



Welcome



To
Perkasie Borough...

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Welcome!

On behalf of the elected Council and appointed officials of Perkasie Borough, I wish to extend to you a very cordial welcome. I hope that you will find our pleasant community a great place to live. From playgrounds and parks to specialty shopping, the Borough of Perkasie has the perks of a big town with the small town feeling. The Borough is located just 30 miles north of Philadelphia and a few hours from the New Jersey shore or New York City. Close by attractions include Lake Nockamixon State Park, the Pocono Mountains with plenty of skiing, and the Lancaster area. New York City and the New Jersey shore are all within your reach! So whether you want a swim in the ocean or see a Broadway show, you don't have to drive far from home!

There are many opportunities for enjoyable entertainment right here in Perkasie. An extensive bicycle and walking trail system, recreational programming for all ages, community festivals year-round, a carousel and one of the best aquatic centers in the County all made available to residents for their enjoyment. Perkasie also is home to many unique shops that attract visitors from the entire East Coast. Good food, great shops, and friendly faces are what you'll find in our vibrant downtown.

To help you get acquainted to the area, we have enclosed several informational items. Maps, information on municipal electric utility, municipal trash and recycling services, water and sewer utilities, voter registration, dog license, and much more. In addition, we have enclosed information on the local library, school district, churches and scout clubs.

We hope you will enjoy your new home in Perkasie Borough. If we can be of service to you, contact us either in person at Borough Hall, which is located at 620 W. Chestnut Street, or call us at (215) 257-5065. Borough Council meets the first and third Monday of every month at 7:00 pm at Borough Hall. Please visit www.perkasieborough.org for more information.

Welcome to Perkasie!

Cordially,

John Hollenbach
Mayor, Borough of Perkasie

History of Perkasie

Perkasie is located in Bucks county Pennsylvania and is situated approximately 30 miles north of Philadelphia, midway between Philadelphia and Allentown.

The “Manor” of Perkasie was one of several in Bucks County and contained 11,462 acres. Laid out and surveyed in 1708, it embraced most of Hilltown and Rockhill Townships.

William Penn’s daughter married Thomas Freamer and on November 18, 1735 they granted 200 acres to John Lacey. This tract covers the land from the Branch Creek to about 100 feet of Ridge Road and between Market and Elm Streets.

On Oct 20, 1759 the Lacey sons sold their 200 acres to Jacob Stout and he soon erected for himself a large stone dwelling at Fifth and Spruce Sts.

In the winter of 1777-78 when the British were in control of Philadelphia, a troop of 56 Dragoons visited the Stout homestead and quartered themselves for the winter making themselves right at home by eating all the family had and feeding their horses from the Stouts’ well supplied store of hay and grain. The early settlers of this family did not care to participate in the war but made their contribution by furnishing supplies to the American troops. During the Dragoon stay, the Stout family buried tins of smoked meat which they later delivered to the troops stationed at Valley Forge. Jacob Stout did in 1779 and is buried in a small plot near 8th and Chestnut known as the Stout Burial ground.

In 1853, the railroad only extended from Philadelphia to Fort Washington. It was decided to extend the line to Bethlehem so they began building the tracks from both ends at the same time.

Also that year, they began digging the tunnel through Landis Ridge. The first contractor to start digging the tunnel gave up the contract after only going 600ft into the hill when a Cholera epidemic stopped the work. It was not until 1858 that trains could travel from Philadelphia to Bethlehem.

Samuel Hager built a stone building at 7th and Market St and started a lumber, coal and lime business. The business was not successful and the store closed. The building was used as a knitting mill and in 1868 the building was converted into a general store with the railroad station on the second floor.

In 1869 Joseph Hendricks and Mahlon Myers purchased the Henry Nace farm upon which the present Perkasie is built. It consisted of 80 acres and was cut up into building lots and these lots were sold each year until they were all disposed of. The average price for a lot was \$200-\$300.

When at last the place was accorded station facilities, it was christened “Perkasie” after a Lenni Lenape word, Pokesing meaning “where hickory nuts were cracked”.

In 1871, proper roads opened travel to neighboring towns and the Perkasie& Bridgetown [present day South Perkasie] Turnpike was laid out.

Perkasie continued to improve and on May 10, 1879 the Court of Common Pleas granted the Petition for Incorporation to the 68 residents of Perkasie. At that time, Perkasie covered 1,640 acres. Merchant’s dealers and farmers made it a real trade center and year after year the railroad business increased until the business transacted made Perkasie the third largest station on the North Penn line. By 1891, there were 22 trains, 19 of which stopped in Perkasie.

In 1871 the first post of ice opened at 7th and Market Streets.

In 1880 the first newspaper- The Central News was started (the forerunner of today's News-Herald).

In 1881 the Grand Bazaar was opened in the Opera House at 4th and Walnut Streets, and was the first store in Bucks County to sell for cash only- no barter. It was in this year that the stage line between Bucksville and Sellersville made two stops in Perkasio, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

In 1892 Menlo Park Association was organized and purchased about five acres consisting of the present day Menlo Park triangle grove area and the hillside along the creek.

In 1892 the first borough school house was built at 5th and Arch Streets, and, also that year, the first of many cigar factories was opened. The Bolz, Clymer and Co. manufactured 150,000 cigars a month to be shipped to Honolulu.

In 1895 the first church, St. Stephens German Reformed Church, was built in a cornfield at 6th and Arch Street.

In 1895 Perkasio had water mains in several streets in town.

In 1898 the Quakertown Traction Co. and the Inland Traction Co. began to operate a trolley line through Perkasio.

In 1899 Perkasio built its electric power plant on Seventh Street and the Borough had electric lights on the streets and in homes. In 1881, Perkasio had 13 kerosene lamps on the streets and they paid Frank Ott 12 cents per night to light them and then extinguish them.

