

# DID YOU KNOW, IN SOUTH GREENSBURG . . .

## IT'S ILLEGAL TO:

- permit brush, grass or weeds to grow higher than 6 inches
- deposit brush, grass or weeds on any public street or alley
- allow your dog to defecate on any public or private property
- use scrap rubber products in the construction of retaining walls or other types of walls
- store building materials (masonry items, cement, plaster, lumber, etc...) longer than 6 months
- fail to remove snow and ice from your sidewalk
- remove and deposit snow and ice on any public street or alley (parking spaces must be cleared of snow so that emergency vehicles can safely pass through the street)
- store (unsheltered) unregistered, unused, stripped, junked, wrecked or otherwise unusable vehicles (including vehicles without a valid inspection and registration sticker) anywhere within the Borough for a period of longer than 10 days
- build a screening wall or fence around your property higher than 6 1/2 feet
- conduct any open burning outside of any building for any purpose
- allow an animal or bird to make a noise continuously and/or incessantly for a period of 10 minutes or longer
- scatter, spill, dump or drop any soil, sand, stone, dirt, debris, refuse, litter or other substance (including liquids and chemicals) from any vehicle upon streets, alleys and thoroughfares
- own or maintain a swimming pool, spa or hot tub without a safety barrier or fence (for more information about pool fencing requirements, please contact the Zoning Officer at 724-289-3084)
- store broken glass or metal parts with sharp or protruding edges, used auto parts, rubber products, tires, batteries, oil, oil filters or any liquid of a hazardous or potential hazardous nature (including but not limited to gasoline, oil, battery acids, refrigeration agents and poisons to be discarded) on your property
- scavenge any materials delivered and deposited for disposal
- permit any child under 18 years of age to be or remain on any of the streets, alleys, parks or public places after the hour of 10:00 p.m., unless said child is accompanied by a parent or guardian

## YOU NEED A PERMIT TO:

- build, demolish or add to a building; enlarge or enclose a porch; build a garage or storage shed; erect a sign; erect a fence; operate a business; or install a swimming pool (additional work may require a permit or inspection under the new Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code, for more information contact Jobe Inspection Service at 724-468-6026)
- pave, fill, strip, excavate, grade or regrade any land
- peddle any type of goods, wares or merchandise (*hours limited to 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.*)
- solicit from the general public within the Borough (*hours limited to 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.*)
- place and utilize a roll-off container
- dig up, break or excavate any street or alley
- repair or replace a sidewalk (a sidewalk compliance certificate must be obtained prior to the sale or transfer of property)
- break a curb
- rent a home to a maximum of 5 students (student homes must be registered with the Borough, inspected annually and issued an annual occupancy permit)
- modify, disturb, block, divert or adversely affect the flow of storm water
- construct, erect or install a drainage dam, ditch, culvert, drain pipe or bridge affecting the drainage of any premises
- pave, fill, strip, excavate, grade or regrade any land
- disturb the landscape, vegetation or ground cover in an area exceeding 5,000 sq. ft.
- lease or rent a dwelling unit occupied by 3 or more unrelated persons (regulated rental units must be registered with the Borough, inspected annually and issued an annual regulated rental unit license)

*The above is merely meant to be a summary of some of the most common ordinance regulations within the Borough of South Greensburg. For a more complete examination of all Borough Ordinances, please stop by or call the Secretary's office at 724-837-8858.*

**NOTE:** Items in bold and underlined denote a recently enacted ordinance.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US TO KEEP SOUTH GREENSBURG CLEAN & SAFE!**

# ATTENTION

## Property Owners, Landlords & Residents

**Recent changes in Borough Ordinances places responsibility on both the property owner and resident of each property. Ordinances and revisions can be reviewed on the Borough's website at [www.southgreensburg.org](http://www.southgreensburg.org), or by calling the Borough Secretary's Office at 724-837-8858. Ordinance changes are summarized below.**

### **ADDRESS NUMBERS (Ordinance No. 2011-05)**

- All residences and buildings must have approved address numbers, legible and visible from the front of the property. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals (1, 2, 3, etc...) or alphabet letters (A, B, C, etc...) with a minimum of 4 inches high and a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches.

### **BRUSH, GRASS & WEEDS (Ordinance No. 2011-06)**

- Grass, weeds or any other vegetation cannot exceed 6 inches in height. Piles of grass, weeds or any other vegetation are not permitted. Bushes, trees and other "living fences" must be kept trimmed and cannot exceed 6 feet in height.

### **COMPOSTING (Ordinance No. 2011-06)**

- Compost piles must be enclosed in a freestanding compost bin no taller than 5 feet. Compost piles cannot be located less than 3 feet from an adjoining property or within 20 feet of any home, patio, pool or similar structure. Compost piles cannot impede the natural free flow of storm water.

### **GARBAGE REMOVAL (Ordinance No. 2011-05)**

- All debris, garbage, litter and rubbish shall be lawfully disposed of on a weekly basis, and pending disposal, shall be kept in a closed receptacle. All garbage, rubbish or waste in proper containers must not be set out more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup.

