

MY MONCLOVA TOWNSHIP MONITOR

ROAD CONSTRUCTION SEASON IS UNDERWAY

Safety First

As summer gets underway, so does road construction season. With more crews working to maintain and improve our roads, we want to remind everyone to stay alert and use extra caution when traveling through construction zones.

Safety is our top priority - for both motorists and the hardworking crews out on the roadways. Just as you look forward to getting home after a long day at work or enjoying time off with family and friends (maybe even a round of golf), construction workers want to safely return home at the end of their day as well. Slowing down, following posted signs, and staying attentive can make a big difference.

Here are updates to help you navigate road improvements, creek beautification, and crew schedules. Please keep in mind that most of these projects are under another's jurisdiction, we are simply helping to communicate due to the abundance of activity.

Roundabout construction at Lucas County's Albon & Monclova Roads is anticipated (after delays) late June. When this project ends, crews will move to the Waterville-Monclova & Monclova Roads roundabout construction. Overlay in "Downtown" Monclova will happen after both roundabouts have been built.

State of Ohio & Lucas County will be constructing a roundabout at U.S. 20-A & Albon; commencing after Monclova Rd. roundabout.

State of Ohio will assist with traffic flow and safety at Strayer Road with that roundabout starting early August.

Wrenwood's resurfacing project is scheduled to be completed August 1.

Wabash Cannonball Trail: Lucas County and the MetroParks are restoring portions of the trail this summer with full repaving being accomplished this September.

Swan Creek Cleanup is happening at the end of this summer, into early fall.

Projects can bring temporary changes to your daily routes. Allow a little extra time. Thank you for doing your part to keep our roads safe for everyone this season.

EBIKES=CONVENIENCE, BUT SAFETY COMES FIRST

Electric bicycles, commonly known as e-bikes, continue to grow in popularity throughout Lucas County, offering riders an efficient and environmentally conscious mode of transportation. From neighborhood streets to shared-use paths, these devices provide convenience and mobility for riders of all ages. However, with increased use has also come a growing concern for public safety, particularly among younger riders who may not fully understand the risks associated with higher speeds and roadway interaction. The Office of the Lucas County Sheriff reminds residents that e-bikes are not toys. Ohio law classifies e-bikes into multiple categories based on speed and motor function, with some models capable of reaching speeds approaching 28 miles per hour. Riders of Class 3 e-bikes must be at least 16 years old, and all riders should remain attentive to local regulations governing sidewalks, bike lanes, and shared-use paths.

Parents and guardians are strongly encouraged to review safety expectations with children and teens before allowing e-bike use; helmets should always be worn; distractions such as headphones and mobile devices should be avoided; riders must obey traffic laws and remain alert to pedestrians, vehicles, and changing road conditions. A moment of inattention can result in serious injury.

As e-bike usage continues to expand across our communities, responsible operation and informed supervision remain essential to protecting both riders and the public.

Pickleball Players: Heads Up

The six pickleball courts at Keener Park will be temporarily closed soon while we add concrete walkways and a picnic table area for players and spectators to enjoy.

We're also bringing back the wind screens, which unfortunately met with some less-than-neighborly treatment in the past. We'll share progress updates and reopening information on Facebook and through the My Monclova mobile app. Thanks for your patience as we make a great amenity even better!

HELP US HELP YOU

Before you start building that backyard oasis with a glorious pond, pool, pergola, deck, or privacy fence, remember that a zoning certificate is required for these types of installations.

Think of the permit process as a quick check-in that helps us help you avoid costly mistakes, utility conflicts, or having to relocate a feature after installation. Getting started is easy. Submit a zoning application (Zoning Department section at monclovatwp.org). All instructions available online in that section.

You may need to submit a site plan or an aerial image. You can retrieve this at the Lucas County Auditor's website (co.lucas.oh.us), from the AREIS mapping system. As an example, simply mark the proposed fence location clearly on the drawing, showing setbacks from property lines and structures.