From these humble beginnings, Perkasio has grown to a community covering 15,034 acres or 2.67 square miles with over 8,000 residents.

Officials & Administration

Perkasio was incorporated as a municipal government known as a "Borough" in 1879. Borough Hall is located at 620 West Chestnut Street and, with few exceptions, public meetings of Borough Council and various municipal boards and commissions are held there.

The governing body consists of a Mayor and nine Council persons, three from each of the Borough's wards. Council is organized into committees that cover all areas of municipal government responsibility.

The Borough Manager, appointed by Council, serves as the Borough Secretary. Other groups of citizens appointed by Council aid in the administration of specific functions. These boards and commissions include the Zoning Hearing Board, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Board, Perkasio Borough Authority Board and Perkasio Industrial Development Authority.

If you are interested in appointment to a board, please call Perkasio Borough Hall, (215) 257-5065 or stop in to obtain an application.

Borough Council

Title	Ward	Name	Term	Contact
Mayor		John Hollenbach	2013	jhollenbach@verizon.net
Council	Ward 1	Steve Algeo	2013	stephen_algeo@hotmail.com
Council	Ward 1	Matt Aigeldinger	2013	matt@aigeldinger.com
Council	Ward 1	Marty Gahman	2011	gahman1@verizon.net
Council	Ward 2	Florence Frei	2013	flo.ann@verizon.net
Council	Ward 2	Chris Nicolosi	2011	chris@impact-signs.net
Council	Ward 2	Jim Purcell	2011	JP156@verizon.net
Council	Ward 3	Richard Hendricks	2013	Rich.hendricks@wgint.com
Council	Ward 3	Barbara Krantz	2013	bjk0919@hotmail.com
Council	Ward 3	Maria Slowik	2011	mared2@verizon.net

Perkasie Borough Police Department

Mission Statement

The primary mission of the Perkasie Borough Police Department is to enhance the quality of life of the citizens it serves. The Police Department seeks to accomplish this by developing a partnership with and responding to the needs of the community. While operating within the framework of the United States constitution, we will enforce the law and preserve the peace to provide a safe community environment. As police officers, we will display pride, integrity and courage:

PRIDE in the performance of our duty and in our service to the public

INTEGRITY in our dealings with the people we protect and serve.

COURAGE to act in an unbiased, unprejudiced, fair and equal manner to all...even in the face of adversity.

Perkasie Police use the emergency 911 system for all emergency calls.

For non-emergency phone calls dial (215) 257-6876.

The physical and mailing address is 311 S. 9th Street, Perkasie, Pa. 18944

Perkasie Borough Fire Department

All membership in Perkasie Fire Company No. 1 is strictly voluntary. Our members are not "on-call", but, if available, respond to the Station when alerted. There are four (4) different types of membership.

All monthly meetings and Department training occur on Thursday evenings. Each member is expected to earn 36 points per year and must attend a minimum of four (4) monthly business meetings per year to remain in Active status. Most of our members achieve annual point levels well above the minimum required. The minimum requirement sets a lower limit that allows members flexibility with work, home, school, etc., but by no means sets a minimum expectation. A minimum of four (4) points must be earned in support of fundraising efforts. Fundraising points are earned at a rate of one (1) point for every two (2) hours of work; therefore a

minimum of eight (8) hours of fundraising is required per year. Our primary fundraising events are both breakfasts and food service at community events.

Title	Name		
<p>FIREFIGHTERS *Over 15 years of service</p> <p>All Firefighters are expected to complete and pass a nationally recognized Firefighter I program within their first year of membership in the Department. Presently the 120 hour class is administered by the Bucks County Community College - Public Safety Training Center in Doylestown, PA. Firefighters earn the balance of their points via a single (1) point for each drill, fire call, training event, and fire prevention activity they attend.</p>	<p>William Baringer* Edward J. Boshell, Jr. Joseph Ferrara Jeffery Gahman* Michael Hager Steven Hughes David Keeler Erin Kostrubiak Sagan Loburak John R. Maven Michael Miller Jason Overholt Gerald Rupp* Jordan Schoeller Tom Steiner Rev. Blaik Westhoff</p>	<p>Holly Becker Joseph Conway Geoffrey Finnegan John Generose Justen Horn Roger A. Jones* Angela Kelly Patti Kostrubiak Leif C. Loheide Michael J. Melchiore Greg A. Nyce* Kathy Reutlinger Sandra E. Schaller Christopher Shelly Jason Trotter* David Worthington*</p>	<p>Edward A. Boshell Christopher Esposito Eric Fritz Michael J. Golebiewski Thomas Hosgood Larry Jordan Jason Kelly Justin Loburak Bret Mars Timothy W. Metzler* Greg M. Nyce Stephen Reutlinger Colby Schoeller Richard Smalley* F. Andrew Wedman*</p>
<p>JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS</p>	<p>Christopher Pettit</p>		
<p>FIRE POLICE</p> <p>The Fire Police unit control crowds and direct traffic at fire and emergency scenes, along with community events. Fire Police Members earn the balance of their points via a single (1) point for each drill, fire call, training event, and fire prevention activity they attend.</p>	<p>James Cash Edward Diehl* Lauren Ferrara Nelson F. Hollenbach, Jr* Christopher Pettit, Sr</p>	<p>Duane Carpenter Allan Edwards James Fitzpatrick Mary Jane Maddox Sandra Skinner</p>	<p>Ronald Dietrich Paul Ferrara Larry Strawn Roger Nyce* Diana Strawn</p>
<p>CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS</p> <p>Contributing members only support fundraising and non-firefighting activities within the fire department.</p>	<p>Stacy Boshell Janice Cash Emerson Maddox Alice A. Worrell</p>		
<p>LIFE MEMBERS</p> <p>One can achieve Life Member status after 15 years of Active service in the Department. When designated as a Life Member, accumulation of points is no longer a requirement for membership.</p>	<p>Threasa Gibbson</p>		

The Borough Fire Department is involved in many community activities, including All-You-Can-Eat Breakfasts held throughout the year and a yearly carnival. The fire hall is also available for rental. For more information, please call the fire hall at (215) 453-2166 or visit the Borough website at www.perkasieborough.org.

