YARD WASTE SITE
Site Rules and Regulations

Hours of Operation:

CLOSED EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY & ALL TOWNSHIP HOLIDAYS

JANUARY & FEBRUARY - Mon., Wed., Fri., & Sat. – Noon to 5PM
MARCH & APRIL – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. – Noon to 5PM
May 1 to 31 – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. – Noon to 5PM
JUNE 1 to OCTOBER 31 – Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat. – 9AM to 7PM – Sun. Noon to 7PM
NOVEMBER & DECEMBER – Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat. & Sun. – Noon to 5PM

The Yard Waste Recycling Center is located at 5536 Indian Creek Road at the intersection of Brookside Road and Indian Creek Road (directly across the street from Dries Hardware Center).

Newly implemented in the spring of 2016, all vehicles entering the Yard Waste Facility are required to have a sticker and/or permit. Vehicles without this sticker/permit will be turned away. Applications for the sticker/permit can be obtained from this website or at the Township Offices. Individuals who are not residents and/or landscaping contractors, lawn or tree services will be turned away. If you are a resident and have a non-resident relative or friend helping you with your yard work, they must bring your green paper permit with them. You do not have to be in the vehicle with them. Our site is funded by the solid waste fees, which are collected from Township residents in individual homes so it is very important to keep non-residents and commercial enterprises from using our site.

Sticker and permits are issued one (1) to a household. If you have more than one (1) vehicle we suggest you place the sticker on the vehicle most used for yard waste and put the permit in your 2nd or borrowed vehicle. Anyone entering the site without a sticker will be stopped and asked to present your green paper permit and ID. If you do not have this, you will be turned away. There will be a $10.00 replacement fee for duplicate stickers and / or paper permits. CASH OR CHECK payable ONLY at the Township Building M-F 8AM – 4:30PM.

If you have hired a service for yard work, your contractor is responsible to remove the waste to an approved site other than the Township facility.

Lower Macungie Township does not allow landscaping contractors or commercial lawn services to deposit yard waste or pick up mulch/humus at our facility. It is strictly for use by private residential homes. We also do not allow private communities or golf courses, business complexes, etc. We suggest that these enterprises utilize the commercial Yard Waste facility Middle Smithfield Materials which is located at 5375 Old Packhouse Road, Orefield, PA 18069 (610) 799-4177.
After you are cleared to enter the site, the attendant will direct you to the appropriate area to discard or pick up. Please follow their instructions. Materials are processed into either mulch or humus and, therefore, must be separated. The site is often very busy and our attendants are required to keep traffic under control. Yard waste must be removed from bags/con bags/containers. To keep our costs down and to keep the site clean, we ask that you carry out your bags and containers. Pay careful attention to the list below of what is acceptable and/or unacceptable yard waste.

**ACCEPTABLE YARD WASTE**

**FOR MULCH:**

- Branches from trees
- Firewood
- Tree stumps – up to 12 inches in diameter
- Root balls w/soil removed – up to 24 inches in diameter
- Woody stems from hedges/forsythia bushes
- Pinecones
- Sweet gum balls
- Rose plants
- Nuts
- Ornamental grass
- Pine needles
- Corn stalks

**FOR HUMUS:**

- Mowed grass
- Leaves
- Flowers
- Flowerpot soil
- Flower plants
- Soft hedge trimmings
- Pumpkins/apples
- Straw
- Garden plants/ garden waste

We suggest that you separate your yard waste as much as possible before visiting our site so that you can discard it into the appropriate piles.

**UNACCEPTABLE WASTE**

- Pallets
- Dry wall/Sheet rock
- Rocks
- Landscaping stone
- Dirt/top soil
- Bricks
- Railroad ties
- Trash/garbage/household waste
- Plastic of any kind
- Dimensional construction lumber (decking, etc.)
LMT supplies Township residents with mulch/humus based on availability. While it is available, you may shovel/load the mulch/humus yourself during regular business hours.

*Every Saturday during the months of April and May we offer a loading service from 7:30AM to 11:30AM, and every Thursday in April from 1PM to 3PM while supplies last. There is a $20.00 CASH ONLY fee per loader scoop. For safety purposes, there can be no yard waste to drop off while compost is being loaded. Due to traffic concerns, we recommend you not come to the site until 1PM to drop off yard waste or to shovel/load mulch yourself.

The Township recognizes that we have many residents who own commercial vehicles and who are not landscapers or lawn service contractors. In these instances, we will allow commercial vehicles on site. This is subject to change without prior notice. However, we do not allow any vehicle over 10 ton and / or tri-axle trucks.

Lower Macungie Township reserves the right to disallow and/or refuse entry to anyone that we believe could be involved in commercial enterprises and/or who are in direct conflict to Township policies related to disposal of yard waste. We also reserve the right to disallow and/or refuse entry to anyone who poses a threat to Township employees.