### **MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS (Ordinance No. 2011-05)**

- Sidewalks must be maintained in a safe and passable condition, free of tripping hazards and obstructions. Owners shall repair any defects in such sidewalks and remove any obstructions, which make them unsafe or impassable to pedestrians.

### **NOTICE OF TENANTS (Ordinance No. 2006-09)**

- All persons, firms or corporations who own real estate property in South Greensburg are required to notify the Tax Collector within 15 days of the date any residential tenant vacates or occupies a property. Names and address of tenants should be forwarded to: Marianne Bolling, Tax Collector, 1644 Broad Street, South Greensburg, PA 15601. Phone: 724-837-8350.

### **SNOW & ICE REMOVAL (Ordinance No. 2011-05)**

- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks in winter months within 24 hours. All snow, ice and/or sleet that is removed shall not be deposited onto the street, so as to interfere with the safe passage of emergency vehicles.

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# **NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

## **NEW ORDINANCES & REVISIONS**

South Greensburg Borough Council has enacted several new ordinances, as well as some revisions to existing ordinances. Any new major requirements and changes that might affect residents and/or property owners are summarized below.

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-04 (Regulates Student Homes)**

- Only 1 building on a lot may be used as a student home
- Only 1 dwelling unit in a multiple-family dwelling may be used as a student home
- Student homes must be registered with the Borough
- Student homes must be inspected on an annual basis
- Student homes must meet the off-street parking requirements under zoning

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2009-07 (Rental Property Compliance)**

- A regulated rental unit is defined as a dwelling unit occupied by 3 or more unrelated persons under a rental agreement
- Property owners must keep and maintain all regulated rental units in compliance with all applicable codes
- Property owners are responsible for the conduct and activity of the occupants of each regulated rental unit
- Property owners must apply for and obtain an occupancy license prior to renting or leasing a regulated rental unit
- Occupants of a regulated rental unit must comply with all ordinances and codes
- The maximum number of persons permitted within any regulated rental unit shall not exceed 1 person for each 50 square feet of habitable floor space
- No regulated rental unit shall be occupied by more than 5 unrelated persons
- No occupant shall occupy or use his/her regulated rental unit for any other purpose than as a residence
- No occupant shall engage in illegal and/or disruptive conduct on the premises of a regulated rental unit

### **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04 (Animals)**

- No person shall allow any animal to defecate and/or urinate upon any street, driveway, alley, curb, sidewalk, floors or stairways of any public building, grounds of any public park or public area, or on any private property other than their own
- All animals must be on a leash and maintained under restraint by the owner
- No person shall permit any animal to exhibit excessive levels of sound so as to create a public nuisance

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- All animals must be in compliance with the licensing and rabies vaccination laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- Cats permitted by their owner to be outside must wear an ID collar containing the owner's name, address and phone number
- Any female cat "in heat" must be kept inside

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-05 (Property Maintenance)**

- All buildings or structures must be kept safe, sound, sanitary and secure
- Refuse or debris from construction activities shall be removed within 7 days
- All residences and buildings must have approved address numbers, legible and visible from the front of the property
- Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters with a minimum of 4 inches high and a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inches
- Sidewalks must be maintained in a safe and passable condition, free of tripping hazards and obstructions
- Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks in winter months within 24 hours
- Construction materials must be removed within 30 days of completion of the work or within 30 days after the building permit has expired
- No construction materials shall be stored in the front yard for more than 7 days
- Stagnant water cannot accumulate in ponds, fountains or swimming pools any longer than 30 days without a pump
- Structures or buildings must be kept painted or treated and free of broken glass; loose shingles; cracked, loose or missing siding; crumbling stone or brick; and cracked, chipped or peeling paint
- All refuse, debris, litter and rubbish must be kept in a closed receptacle and be disposed of on a weekly basis (containers cannot be set out more than 24 hours prior to pickup and must be promptly removed after collection)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2011-06 (Brush, Grass & Weeds)**

- Grass, weeds or any other vegetation cannot exceed 6 inches in height
- Bushes, trees and other "living fences" must be kept trimmed and cannot exceed 6 feet in height
- Piles of grass, weeds or any other vegetation are not permitted
- Compost piles must be enclosed in a freestanding compost bin no taller than 5 feet
- Compost piles cannot be located less than 3 feet from an adjoining property or within 20 feet of any home, patio, pool or similar structure
- Compost piles cannot impede the natural free flow of storm water

**A complete copy of each ordinance and additional regulations and requirements may be downloaded from the Borough website at [www.southgreensburg.org](http://www.southgreensburg.org). Click on "Resources" and then on "Ordinances."**

# **Attention LANDLORDS!**

Ordinance No. 2006-09 requires all persons, firms or corporations who own real property in the Borough of South Greensburg to notify the Tax Collector within 15 days of the date that any residential tenant **vacates or occupies** said real property. Names and addresses of tenants should be forwarded to:

**Marianne Bolling, Tax Collector**  
**1644 Broad Street**  
**South Greensburg, PA 15601**  
**Phone: 724-837-8350**

PLEASE NOTE NEW OFFICE ADDRESS! The penalty for violating this ordinance is a fine of up to \$600. Each day the violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

# IMPORTANT REMINDERS

## ABOUT GARBAGE COLLECTION

- All debris, garbage, litter and rubbish shall be lawfully disposed of on a weekly basis, and pending disposal, shall be kept in a closed receptacle.
- Debris, garbage, litter and rubbish shall not be swept, placed, discharged or deposited in or on any sidewalk, gutter, street, alley, storm sewer or other public way.
- All garbage must be in bags and placed into containers for collection.
- Containers shall be kept tightly sealed or covered at all times. Solid waste shall not protrude or extend above the top of the container.
- Reusable containers shall be kept in a sanitary condition at all times. The interior of the containers shall be thoroughly cleaned, rinsed, drained and disinfected as often as necessary to prevent the accumulation of liquid residues or solids on the bottom or sides of the containers.
- Containers shall be used and maintained so as to prevent public nuisances.
- Containers which have sharp edges, ragged edges or any other defect that may hamper or injure collection personnel shall be promptly replaced by the owner.
- Containers shall be placed by the owner or customer at a collection point within 5 feet of the road edge or curb line.
- With the exception of pickup days, when the containers are set out for collection the containers shall be promptly removed after collection and kept more than 30 feet from the street property line of the owner or out of visible site, in the garage or on customer premises out of public view at all times.
- Garbage cans maintained in the alley right-of-way are to be properly secured promptly after pickup. A secure area should be maintained for alley way garbage cans to prevent cans from blocking alley ways.
- All garbage, rubbish or waste in proper containers must not be set out more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pickup.
- Items containing Freon and/or other hazardous materials must have materials removed by a certified technician prior to collection.
- Only garbage that has been generated from your property can be disposed of from your property within the Borough of South Greensburg. Disposing of garbage generated from outside of the Borough is strictly prohibited and is punishable by a fine of up to \$600.

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# WANTED



## Your Newspapers, Magazines, Catalogs and Junk Mail

Please bring your old papers to the  
green & yellow paper retriever bins  
located at the Maintenance Building,  
1815 Broad Street Extension.

### **ACCEPTED ITEMS**

- ▶ Newspaper
- ▶ Magazines
- ▶ Shopping Catalogs
- ▶ Old Mail
- ▶ Office & School Papers
- ▶ Envelopes - with &  
without windows

### **ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED**

- ▶ **NO** Cardboard
- ▶ **NO** Cereal/Soda Cartons
- ▶ **NO** Food Wrap/Containers
- ▶ **NO** Tissue Products
- ▶ **NO** Phone Books
- ▶ **NO** Plastic
- ▶ **NO** Cans

**ENERGY SAVINGS** from  
Recycling One Ton of Paper:

- 4,102 less kwh of Electricity
- 60 less lbs. of Air Pollution
- 7,000 less Gallons of Water

## **MAKE EVERY PAGE COUNT**

Thank you for recycling!

You **CAN** help  
make a difference.

# DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC ITEMS

Pennsylvania's Covered Devices Recycling Act (CDRA) took effect on January 24, 2013 and prohibits the disposal of a covered device (televisions, computers, computer monitors and computer peripherals - otherwise known as e-scrap) with your garbage. **Covered devices are banned from landfill disposal and will not be picked up by the Sanitation Department.** These items must be recycled at an e-scrap recycling drop-off location. A list of e-scrap drop-off locations is included below.

## What MUST BE RECYCLED (cannot go in garbage)?

- CPUs/Towers
- Laptops
- Computer monitors - CRT and LED/LCD
- Peripherals (mice, keyboards, speakers)
- Printers
- Copiers (desktop and stand-alone)
- TVs - all types and sizes
- Anything with a screen over 5"

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, PLEASE CONTACT WESTMORELAND CLEANWAYS  
at 724-836-4129

or visit [www.westmorelandcleanways.org](http://www.westmorelandcleanways.org)

## WESTMORELAND COUNTY ELECTRONICS RECYCLING DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

(Updated 2/21/2013)

All programs are FREE for residents and small businesses (less than 50 employees). Large businesses, please call for quotes.

### WESTMORELAND CLEANWAYS

226 Donohoe Road, Suite 101  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-836-4129  
Weekdays M-F by appt.

### BEST BUY

125 Donohoe Road  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-838-8901  
Drop off at store anytime

### COMMONWEALTH COMPUTER RECYCLING

1628 Roseytown Road Unit 8  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
866-925-2354  
Call for drop-off schedule

### LOYALHANNA WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

110 Andi Lane  
Ligonier, PA 15658  
724-238-7560  
Every Tuesday, Noon to 5:00 P.M.

### NORTH BELLE VERNON VFD

535 Graham Street  
North Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
724-929-6111  
Call for details

### SHOP DEMO DEPOT

One Cook Way  
Mount Pleasant, PA 15666  
724-552-0491  
Monday-Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.