Crowd Control, Traffic Control

The Perkasio Fire Police Provide crowd and traffic Control at special events which are sponsored by the Borough and various non-profit organizations in the area. If you need to request the services of the fire police for these events a nominal fee and an application for coverage must be received and approved by the Perkasio Borough Council three months prior to the event.

Electric Service

The Electric Department evolved from a desire to improve street lighting. It began with the installation of a generator which supplied electricity for the street lights. The first electric power plant was constructed in 1900 at a cost of \$11,500. The demand for power grew rapidly, and the decision was made in 1947 to retain a distribution system. It was at this time that the first agreement was made with PP&L to supply wholesale power to Perkasio Borough. A modern substation was built in 1995 and is being used today to distribute electricity to the Borough.

Perkasio Borough has been excluded, along with other Pennsylvania municipal run electric utilities, from electric deregulation as provided through Pennsylvania state law. As long as Perkasio Borough does not seek to attract customers outside its jurisdiction, all electric users living within the borough limits must use Perkasio Borough Electric as their electric supply company.

Examples for Calculating Your Electric Bill:

If you used 695 KWh	If you used 1728 KWh
Flat rate \$14.13	Flat rate \$14.13
\$.1763 x 200 KWh \$35.26	\$.1763 x 200 KWh \$35.26
\$.1596 x 495 KWh \$79.00	\$.1596 x 800 KWh \$127.68
	\$.1375 x 728 KWh \$100.10
Total Current Electric Bill \$128.39	Total Current Electric Bill \$277.17

For Service Contact:

Perkasio Borough Hall
620 West Chestnut
Street
Perkasio Pa 18944
(215) 257-5065

Residential Electrical Rates

- \$ 300.00 - Security deposit with electric heat
 - \$ 200.00 - Security deposit without electric heat
 - \$ 50.00 - Reconnection fee during business hours (7:30 am – 4:00 pm Monday thru Friday); \$100.00 afterhours
 - \$ 50.00 – Electric limiter hookup fee
 - \$ 25.00 - Meter Test Fee
 - \$ 10.00 - Duplicate tenant electric bills sent to landlord (per account)
 - \$ 5.00 - Renewal fee for each account
 - \$ 25.00 - Temporary electric installation: min. charge
 - \$ 700.00 - Install new electric service to subdivisions (per lot)
 - \$ 1,600.00 - Install street lights in subdivisions (per light)
- Electric bills which are not paid by the due date are subject to late payment charges applied monthly as follows:
5% of the then unpaid balance of the monthly bill and 1.5% of the outstanding balance from previous billings.
All payments are applied to the amount past due first.

Labor Rates

All labor shall be billed at the employee's hourly rate plus 35%. (The 35% will cover benefits and administrative fees.)

Equipment Rates

\$ 65.00 per hour - Line Truck

\$ 55.00 per hour - Bucket Truck

\$ 45.00 per hour - Chipper

\$ 35.00 per hour - Air Compressor

\$ 35.00 per hour - Pick-up truck

Material: Actual cost (10% may be added for handling).

Contracted Services

All contracted services will be billed out at actual costs plus 10%. (The 10% is based on scheduling, reviewing work and administrative costs.)

Security Deposits

The Borough requires a security deposit of \$300 for properties with electric heat and \$200 for properties with any other form of heat for any new account opened. If the new customer can show that he/she had excellent credit with the previous electric utility, the security deposit requirement is waived.

The security deposit may be required at a later time if the customer's payment history reflects a drastic negative change in the customer's payment habits. This is usually associated with electric disconnect for non-payment.

Electric Disconnect

Disconnection of electric service occurs when an account becomes 40 to 45 days past due. Notice is given prior to shut-off to allow the customer a chance to pay the delinquent account and avoid shut off.

This procedure is only used from April 15 through November 1 for residential properties. Electric disconnects during the winter months may be caused by freezing water pipes and other complications associated with the cold weather, so shut off is not used as a means for collection of past due residential accounts other than the time frame stated above.

Start or Transfer Electric Service

Tenant

The new resident should visit the Perkasio Borough Hall building at 620 W. Chestnut Street, and provide the following information: name (identification), address moving to (including apartment number, first floor, etc),

date to have electric transferred, social security number, date of birth, drivers license number and phone number if one has been established.

Property Owner

The new resident should visit the Perkasio Borough Hall building at 620 W. Chestnut Street, and provide the following information: name (identification), address of property, date and time of settlement, settlement agency and phone number (title or abstract company), social security number, date of birth, drivers license number and phone number if one is established.

Cancel Electric Service

Call the Borough office at least 24 hours prior to move out. Supply the following information:

Tenant

Name as it appears on your electric account, account number, address moving from, forwarding address, social security number.

Property Owner

Name as it appears on the electric account, account number, address of property being sold, settlement date and time, settlement agency and telephone number (title or abstract company). Go to Perkasio Borough Electric Rates for current rates and examples of bill calculations. Our fee schedule includes other costs associated with our electric service.

Landlord Information

Perkasio Electric is a municipal owned and maintained electric company. This offers the electric company specific benefits when it comes to rental properties.

State legislation known as the Municipal Claims and Liens Act allows municipal utilities to hold property owners responsible for tenant debt. This could include action against the landlord for the amount due for service provided at the owner's property which could be in the form of a municipal claim lien. Perkasio Borough takes every avenue open to them to collect from the tenant; however there are times when payment is requested from the landlord.

Once a person moves from the residence the account becomes "final." If a final bill should become delinquent, two additional notices are sent to the account holder. If no payment is made, the account is sent to a collection/reporting agency that attaches the debt to the debtors' credit report as well as begins collection procedures.

