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# Borough of Chambersburg

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## CHAMBERSBURG RESCHEDULES BULKY ITEM DROP-OFF EVENT AS RESULT OF COVID-19 CRISIS

**Chambersburg, Pennsylvania** – Chambersburg’s annual spring event when residential Sanitation Department customers can free-of-charge bring their larger items to a drop off spot, has been postponed as a result of the COVID-19 Crisis. The Bulky Items Drop-Off event has been delayed until the week of June 15-20, 2020. It had previously been scheduled for the end of April, but staff concluded that it was in the public interest and worker safety to delay the event until summer.

“Bulky items days require employees to work in close proximity to each other for hours on end, and to interact with residents and handle their heavy household bulky items,” stated David Finch, Assistant Manager and Public Works Director. “With coronavirus a major concern these days, we felt it was safest if we delayed the event until the middle of June.”

Bulky items days allows residents to dispose of a wide variety of household goods that are not normally allowed to be put out with the regular trash. Items such as furniture, mattresses, refrigerators, and dry paint cans, etc., cannot normally meet the weight and size requirements of normal weekly residential solid waste collection. Therefore, once or twice per year, the Borough holds an event that runs a series of days, where customers can bring their materials to a drop-off spot staffed with Borough employees. This event would be impossible to hold while maintaining social distancing.

The purpose of not allowing annual collection curbside is to avoid a yearly problem that that practice used to cause. Folks from businesses and other towns used to bring their bulky waste to the Borough of Chambersburg and dump it in front of people’s homes. For years now, the event has been held at the Borough Farm and customers are required to show identification before dropping their items free-of-charge. “This system has worked much better,” according to Borough Manager Jeffrey Stonehill, “and is commonplace in our surrounding municipalities.”

The event, which generates significant waste, is not for electronics. In Pennsylvania, electronics such as computers, televisions, and other devices, has a separate collection process and therefore Borough officials usually schedule a separate collection event. “Electronic goods are handled with a separate event,” stated Finch. “That event will occur in the fall, around the same time as our second bulky item week.”

Finally, this event is for bulky items only. No construction debris will be accepted: no bricks, no drywall, no cinder blocks, no floor or ceiling tiles, no construction wood. No green yard waste will be accepted: all green yard waste should be taken to the Borough’s Green Yard Waste recycling center on W. Commerce Street in Hamilton Township. A Borough Green Yard Waste card is required for drop-off. Cards are available at the City Hall drive-thru window during regular business hours.

**Please make a note of the new dates for Bulky Waste Drop-Off: June 15-20, 2020.**

If customers have any questions about bulky waste, sanitation, electronic waste or these events, they should call the Sanitation Department at (717) 261-3213, Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.