERRY CHRISTMAS



2023 Light-Up Night



Borough Council and Mayor Galitsis would like to thank you all for joining us for Seven Fields 2023 Light-Up Night. As special thank you to Santa & Mrs. Clause, Northern Regional Police Department, Seneca Valley Madrigal Singers, Carlucci's Pizza, The Roaming Bean, Dan Wiese Kettlecorn, Photos by Gordon Ovenshine, and Seven Fields Public Works Department for making this year's event a huge success!

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Be prepared for everything winter throws your way.

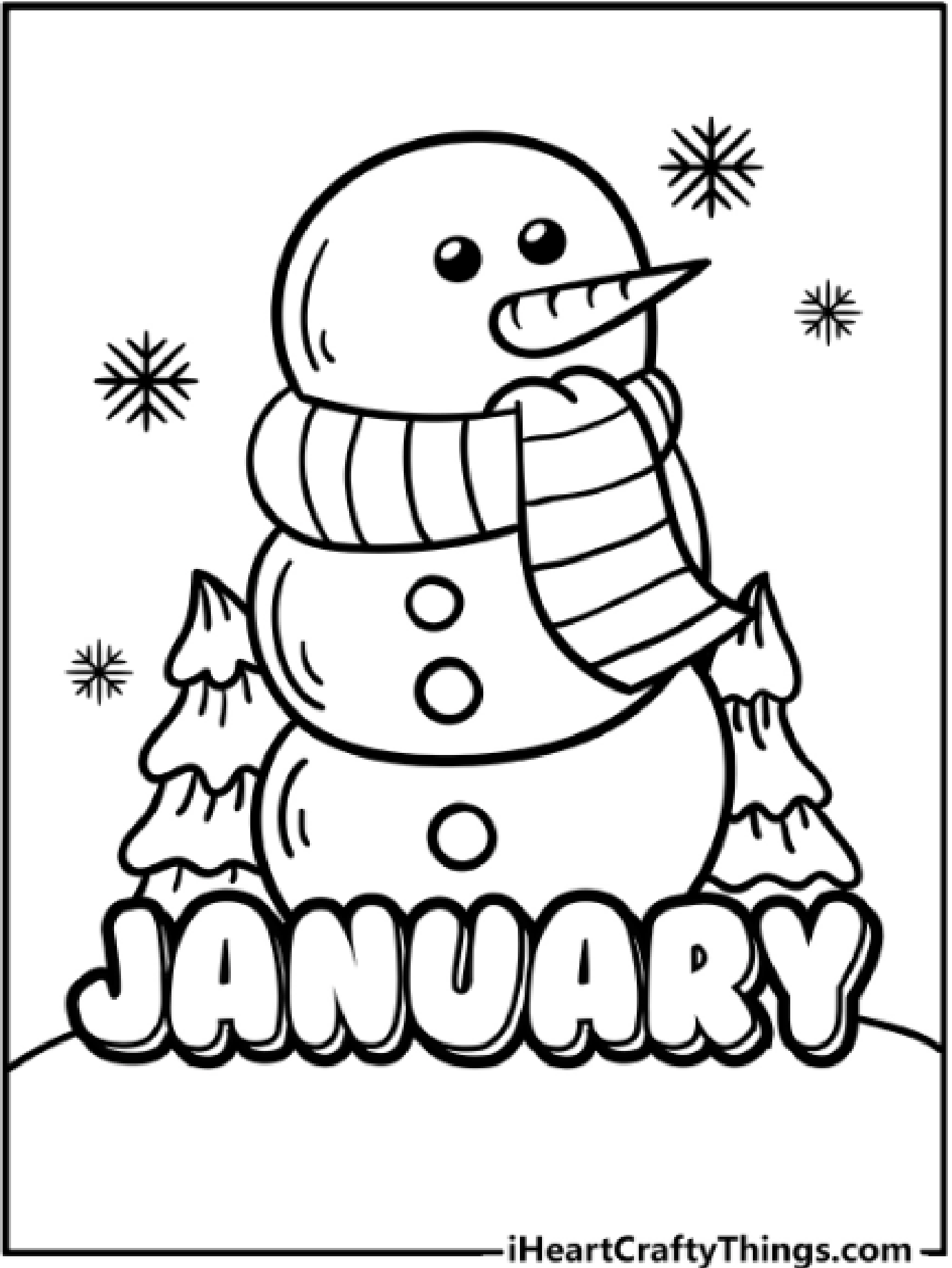
Working together, we can keep our community safe.