In cases where there is no information available to follow the debtor to his/her next location, payment is requested from the property owner. The necessary information for collection is a forwarding address and social security number. Additional information that helps track a past due customer is employment information, current phone number, driver's license number and birth date.

Payment for past due **final business accounts** are requested from the landlord after past due notices are sent with no response from the business owner. Collection agencies cannot attach the credit reports of the owners for business debt.

When a rental property is sold, **all past due accounts** are called in for payment at settlement. This includes landlord accounts, current tenant accounts and unpaid final electric accounts.

In order for a landlord to minimize his/her risks associated with the payment of tenant electric accounts, we recommend that you take measures to screen tenants. Screening can include obtaining credit references and retaining adequate security deposits. Some landlords have the electric bills remain in their names and collect from the tenant each month to insure payment of these bills.

Perkasie Borough will mail duplicate bills and disconnect notices belonging to the renter to a landlord for a yearly fee of \$10 for the first year and \$5 for every year thereafter. Please call 215-257-5065 to establish this service.

Information about tenant accounts may also be obtained from time to time if requested in writing to Perkasie Borough Electric, PO Box 96, Perkasie, Pa. 18944-0096.

CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Pennsylvania's Act 287 requires three working days' notice before you excavate anywhere in the State or Borough. STOP! CALL BEFORE YOU DIG! 1-800-242-1776. All utilities are notified by this one call. The Borough has many types of underground utilities, including high voltage electric lines, and will gladly respond to any questions you have about the electric distribution system and safety.

Water, Sewer and Gas Services

Water and Sewer Services

At Perkasie Borough Authority, we work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We are committed to ensuring that the quality of your drinking water is in compliance with government standards and we are pleased to report that your water meets or exceeds all standards set for quality and safety.

For the last one hundred and ten years the water and sewer services for the Borough of Perkasie have been provided by independent bodies, starting with the Perkasie Water Company in 1895. In 1955, when it was decided that the private companies were not improving the systems to meet then current standards, Borough Council created the Perkasie Borough Authority as an independent agency to operate the water and sewer systems.

In the years since the formation of the Authority, the numerous community members who served on Borough Council have recognized that water and sewer issues were unique, time consuming and specialized. The Authority has served not only the Borough of Perkasie, but also customers in East Rockhill Township, Hilltown Township, and most recently West Rockhill Township, effectively and efficiently.

The following are some points regarding Perkasie Borough Authority that we feel everyone should know:

The Authority provides water and sewer service to 4100 water customers and 3700 sewer customers at an average cost of \$1.78 per day, or about \$160 per quarter, for water and sewer service. These rates are among the lowest in the Bucks and Montgomery County area.

The Authority has been a leader in water use reduction and conservation over the years, and has replaced and upgraded 7.1 miles of water lines over the last 15 years, thus reducing water loss by replacing outdated infrastructure.

To date we are the only provider to have a “reserve allocation” of water available from the Delaware River Basin Commission, in the event we would need it. The pro-active management of the water and sewer systems by the Authority made this possible.

The Authority’s management of its sewage collection system was recognized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency in their report to the United States Congress on the impacts and control of sanitary sewer system overflows.

PBA Water and Sewer Rates

Water Rates		Sewer Rates	
Base	\$25.00	Base	\$51.50
0 – 5,000	\$3.80	0 – 5,000	\$3.60
6,000 – 10,000	\$5.20	6,000 – 10,000	\$3.90
11,000 – 15,000	\$5.40	11,000 – 15,000	\$3.95
16,000 – 20,000	\$5.55	16,000 – 20,000	\$4.00
21,000 – 25,000	\$5.70	21,000 – 25,000	\$4.05
26,000 and Over	\$5.85	26,000 and Over	\$4.10

For Service Contact:

Perkasie Borough Authority
 306 N. 5th St.
 Perkasie, PA 18944
Phone: 215.257.3654

***Rates Indicate per 1,000 gallons**

Billing Procedures

The area that Perkasie Borough Authority services for water and/or sewer is divided into three (3) sections (A, B and C) for billing purposes. Bills are dated the first of the month, unless the first falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday and are delivered to the Perkasie Post Office the day before. The billing months for each cycle are as follows:

- Cycle A - March, June, September, December
- Cycle B - January, April, July, October
- Cycle C - February, May, August, November

Payments are always due 14 days after the bill date. A 10% penalty for late payments is added after 12:00 noon on the following day. On the 16th day of the following month of the bill date, a "Payment past due" notice is mailed to customers who have not yet paid their bill in full. Ten (10) days after the past due notice is sent, a "Shut off" notice is mailed advising the customer of the date which service would be terminated if our office is not contacted. Seven (7) days after the shut off, certified letters are taken to the post office; again advising that in eight (8) days service will be terminated. A \$10.00 charge is posted to the account for the cost of processing the certified letter. Copies of the certified letter are hand delivered and posted to all doors of the location to be shut off the day before. There is a \$15.00 charge for shutting water off and a \$15.00 charge for restoring service.

We accommodate property owners if they have a tenant and the tenant is responsible for payment by mailing a duplicate of the bill and also of all of the notices. This way the property owner is always aware of outstanding and/or delinquent account balances. This does not relieve the owner of the ultimate responsibility of payment.

Examples for Calculating Your Bill:

Water Bill		Sewer Bill	
Base	\$25.00	Base	\$51.50
0 – 5,000	\$19.00	0 – 5,000	\$18.00
6,000 – 10,000	\$26.00	6,000 – 10,000	\$19.50
11,000 – 15,000	\$27.00	11,000 – 15,000	\$19.75
Total	\$97.00	Total	\$108.75

Gas Service

For more than 125 years, UGI has been a superior energy service provider throughout central and eastern Pennsylvania. Today, they supply natural gas and electricity to more than 540,000 customers in more than 20 counties. UGI can keep your home warm and cozy even on the coldest winter nights. With natural gas, hot water is plentiful, cooking is easy and clothes dryers work quickly and gently.

