

THE TOWNSHIP Scribe



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Stop nuisance alarms with a photoelectric

You are enjoying your first sip of morning coffee, and, just as your toast pops, a bit more toasted than you like, your smoke alarm sounds....AGAIN! You grab a chair, step up to the smoke alarm, remove its cover, and disconnect the battery.

You return to your coffee, make more toast, and begin your busy day, forgetting that you disabled the smoke alarm, rendering it worthless as the life-saving warning device it was designed to be.

Sound familiar? There is another solution to reducing or eliminating nuisance alarms. Replace your ionization type smoke alarms with a photoelectric type in areas commonly exposed to nuisance alarms such as kitchen and bathroom areas. Older ionization detection technology provides a delayed response in certain fires and has a tendency to activate from cooking or steam.

The Central Ohio Fire Prevention Association recommends that all areas of

the home be protected by combination alarms which offer both ionization and photoelectric technologies. And, if you must choose between an ionization or photoelectric type of smoke alarm, choose photoelectric. Make sure whatever device you purchase has been tested and approved by a recognized testing laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL).

These testing labs ensure that product manufacturers meet specific safety standards. UL is currently testing a new type of smoke alarm that is expected to be on the market soon--one that will be able to analyze a variety of atmospheric conditions to decipher different kinds of smoke particles. This "smart" technology will be able to sound faster and with a greater degree of accuracy. And because it will be able to tell the difference between burning toast and burning furniture, it is expected to reduce nuisance alarms which in turn will reduce alarm disabling.

And, if you must choose between an ionization or photoelectric type of smoke alarm, choose photoelectric.

Check your home's smoke alarms and replace any that are ten or more years old.





The safe and legal way to dispose of HHW

Make room in your garage, basement and on storage shelves. Clear away the poisonous, corrosive, toxic, and flammable materials like gasoline, oil-based paint*, stain, pesticide, fertilizer, pool chemicals, fluorescent light bulbs and batteries. Dispose of them the safe and legal way—at the drop off location operated by the Solid Waste Authority of Central Ohio (SWACO). SWACO contracts with Environmental Enterprises Inc. (EEI) to collect and process specific household hazardous waste materials from residents.

The address is :

645 E. 8th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43201
(corner of E. 8th and Essex Avenue)

Phone: 614-294-1300

Hours of operation (closed holidays):

Wednesdays: 12pm-6pm

Thursdays: 9am-5pm

Fridays: 12pm-6pm

Hazardous materials should never be disposed of with your regular household trash or poured into household or storm drains. Any disposal method other than one specifically designed for hazardous materials is illegal and will lead to soil and water contamination and poses a serious threat to your health.

A complete list of hazardous materials that are accepted from homeowners is on the SWACO web site, swaco.org.

Businesses should contact EEI, Inc. at 614-294-1300 to inquire about associated disposal costs of hazardous materials.

*Oil-based paint is considered hazardous. However, latex paint can be disposed of with household waste, but only when dried to a solid. Hardware and home improvement stores sell products that chemically harden latex paint quickly. Leaving the lid off for an extended period will produce the same result. Drying time can be reduced by pouring cat litter or saw dust in the paint. When taken to SWACO's HHW drop off location, there is a \$1/can charge to dispose of latex paint.

Businesses should contact EEI, Inc. at 614-294-1300 to inquire about hazardous waste disposal.

Good for the lawn but not rivers and streams

Ohio's fall weather often keeps our lawns growing vigorously even after leaves begin to fall. Rather than raking leaves to the curb, try mowing your leaves along with your grass. If your soil is healthy, the hardworking microbes and worms it contains will make short work of breaking down the clippings and chopped leaves, turning them into nutrients for your lawn.

Later in the season, as the volume of fallen leaves increases, it may not be possible to "mulch" your leaves as you mow without clogging your mower or creating a layer of leaves too heavy to allow sunlight to reach your lawn. Most of us will rake or blow them to the curb.