If you live in a subdivision, be sure to obtain homeowners' association (HOA) approval before construction begins. And don't forget to contact Ohio Utilities Protection Service by dialing 8-1-1 before digging.

A little planning today can save a lot of headaches tomorrow. Reach out to our Zoning Department at 419-865-7857 or email, ewagner@monclovatwp.org. We are here to help.

HORTICULTURE HOTLINE

For years, the Lucas County Horticulture Hotline has served as a trusted resource for gardeners and homeowners seeking research-based answers to plant, insect, and landscaping questions. The Ohio State University Extension Office has also been a valued partner to Monclova Township, frequently collaborating with the Monclova Township Public Works Department as well as residents on horticultural initiatives.

Due to staffing and funding issues, the hotline will no longer accept phone calls, walk-ins, or traditional correspondence. While this change marks the end of a familiar service model, Master Gardener Volunteers are stepping forward to continue offering educational support through email.

Lucas County residents may email horticultural questions and attach photos related to plants or insects to: lucascountymastergardener@gmail.com. Although volunteers cannot recommend specific companies, stores, or products, they can help residents better understand and troubleshoot issues affecting their yards and gardens using science-based information.

Even during challenging times, the Extension Office's longstanding commitment to education and community partnership continues to grow.

SEASONAL REMINDER FOR FIREWORKS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY

As summer celebrations and holiday gatherings approach, the Monclova Township Fire/Rescue Department is encouraging residents to prioritize safety, responsibility, and consideration for the broader community when using fireworks.

While fireworks remain a longstanding seasonal tradition, improper use can rapidly escalate into dangerous situations involving grass fires, structure fires, severe burns, and other preventable injuries.

Residents are also reminded that sky lanterns remain illegal in the State of Ohio. These unmanned airborne devices rely upon an open flame to achieve lift and, once released, can travel unpredictable distances beyond the control of the user. Their capacity to ignite roofs, dry fields, wooded areas, and residential properties presents a substantial fire risk not only to homeowners, but also to emergency responders tasked with containing resulting incidents.

The Department further advises residents to exercise sound judgment when considering fireworks: Children should never handle fireworks; a garden hose or bucket of water should remain nearby; fireworks should never be used while impaired by alcohol or drugs; safe distances from homes, vehicles, dry vegetation, and spectators must always be maintained.

Used fireworks should be thoroughly soaked before disposal, malfunctioning fireworks should never be relit.

Residents are strongly encouraged to remain mindful of neighbors, pets, veterans, and individuals sensitive to loud noises. By observing Ohio law and practicing responsible decision-making, residents can help ensure a safe and enjoyable summer season for the entire community.



2026 Monclova Township Refuse / Recycling Schedule

Weekly Refuse Collection - Limited to 1 Republic Services Toter

Biweekly Recycling - Limited to 1 Republic Services Toter

All trash and recycling toters are the property of Republic Services and are not to be removed from the current premises.

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* Eligible week for one large item collection. One pickup per month.
 Schedule at least 48 hours in advance: 1-734-848-5226 or app.

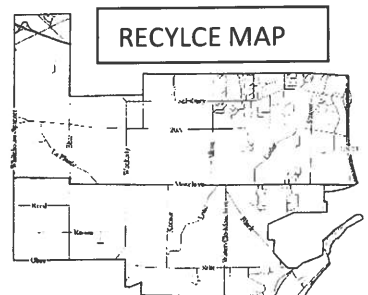
- Weekly Township-Wide Refuse Collection
- N** North Route Recycling - Everything north of Monclova Road.
- S** South Route Recycling - Monclova Road and everything south.
- H** Republic Services Holiday (Collections delayed one day)

FOR SERVICE RELATED ISSUES
CONTACT REPUBLIC SERVICES DIRECTLY
1-734-848-5226
OR MY MONCLOVA MOBILE APP.
MISSED? PLEASE REPORT BY 8 AM THE NEXT DAY
TO EXPEDITE A RETURN VISIT.