Contact UGI Gas Service by Telephone

Division	Phone Number	Hours
Start/End/Transfer Service	(800) 276-2722	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Billing	(800) 276-2722	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM
Credit & Collections	(800) 272-9844	Monday – Friday 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Gas Emergencies	(800) 609-4844	7 days/week 24 hours/day
TDD Pennsylvania Relay Service for the hearing impaired is available to assist with telephone calls to the above departments. Call (800) 654-5984.		

Trash & Recycling

Perkasie Borough started a pay-as-you-throw trash and recycling program, with an annual fee of \$35.00 to offset the costs of trash collection, bulky waste collection, and recycling in which all residential properties must participate. The \$35 fee is levied against all residential households, including apartment dwellers that contract with an outside hauler because all residents have access to the Borough’s Recycling Center. Also, while apartment complexes with four or more units are not required to participate in the Borough’s trash and recycling program, they have the option of using these services. Because of this, the Borough must maintain the appropriate infrastructure in case these units choose to participate.

Trash is still collected by municipal employees, but each bag of trash must be in special borough bags that can be purchased at many area stores, with grocery stores selling the largest number. The area stores sell the bags as a community service and make no profit on the sales. Large bags with a maximum capacity of 40 pounds currently sell for \$3.25 and the smaller bags with a maximum capacity of 20 pounds cost \$2.25.

The price of bags and the \$35 annual fee are designed to cover the actual cost of trash removal by the borough including employee salaries, transportation costs and landfill fees. Prices have increased five times since the inception of the new program in 1988.

This type of program has the following benefits:

Each household pays for the amount of trash it accumulates and places curbside for collection. Thus a residence where only one person resides will pay significantly less than a family of five.

There is a cost incentive to recycle. The more trash averted from the landfill, the lower resident trash removal costs.

Perkasie Borough is divided into four sectors for trash collection with each sector having trash picked up curbside once a week. Commingled glass, aluminum, tin and plastic containers are picked up curbside on Fridays. Curbside collection of newspaper and cardboard is done borough wide once a month on the third Wednesday.

There is no limit to the number of borough trash bags placed for collection each week. However, each bag may not exceed the pound limit and the bags will not be collected if left open. Bulk trash is considered any item that will not fit into a trash bag. There is a limit per household of one appliance or the equivalent of a large appliance to be placed curb-side along with regular trash each week. For instance, a mattress and box spring may be set out for collection at the same time. A couch and love seat would take two weeks to have removed.

Disposal of materials resulting from renovation, repair, construction of buildings and structures, or the removal of trees, will not be collected by the Borough. Such items shall be removed by and at the expense of the property owner or the contractor.

For a copy of Borough ordinance #598 and amendments, go to http://www.perkasieborough.org/trash_ordinance.html.

Trash Fees

Each bag of trash must be in a special borough bags that are available at the Borough Office, 620 West Chestnut Street, and at area retailers who display the Green Hickory Tree logo. Disposal bags or recycling containers cannot remain curbside for more than 24 hours.

Item	Price
Large bags	\$3.25
Small bags	\$2.25
Recycling Tubs	\$7.50
Bulk Items – Sticker Needed	\$10.00
Annual Fee (per residential household; billed in June)	\$35.00

Refuse and recyclables must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 6:00 pm on the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 7:00 am on the day of collection. Household refuse must be placed in a securely tied Borough Disposal Bag, which does not exceed the weight of forty (40) pounds for the large bag and twenty (20) pounds for the small bag.

Regular Trash

Monday - Thursday

Refuse must be placed in a Borough Disposal Bag that is closed at the top. Refuse includes garbage (when drained of liquids), paper, rags, leather, rubber, metals, metal foils, ceramics, crockery, plastics, and similar items normally produced by or originating from a private residence. There will be no call backs for trash put out late.

Ashes must be thoroughly extinguished and placed in a metal container. Attach an empty Borough Disposal Bag to the container for the corresponding weight of the ash as your proof of purchase. The bag will be collected with ash.

If refuse is not collected on your regular trash day due to inclement weather, it will be collected the next day (when possible).

Holiday Collection Days

Holiday	Pick Up
Good Friday – Friday, April 2	Friday, April 9
Memorial Day – Monday, May 31	Tuesday, June 1
Independence Day – Monday, July 5	Tuesday, July 6
Labor Day – Monday, September 6	Tuesday, September 7
Thanksgiving Trash – Thursday, November 25 Recycling – Friday, November 26	Trash – Monday, November 29 Recycling – Friday, December 3
Christmas Trash – Thursday, December 27 Recycling – Friday, December 24	Trash – Monday, December 28 Recycling – Friday, January 7
New Years Eve – Friday, December 31, 2010	Friday, January 7, 2011

Bulk Item Collection

Large bulky items not requiring a sticker such as furniture and non-motorized household appliances will be collected from residential customers only, at no additional charge, along with the regular Monday - Thursday trash collection. **Bulk trash will not be picked from any household unless at least one bag of trash, contained in a Borough trash bag, accompanies the bulky waste.** This collection is limited to items generated within the household and to a single item per week. A single bulky item is considered one large household appliance or its equivalent in size. Motorized appliances that might contain PCB require a bulky sticker for removal.

Cans that contained liquids (latex paints, driveway sealer, etc.) will be accepted once empty or the liquid has dried to a solid.

A \$10 fee is charged for the collection of specific items as listed below. An appliance requires the \$10 sticker regardless of its completeness. Large items that require stickers will be picked up on Wednesdays. Purchase the bulk trash stickers at Borough Hall on weekdays between 8:00 am and 4:30 pm. Purchase your sticker no later than 3:00 pm on Tuesday for pick up the following Wednesday. Place the appliance curbside before 7:00 am on your collection day with the sticker attached in view from the street. There will be no recalls for items.