Don't allow piles to spill into the street, where they can block water flow or wash into storm drains. These drain systems are designed to prevent flooding by diverting rainwater from streets to nearby streams and rivers.

Since storm drains are not connected to water treatment systems, everything that passes through them flows directly into streams and rivers, which depend on a delicate balance of nutrients and oxygen to support all the living things in and around them. When in excess, even natural leaves and sediment can be detrimental to aquatic ecosystems by disrupting the nutrient balance, oxygen levels, temperature, and clarity of the water. These changed conditions can kill fish and other animals that live in and around the water.

Control mosquitoes in your yard

Mosquitoes can be a nuisance, even in fall, if warm temperatures persist. They are not only annoying, but mosquitoes present a health risk because they can transmit diseases such as encephalitis and the West Nile virus. Mosquitoes require standing water for their young to hatch and develop. Once eggs are laid, a new crop of mosquitoes can hatch, grow and emerge from the water as adults in as little as one week.

Eliminating potential breeding sites around your home can go a long way to reduce the mosquito population. Many mosquitoes stay very close to their juvenile habitat when they emerge as adults, and the females look for hosts to bite nearby. Eliminating mosquito habitats around your home can prevent bites, reduce your risk of disease and make your evenings more enjoyable.

To help control the mosquito population in your own back yard:

- Empty, remove, cover or turn over any container that has the potential to hold water.
- Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets.
- Make sure gutters and downspouts are free of blockage and are properly draining.
- Change the water in wading pools weekly and store indoors when not in use.
- Properly dispose of old tires.
- Empty planters that hold water and bird baths twice weekly.
- Empty pets watering dishes daily.
- Fill low areas on your property that hold water for more than three days.



If you have questions, want to report a complaint or need additional information about mosquitoes, call Franklin County Public Health's Mosquito Bite Line at (614) 525-BITE (2483).

At mosquito.mycph.org, you can complete a form to report mosquito problems and get complete mosquito information including spraying schedules and maps.



Hydrant maintenance begins September 30

Washington Township Fire Department will be conducting hydrant flushing and pumping throughout the City of Dublin from September 30 through November 4, between 8 am and 6 pm. Flushing removes rust and debris that may collect in the hydrant and pumping prevents freezing, which can damage the hydrant, leaving it inoperable.

These maintenance activities may cause brief periods of low water pressure or water discoloration. If discoloration occurs, residents are advised to run cold water for several minutes until it clears. This should also be done prior to washing laundry to avoid stains on clothes.

Only hydrants with green bases will be serviced in this maintenance program, as these are public hydrants and are maintained under City of Dublin direction. Hydrants with white bases are privately-owned. Owners of these hydrants are responsible for their maintenance.

If you maintain the area around a hydrant, make sure the hydrant is visible from the street from both directions and has at least a three-foot clearance so firefighters can open and close it for maintenance and in an emergency. Don't allow leaves or snow to pile up around hydrants and don't landscape around them.

Kids in the kitchen

During this trying period of the coronavirus pandemic, many of us are spending more time at home and preparing more meals at home than we had been before the coronavirus pandemic.

While cooking may require more time than picking something up at the drive-thru, there are many benefits of preparing food at home. These include cost savings, control over ingredient quality and quantity, and teaching one of the most important life skills to young family members.

In fact, learning to prepare food has been shown to promote self-confidence, improve language, math, reading and fine motor skills, and has been correlated with a likelihood to try new foods. Cooking also provides endless opportunities to exercise critical thinking, problem-solving, and to explore basic science principles.

Keeping food preparation tasks age-appropriate and allowing ample time for preparation reduces the risk of mishaps. Give your kids tasks that don't involve sharp knives such as measuring, assembling, or washing ingredients. Start



with simple recipes and teach health and fire safety practices as you go. Be a model for these safety practices so your children will have adopted them by the time they are old enough to be in the kitchen without you.