Additional toters are available through private contract with Republic Services 1-800-234-3429.
 If you have a question about your service you can contact the township directly at 419-865-7862.

TRASH SERVICE COVERED UNDER THE CONTRACT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES:

- Normal household waste for weekly Wednesday collection unless followed by a major holiday, then one day delayed.
- Apartment rentals are not covered under the township's residential services.
- One township-provided trash toter is your limit with the township service. Lid to toter should close.
- **Trash must be out by 7:00 AM.** Changes in weather, crew assignment, etc. may alter your typical collection time, but placement must always be before 7:00 AM. Large-scale changes are announced through the *My Monclova* mobile app.
- Large item pickup: Asterisk (*) on calendar indicates a potential collection date. You are allowed one large item per month at no cost. At least 48-hour advance notice must be given via the *My Monclova* mobile app or to Republic staff at 734-848-5226.
- No construction or remodeling debris.
- No item will be accepted that will harm a sanitation worker or a truck, i.e. pool chemicals, gasoline, steel pipe, excessive weight of container.
- **NO LOOSE TRASH** in your garbage toter. This lessens debris in the road.
- Recycling service is every-other-week per your route schedule (N or S on calendar).
 Unsure of route? Call the township. The adjacent map is a depiction. Not intended as a street map.
 Monclova Road addresses and south=South Route; North of Monclova Rd=North Route



NO PLASTIC BAGS IN RECYCLING TOTER. All items should be loose.
MISSED? The truck will not come back if you did not place your toter out by 7:00 AM
LIMIT ON TRASH: One Republic Services toter. No trash above toter line or on the outside of toter. Consider waste reduction through seasonal yard waste disposal at Ohio Compost, 10839 Sager Road, 419-897-7807. This is a seasonal, fee-free drop-off for residents.

DEFINITIONS:

- LARGE ITEM:** Examples-chair, mattress, stove, refrigerator (must have technician verification that Freon has been removed)
- YARD WASTE:** Contained yard waste (in regular trash bag) is accepted in toter. Township Guidelines must be adhered to (watch excessive weight, all items within toter, etc.). Township-provided fee-free seasonal drop-off at Ohio Compost is also an option.
- CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS** is not allowed through the township program. This would involve building material, repair, demo.



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Administration Offices - 419-865-7862
General Inquiries, ext. 2010

Administrator
Mike Hampton, 419-865-9662

Elected Officials - 419-865-7862
Trustee Barbara Lang, ext. 2020
Trustee Debbie Stevens-Laux, ext. 2025
Trustee Chuck Hoecherl, ext. 2030
Fiscal Officer Gavin Pike, ext. 2013

Elected Officials' Email: First name initial, last name,
@monclovatwp.org

Fire/Rescue: Business Calls 419-865-9423
Emergency 9-1-1
Chief Matt Homik, ext. 2027
Assistant Chief Tom Yunker, ext. 2012
Fire Safety Inspector Ryan Grant, ext. 2017

Public Works Department
Superintendent Doug Holland, 419-878-6942

Zoning Department
Zoning Administrator Eric Wagner, 419-865-7857

Welcome to the team, Mike!

Please join us in welcoming Mike Hampton as Monclova Township's new Administrator!

With more than 31 years of public service experience, Mike brings a tremendous depth of knowledge in public works, emergency services, administration, and leadership. Throughout his career, he has built a reputation for thoughtful problem-solving, staff development, and a strong commitment to serving the public. In his new role, Mike will oversee key initiatives including staff development, Fire Station renovations, and Zoning Department supervision. We are excited for the experience, vision, and steady leadership Mike brings to our Monclova Township family and look forward to the continued growth and bright future of Monclova Township under his guidance.

If you see Mike out on the golf course this summer, make sure to say "hello."



-Monclova Township Board of Trustees