Residents are reminded that any item containing Freon, even if the Freon is thought to be removed, will not be collected by municipal employees as state certification is needed for the handling of this substance. This restriction includes refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and dehumidifiers. To date, no municipal employees are certified. Residents are referred to a local clean up service or to local appliance dealers.

Bulk Items – Stickers available at Perkasio Borough Hall 620 West Chestnut Street

No Sticker Needed	Sticker Needed - \$10.00 Wednesday Pick up	Items Not Picked Up
Carpet & Padding Under 9' x 12"	Air Compressors	Air Conditioners
Computers	Dishwashers	Auto body parts
Copiers	Dryers	Car Batteries
Furniture	Electric Generators	Carpet & Padding Exceeding 9' x 12"
Grills	Garbage Disposal	Dehumidifiers (Has Freon)
Monitors	Hot Water Heaters	Engine Parts
Push Mower	Humidifiers	Freezers
Recliners	Microwave Ovens	Garages
Storm Doors – under 3	Riding Lawn Mowers	Heaters – Gas, Wood, Coal, Oil etc
Storm Window – under 3	Snow Blowers	Items that contain Freon
Treadmills	Stoves (gas or electric)	Oil Tanks
TV's	Trash Compactors	Out Buildings – Wood or Metal
Vacuum Cleaner	Washing Machines	Refrigerators
VCR/DVD	Water Softeners	Remodeling Material
Weights	Wood Stoves	Storm Doors – Over 3
		Storm Window – Over 3
		Tires – on or off rims
		Wood Shed

Recycling

Friday

The cost of recycling curbside and at the Recycling Center is covered by the annual \$35 trash and recycling fee paid by all residential units (including apartment dwellers). Recyclables must be placed at the curb or alley no earlier than 6:00 pm on the day prior to scheduled collection and no later than 7:00 am on the day of collection. Please adhere to the following guidelines when placing recyclables curbside:

Glass (all colors)

Remove lids and neckbands from bottles or jars, and rinse. No need to remove labels. (No ceramics, light bulbs, or plate glass please).

Aluminum Cans (beverage cans)

Flatten all cans if possible. Do not include aluminum foil.

Plastics

Plastics numbered 1 through 7 are accepted. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse the containers, removing all contents. Crush the plastic containers to reduce the size as much as possible, but keep them intact.

Steel Cans

Please rinse the cans, flatten them and remove the labels when possible.

Recyclables should be combined in open buckets with drainage holes near the bottom (available at the Borough Office). Please Do Not Break Glass. No plastic bags.

Newspaper and Cardboard

Newspaper and cardboard will be collected on the third Wednesday of each month. Newspaper is to be bundled and tied securely or inserted into a durable paper bag. Junk mail, magazines and chip board (such as cereal boxes) may be included with newsprint. Please keep newsprint clean and free of soil, garbage, etc. Cardboard must be separated from newsprint, flattened and securely tied for pickup. Wax coated cardboard, freezer boxes, wood, nails, Styrofoam and plastic are not recyclable and must be disposed of in a Borough Disposal Bag.

Recycling within established rules and regulations is mandatory and failure to do so is a violation of Borough Ordinance.

Recycling Center

The Borough Recycling Center, located behind the Perkasio Police Department, 311 South Ninth Street, is for the convenience of Borough residents only. Perkasio Borough staff may ask for identification when you use the recycling center. The cost of using the Recycling Center is included in the \$35 annual fee charged to all Borough residential households, including apartment dwellers.

The Recycling Center has signs indicating where the recyclable materials are to be placed. Please adhere to the guidelines above, separating recyclables into the proper containers as marked (glass, aluminum, tin and plastic in one container and newspaper and cardboard in another). Trash, bulky items, brush and leaves are not accepted at the Recycling Center. Please do not place materials in plastic bags.

Recycling Center hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 8:30 pm and Saturdays from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. It will be closed Sundays and holidays.

Plastic Recycling

Plastics numbered 1 through 7 are accepted at the Recycling Center. Please remove caps from bottles and rinse the containers, removing all contents. Crush the plastic containers to reduce the size as much as possible, but keep them intact.

Steel Food and Beverage Containers

Steel cans that held foods, including pet food, are accepted at the Recycling Center. Paint cans, aerosol cans, and propane cylinders are not accepted. Often referred to as "tin cans", steel food cans are easy to recycle. Please rinse the cans, flatten them and remove the labels when possible. Please place the steel cans in the commingled bin at the recycling center designated for all recyclables except newspaper and cardboard.

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas trees (without wire) are picked up along with recyclables during the first three weeks of January. Wreaths with or without wire will be collected with refuse. Live-balled Christmas trees may be donated for planting in Borough Parks.

Leaf Collection

The cost for curbside leaf collection is included in the \$35 annual fee charged to all Borough residential households, including apartment dwellers. Curbside leaf collection has been provided to borough residents for many years. It is still provided today as part of the Borough's recycling efforts. Leaf collection will begin mid-October and continue through November, weather permitting. The leaf collection schedule is advertised in local newspapers prior to the first pick up date. Rake leaves into the street along the curb line without blocking or clogging storm drains. Please keep vehicles away from areas where leaves are piled. Leaves placed curbside early, before collection begins, will lead to fines per the ordinance.

Leaves will be picked up when scheduling allows. There are no set collection days for areas of the Borough. The Public Works crew will follow a specific route and do so cyclically throughout the leaf collection days and deliver them to several locations just outside the borough limits. Local farmers use the leaves for mulching fields and a local landscape supply company uses them in the making of mulch.

