

MORRIS TOWNSHIP
WASHINGTON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
REFUSE COLLECTION POLICY

A. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Morris Township's "**Refuse Collection Policy**" and puts forth the following statement of Purpose:

"It is in the public interest to regulate and ensure the collection of refuse, garbage etc. in order to ensure the quality of life of the Township residents and to facilitate the attraction of the Township to potential purchasers of land situated in Morris Township. The Township will utilize those funds received from the Act 13/Impact Fees when available and other necessary fund sources for this Policy."

The Policy is written to provide clarification regarding the administration of the Reimbursement for the Collection of Refuse, Garbage etc. The Township reserves the unilateral right to amend this Policy.

B. BACKGROUND

Morris Township has experienced the illegal dumping of refuse, garbage etc. in various parts of the Township. This illegal dumping of refuse, garbage etc. causes a public health and safety issue. The aforesaid dumping attracts rats and vermin which possibly results in the spread of various diseases. Additionally, the aforesaid dumping makes the Township unattractive to residents and possible purchasers of land within the Township. The Township in the recent years has experienced the purchasing of properties by the local Coal and Energy (Gas/Oil) Companies which results in a decrease of the Morris Township population and more vacant land that becomes a target for unwanted dumping. It is the opinion of the Morris Township Board of Supervisors that the adoption of this Policy will negate the deleterious effects of the illegal dumping of refuse, garbage etc.

C. RESPONSIBLE PARTIES

1. Administration

The Township will reimburse Township residents the sum of \$27.25 per month (which is the average of the collection fees being charged by the 5 refuse collectors currently servicing Morris Township) for a six (6) month period beginning on January 1, 2026, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Township residents would need to provide the Township with written proof of their garbage collection for the aforesaid six (6) months by submitting to the Township invoices from a licensed refuse collector either by mail, email, facsimile or by

personally delivering the same to the Township Municipal Office in order to receive reimbursement.

- b. Township residents using a dumpster service for multiple family households from a licensed refuse collector, shall be required to submit a list indicating the number of families utilizing the dumpster in order to receive full reimbursement after comparing costs by the Township. The list shall be submitted by mail, email, facsimile or by personally delivering the same to the Township Municipal Office in order to receive reimbursement.
- c. The Township reserves the right to investigate payment of the refuse collection invoices prior to reimbursement as set forth in paragraphs 1(a), (b).
- d. Upon receipt of those refuse collection invoices as set forth in paragraphs 1(a), (b) no later than August 31, 2026, and after a satisfactory review the Township shall submit the reimbursement to the participating residents no later than September 30, 2026.
- e. Failure of a Township resident to submit the invoices as set forth herein for a period of six (6) months will result in no reimbursement by the Township.
- f. After the initial six (6) month trial period, as set forth in this paragraph further reimbursements as set forth herein, will be on a 12 month yearly basis.
- g. For a Township resident to participate in the Policy the resident must be current on their Real Estate Taxes for the previous calendar year.

2. Funding Source

The Township will utilize funds initially from the Act 13/Impact Fees to support this, Policy. Act 13 allows the Township to utilize these funds either on the basis to deliver social services and/or to increase the availability of safe and affordable housing to residents or potential future residents. In the event that the Act 13 Impact Funds are insufficient, the Township reserves the right to use LSA Funding or general funds.

D. DISPUTE

Any disputes as to the reimbursement by the Township to the participating residents shall be determined by the Board of Supervisors. The Township will determine the method of the dispute resolution on a case-by-case basis.

E. AMENDMENT/TERMINATION

The Township reserves the right to unilaterally amend this Policy and/or terminate the same.