We urge residents to comply with Section II of Ordinance No. 66, which states, in part, *“The owner, occupant or tenant of every property fronting upon or located alongside any street in the Borough of Seven Fields is hereby required to remove or cause to be removed from all the sidewalks abutting upon such property, all snow or ice thereon fallen or formed within twenty-four (24) hours after the same shall have ceased to fallen or formed. Snow and ice removed from the sidewalk shall not be dumped or piled onto any public street or alley to the extent that it interferes with vehicular traffic..”*

Understanding Stormwater

The collection and treatment of domestic sewage and wastewater is vital to public health and clean water. It is among the most important factors responsible for the general level of good health enjoyed in the United States. Sewers collect sewage and wastewater from homes, businesses, and industries and deliver it to wastewater treatment facilities before it is discharged to water bodies or land, or re-used.

- Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams. Recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals, such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, and used motor oil and other auto fluids. Never dispose of household hazardous waste in sinks or toilets.
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard.
- Cover piles or dirt or mulch being used in landscaping projects.
- Compost or mulch your yard waste. Do not leave it in the street or sweep it into storm drains and streams.
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
- Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
- Pick up after your pet to prevent harmful bacteria to wash into storm drains and streams.



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Reminders from the Seven Fields Public

Works Department

- During heavy snowfalls, your patience is requested. Main roads and high traffic streets must receive priority.
- If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please keep it free and clear of heavy snow.
- On-street parking is not permitted on any of the Borough streets between the hours of 2:00 a.m.—6:00 a.m. as mandated by ordinance #46 - Rules and Regulations for Parking and Operation of Motor Vehicles in the Borough.
- On-street parking is completely prohibited in the townhouse neighborhoods. It is very important that the roads be free of parked vehicles when the plows are trying to clear the roads of snow before the morning rush hour.
- If you witness a very dangerous snow condition that you feel needs immediate attention, dial 911. The 911 operators will contact the proper authorities to have the snow plow dispatched to that area.
- Please do not work against the snow plow operator's efforts.
- **When you shovel your driveway and sidewalk, do not throw the snow out into the streets.**



Thank you from Seven Fields Borough



Winter Garbage Pickup Tips and How-To's from Vogel Disposal

Winter weather makes everything a little bit trickier. Even small things, like picking up your garbage, can become complicated when there are several inches of snow on the ground. To ensure that you receive consistent service, please make sure to follow these guidelines provided by Vogel Disposal.

How should you prepare your trash for collection?

Trash Cart: Use trash bags and keep the lid closed. Drivers will not reach into carts to remove items frozen to the bottom.

Recycle Cart: Place items directly into the cart (NO PLASTIC BAGS). Keep lid closed. See your recycle chart for instructions.

Where should you put your can when there's snow on the ground?

Dig out a spot for your can where you usually place it (typically the end of your driveway). Place the cart on a level area with no more than 3 ft. from the street with wheels away from street and lid opening to the street.

Do not put garbage cans on the street, as this creates a hazard to vehicles and street cleaners.

Do not place your can on top of snow piles. Melting or shifting snow could cause the can to fall over and spill. It also makes it difficult for garbage trucks to set them back down.

What should you do if there is a big storm overnight? Our collection routes start at different times very early in the morning. As always, **set your carts out by midnight** the night before your scheduled collection day.

It is important to clear an area for easy access to the cans. For safety reasons, **our drivers only service roads that have been plowed and treated** by the Municipality. Therefore, it may be necessary for some customers to bring their trash to the main road for service in snowy/icy weather.

Our drivers work long hours to serve hundreds of customers. Please be patient and **do not call in a missed pick up until after 3 pm** when the routes have been completed. Our staff does their best to service all customers.

What should you do if your trash has not been picked up? Many different variables affect our routes and drivers during a shift. There are no set times for any house to be picked up. There may be uncontrollable circumstances delaying the servicing of a route. If your trash has not been picked up by the next morning after your service day, please call us at 724-625-1511.

What should you do after your garbage has been collected?

Retrieve your cans as soon as possible to prevent them from blowing away or getting in the way of snow removal operations.

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**Northern Regional
Police Department**

Dial 911

Non-emergency line
724-625-3157

<https://nrpolice.com>
230 Pearce Mill Road
Wexford, PA

Fire Department



All Emergencies: Dial 911

Adams Area Fire District
645 Route 228, P.O. Box 232
Mars, PA 16046

Welcome to the Borough

If you have purchased a new home, are moving into a rental home or are a landlord with a new tenant within the Borough, you will need to complete the following forms:

- ◆ Application for Residential Water Service
- ◆ Application for Residency Permit-\$35 Fee
- ◆ Earned Income Tax (EIT) Information



Please understand that it is very important for all of the proper paperwork to be submitted in a timely fashion to the Borough Office. Failure to do so may result in an interruption of water service.

All forms can be found at www.sevenfields.org

Welcome Northern Regional Police Department



2023 Fourth Quarter Water Bills

The 2023 fourth quarter water bills were mailed to all customers at the end of December and are *due January 31, 2024*

Late fees are calculated on any and all past due balances.

If you are not receiving your quarterly water bills, please contact the Borough Office immediately at 724-776-3090.

*****No exoneration is given for failure to receive a bill*****