All yard waste must be placed in a Borough bag and will no longer be collected for free in a non-Borough bag. Yard waste is defined as leaves, garden residue, shrubbery and tree trimmings, and similar material but not including grass clippings (per Act 1988-101, Section 103). As an alternative, **the Borough will provide disposal of all yard waste at the Borough's recycling center on the first Saturday of each month.** Residents may take yard waste generated at their house to the recycling center on the designated day (call the Borough to confirm date). All yard waste deposited at the center must be loose or in a biodegradable paper bags. All yard waste delivered to the site in plastic bags must be emptied from the bag.

Brush and Shrubbery Clippings

Brush and shrubbery clippings will be chipped curbside throughout Perkasio by Borough crews on the first Wednesday of each month. Call for an appointment at least 48 hours in advance of the scheduled collection day. Tree branches must be cut in lengths of less than 4 feet, and then bundled with twine in bundles no larger than 18 inches in diameter. Branches over 3 inches in diameter should be placed curbside for bulk trash collection. The amount of branches picked up at each residence will be equivalent to the size of a freezer.

The cost for bundled branch chipping is included in the \$35 annual fee charged to all Borough residential households, including apartment dwellers.

Grass Clippings

Grass clippings must be bagged in Borough trash bags and placed out with household refuse. Perkasio Borough promotes "grass-cycling" - cutting the grass before it gets too high, or using a mulching mower, and letting the grass clippings remain on the ground to nourish the soil.

You are encouraged to compost leaves and garden debris as a means of recycling this material as valuable mulch and nutrient for your lawn and/or garden. Information on composting can be obtained at the Borough Office.

Household Hazardous Waste

Bring your household hazardous wastes and old Computers to a scheduled collection event.

What can you bring?

As many as three old Computers and up to 25 gallons or 220 pounds of Hazardous Products. Read the label! Hazardous Products will have cautionary words on the label.

For example: Danger, Warning, or Caution. Other words or phrases that can signal hazardous products include: poisonous, hazardous, combustible, flammable, corrosive, volatile, caustic, irritant, explosive, toxic, use with adequate ventilation, or avoid inhaling.

If there are no words indicating it is a hazardous product, it likely isn't.

Dispose of it in your regular trash!

The County of Bucks sponsors Household Hazardous Waste Days each year that include recycling of computers. As a resident of Bucks County, you may participate in any of the days listed below. Hours are 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Collections are held rain or shine. The 2010 collections are rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., as follows:

Date 5/1/2010 | Lower Makefield Corp. Ctr. So. Campus, 770 Township Line Rd., Lower Makefield Township

Date 6/12/2010 | Upper Bucks County Area Vo-Tech School, 3115 Ridge Road, Bedminster Township

Date 7/10/2010 | Middle Bucks Institute of Technology, 2740 Old York Road, Warwick Township

Date 8/14/2010 | Bucks County Technical High School, 610 Wistar Road, Bristol Township

Date 9/25/2010 | Quakertown Community Pool, 601 W. Mill Street, Quakertown Borough

For more information on the program, visit the Bucks County Planning Commission's Recycling Pages.

Why?

Household products containing toxic chemicals, like pesticides, oil based paints, solvents, cleaning products, weed killers and automotive batteries can be a threat to people and the environment if improperly discarded. Never throw these materials into the trash, as the toxic chemicals may harm sanitation workers, or result in fires in collection vehicles. It is also not safe to pour them into a sink or storm drain as they can end up in the environment polluting the air, water, or soil.

Do Not Bring - LATEX PAINT (it is not toxic – it is water based)*

Appliances (with or without Freon)

- Asbestos
- Biological Waste
- Explosives
- Gas Cylinders (Greater than 20 lbs.)
- Household Batteries (regular alkaline)
- PCBs

- Pressurized CFCs (greater than 1 lb.)
- Radioactive Waste
- Tires

Remove lid to allow to air dry or mix with absorbent (e.g. kitty litter) until no longer a liquid and discard in plastic trash bag.

To dispose of latex paint, let it air dry to a solid. Be sure to keep it away from children and pets. It may be placed out with bulk trash once thoroughly dry. To speed the process, kitty litter, vermiculite, shredded newspaper or oil-dry may be added to absorb the liquid.

Try to purchase only what you need. Return any un-opened cans. Use leftover paint from one project for the base coat of another project. You can also use the paint for birdhouses, fences or basements. See if friends or neighbor have a need for your leftover paint. Or check with local schools, community groups or a sign painter to see if they could use it.

For additional information, contact:

The PADEP Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242

Bucks County Planning Commission for disposal suggestions | 215-345-3400

Driver License Change

If you have just moved into Perkasio Borough from another jurisdiction within the state, then you will find the change of address form included with your packet very useful.

If you happen to be a new Pennsylvania resident and need assistance in obtaining a Pennsylvania driver's License, then the following information should be helpful.

You may obtain the Pennsylvania Driver's Manual from the Perkasio Police Department at 311 S. 9th Street Perkasio. You may also reach them by calling (215) 257-6876.

Any application, testing, etc that may be required for obtaining the driver's license may be done through one of our Pennsylvania State Police Drive's Examination Locations. We recommend the following location:

PennDOT Photo & Exam Center
 Dublin Village Plaza
 161 N. Main Street
 Dublin, PA 18917

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Photo License Center	Closed	8:30am - 4:15pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	8:30 am - 6:00 pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	Closed

Driver License Center	Closed	8:30am - 4:15pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	8:30 am - 4:15 pm	Closed
Best Times To Visit	Closed	Continuous Customer Flow	9:00 am - 11:00 am	9:00 am - 11:00 am	9:00 am - 11:00 am	Continuous Customer Flow	Closed

Voting & Polls

Voting Location

- 1st Ward: Perkasio Fire House, Fifth & Arch Street
 2nd Ward: Perkasio Borough Hall, 620 West Chestnut Street
 3rd Ward: St. Andrews Church, On Chestnut Street at Dill Avenue & Virginia Avenue

See map of Perkasio Borough on page *** to see which ward you reside in.

