



Public Works

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Winter is almost over!! We can now see the light at the end of the tunnel and are looking forward to warmer weather. I would like to talk about what the spring operations look like for the New Garden Public Works Department.

Spring Operations

As the days get longer and the warmer weather hits the region we perform detailed road checks to determine the areas that are going to need attention both on and along the roadways. This attention can be anything from base repair for the bad pothole that keeps coming back, to a swale that needs graded to allow proper drainage of storm water, to an inlet that needs rebuilt. We also take note of what roads need to have trees trimmed back from the edge of the road, the sightline of an intersection cleaned up, pipes that need replaced, and roads that need to be paved or sealed. We will address all of these issues throughout the spring and summer. Another



ongoing maintenance item is road bank mowing which is done two or three times a year depending on the weather. We strive to have the road banks mowed around Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and Labor Day. If it is a dry summer we can usually skip the July mowing which frees us up to do other much needed tasks. While conducting road bank mowing we also weed eat around all signs, telephone poles, and guiderails instead of using pesticides. Spring and summer are always a busy time of the year for us and rest assured we will be diligently working to make your commute as safe as possible. Please remember to respect all signs both in and out of work zones. If you see a sign for road work or road closed please obey it, otherwise you could be "up a creek"!

Another much anticipated task that is performed in the spring is street sweeping. Throughout the winter during every snow and ice event we use a mixture of salt and anti-skid for de-icing. The salt of course melts the salt and the anti-skid provides much needed traction on hills, curves, etc. While the anti-skid is very helpful during the ice and snow event it is an eyesore and can create several other issues afterwards. The street sweeping is conducted to recover as much of the anti-skid left on the roadways and is brought back to our yard to be recycled in a variety of ways. This work is usually completed by in April or May depending on the weather and the backlog from the sweeping contractor.

Spring Clean-Up

With the warmer weather approaching and everyone suffering from cabin fever it is time to get out and clean out the attic, basement, and/or garage. [Our Annual Spring Clean-Up](#) is scheduled for Friday April 17th through Sunday April 19th and will be held at our Maintenance Building [at 8934 Gap Newport Pike](#). Times for drop offs will be Friday from 7:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday from 9:00am to 5:00pm, and Sunday from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Items that are accepted for no fee are non-hazardous household waste, yard waste, and appliances. We will be charging a nominal fee for tires and the fees are as follows: car and light truck tires up to a 19.5" rim without the rim will be \$4.00 and \$6.00 if the rim is still mounted. Skid Steer tires and tires with a rim diameter of greater than 19.5" without the rim will be \$10.00 and \$15.00 if the rim is still mounted. We will not be accepting loader or backhoe tires. We will also not be accepting any hazardous waste, ammunition, or propane. There is a Hazardous Household Waste Clean-Up scheduled in early September which will take place in the Oxford area and more information will be available at a later date. If there are any questions regarding the event they can be directed to roads@newgarden.org or (610)268-0883.