Where to Register

At the Registration Office in the Bucks County Courthouse, Doylestown, or pick up a Voter Registration Application at any Post Office, Wine & Spirit Shoppe, Municipal Building or Library, or Download and complete a Voter Registration Application. In addition, the Department of Transportation provides for voter registration with their driver's license application, renewal or change of name or address.

To register, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States for at least one month before the next election
- Be a resident of Pennsylvania and your election district for at least 30 days before the next election
- Be eighteen (18) years of age on the day of the next election
- Download a Voter Registration Application, print, and mail to the address below
- Voter Registration Application must be received via US mail

Bucks County Voter Registration
 55 E. Court Street
 Doylestown, PA 18901
 Phone: 215-348-6166

The Voter Registration Application must be mailed to the appropriate office. The county must have an original copy in its files. Faxed copies are not permitted by law.

Important New Information for All Absentee Voters

With the exception of absentee voters who have a disability or who are overseas, all Absentee Ballots must be delivered to the County Board of Elections either in person or through the U. S. Postal Service. Absentee Ballots delivered by any other means for absentee voters who do not have a disability will not be accepted or counted by the County Board of Elections. Absentee Ballots and Alternative Ballots delivered for voters who do

have a disability may be delivered by a third party who has written authorization from the disabled absentee or alternative ballot voter. Absentee Ballots delivered for an absentee voter who is overseas on Election Day may be made by an overnight delivery service.

Download and print an Application or send a request with the following information:

Name of Registered Voter

Bucks County Street Address

Address where to mail absentee ballot

Date of Birth

Reason for request for absentee ballot

Signature of registered voter requesting ballot

Directory

Borough Administration

Title	Name	Contact Info
Borough Manager, Secretary, Treasurer	Daniel Olpere	Perkasie Borough Hall 620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie Pa 18944 215-257-5065
Assistant Borough Manager	Andrea Coaxum	Perkasie Borough Hall 620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie Pa 18944 215-257-5065
Finance Director	Shannon Drosnock	Perkasie Borough Hall 620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie Pa 18944 215-257-5065
Parks & Recreation Director	Joshua Aniskevich	Perkasie Borough Hall 620 West Chestnut Street Perkasie Pa 18944 215-257-5065
Engineer	CKS Engineers	88 South Main Street Doylestown, PA 18901 215-340-0600
Solicitor	Timoney Knox, LLP. Ann Thornburg Weiss	400 Maryland Drive, P.O. Box 7544 Fort Washington, PA 19034 215-646-6000
Police Chief	Joseph Gura	Perkasie Police Department 311 South 9th Street Perkasie Pa 18944 215-257-6876
Director of Public Works	Dan Gilbert	215-257-6860
Electric Superintendent	Harold Stone	215-257-5065
Building Official	Mike Gardner	215-257-5065
District Justice	Charles Baum	705 West Market Street Perkasie, PA 18944

		215-275-5181
Auditors	Richard B. Styer & Associates	P.O. Box 80 Souderton, PA 18964 215-723-0974
Emergency Management Coordinator	Steve Reichman	215-257-6599

Tax Collectors

Title	Name	Contact Info
Real Estate	Judith Patton	356 Kent Lane Perkasie, PA 18944 215-258-3442
Earned Income	H.A. Berkheimer	1028 West Ridge Road Sellersville, PA 18960 215-257-4190
Real Estate Transfer	Recorder of Deeds	Bucks County Courthouse Administration Building Doylestown, PA 18901 215-348-6209

Churches

Evangel Assembly of God
401 Arch Street
(215) 453-1565

First Baptist Church
1600 N. 5th Street
(215) 257-3378

St. Andrews UCC
615 E. Walnut Street
(215) 257-2880

St. Peters Tohickon UCC
1071 Old Bethlehem Road
(215) 257-4633

St. Stephens UCC
110 N. 6th Street
(215) 257-8676

St. Andrews Lutheran Church
Dill Avenue
(215) 257-6184

Trinity Lutheran Church
5 S. 3rd Street

(215) 257-6801

Perkasie Mennonite
320 W. Chestnut Street
(215) 257-3117

First Presbyterian
5th & Race Streets
(215) 257-2956

Access Pennsylvania Statewide Library Card System

The ACCESS PENNSYLVANIA sticker on your home library card entitles you to participate in the Statewide Library Card System sponsored by the State Library of Pennsylvania.

When you present your home library card with its Access PA sticker at a participating library, you will be able to borrow books, films, records and other library materials. Participating libraries will display the Access PA logo on their door.

Another benefit is that you may return most books you have borrowed to any participating library. Certain materials, such as films and video-cassettes, must be returned to the lending library. (Overdue fines will be paid at the rate used by the library where you returned the materials). You must abide by the rules and regulations of the lending library.

Your Access PA sticker is available at your home public library if it is participating in the Statewide Library Card System. You must be a borrower in good standing.

Each library has its own check-out system, and your local library card with its Access PA sticker may not be compatible. In these cases, a compatible card will be issued at no charge.

If you are not sure which local public library serves as the *home library* for your neighborhood, you may telephone:

Berks County Public Library System	(610) 378-5260
Bucks County Free Library	(215) 348-0332
Chester County Library	(610) 280-2600
Delaware County Library System	(610) 891-8622
Montgomery County- Norristown Public Library	(610) 278-5100
In Philadelphia, apply at the Central Library or any local Free Library Branch	

Local Branch:
Samuel Pierce Branch
491 Arthur Avenue
Perkasie, PA 18944-1033
(215) 257-9718

www.buckslib.org

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.

Friday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Other Fun Stuff

Girls Scouts: (215) 536-6270

Boy Scouts: (215) 348-7205

Penridge Little League: (215) 257-2111

For more recreation opportunities, visit the Borough website (www.perkasieborough.org) and click on "Recreational Activities".