To reduce your risk of mishaps and burns while in the kitchen:

- Use pot holders and oven mitts and keep them away from burners when not in use.
- Clean any grease buildup from the stove, oven or exhaust fan, regularly.
- Keep a lid, cookie sheet, or large pan handy should you need to cover a pan fire to smother it. Don't use water or flour as it will make the fire larger.
- Roll up your sleeves and keep other

pieces of clothing well away from hot stove top elements or flames.

- Turn pot handles inward on the stovetop to prevent an unintended spill.
- Never leave food cooking on the stovetop unattended and keep a close watch on anything baking in the oven.
- Protect yourself from a fire in the oven or microwave by turning off the power or fuel and keeping the door closed.
- Food cooked in a microwave can become dangerously hot. Remove the lids and wraps from microwaved food in the direction away from your face and hands to prevent steam burns.
- Before you begin any food-related activity, wash your hands thoroughly. Handling meat requires additional washing and sanitizing of both hands and surfaces.

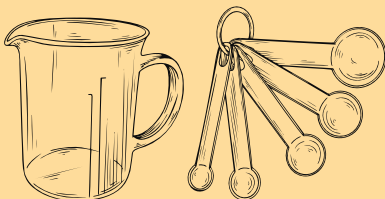
Kid-friendly cooking resources

Celebrate Your Plate

Tips, recipes, kids' activities, newsletter
<https://celebrateyourplate.org>

Chop Chop Cooking Club

Join the club by pledging to cook dinner together. You'll get a recipe to master and learn essential cooking skills along the way. Complete each challenge and upload a picture of your meal to receive a virtual badge.
<https://chopchopcookingclub.org>



Banana pudding in a bag from celebrateyourplate.org

Ingredients

1/2 cup low-fat granola
 3 medium bananas
 1/2 cup applesauce, unsweetened
 1/2 cup nonfat plain or vanilla yogurt
 gallon-size zip-close bag

Instructions

1. Wash your hands, surfaces, utensils.
2. Peel bananas and use your fingers to break them up into zip-close bag.

3. Measure and add applesauce and yogurt to the bag.
4. Close the bag again, pressing out any extra air before sealing.
5. Use your fingers to mash the ingredients together until they are well blended.
6. Chill the mixture in a sealed bag in the refrigerator until ready to serve.
7. Spoon into bowls; top with granola.

Make sure your vote is counted

Our greatest responsibility as Americans is to be informed and vote. There are three methods available to all registered voters: in person on Election Day, early in person, or absentee. Know the deadlines and requirements for each so you can determine which one will work best for you.

Make sure you are a registered voter. Even if you have been registered in the past, it is a good idea to make sure the information your county Board of Elections (BOE) has on file for you is current and accurate. You can call or check your BOE's web site (see list below). Make sure you do this by Monday October 5th or you won't be able to vote in the November 3rd General Election.

After you have confirmed that you are a registered voter in your county of residence, select the way you would like to vote: in person on Election Day, early in person, or absentee (via mailed paper ballot).

In-person The two in-person options are simple as you only need to (1) be a registered voter and (2) go to a voting location when it is open. These dates and times are available from your county BOE (see contact information below). In Franklin County, there are many weekdays, but only two weekends, during which time registered voters can vote early in person. So, if you need a weekend day or an evening to vote, make sure you don't miss those dates.

Absentee Voting absentee is a multi-step process but allows you to avoid lines on Election Day:

1. Obtain a ballot request form by calling your county BOE or by downloading one from their web site. Do this as soon as possible; don't wait.
2. Complete the ballot request form and send it via US Postal Service (USPS) to your county BOE.
3. Once you receive your official paper ballot in the mail, complete it and return it via USPS, to your BOE, postmarked by November 2 or hand-delivered to your BOE by November 3 at 7:30 pm. Each BOE has a drive-up drop box.

It may take several days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your BOE. If you are returning your voted ballot during the week before Election Day, you should take it to USPS no later than November 2 and ensure it receives a postmark as follows:

- If you use a postage label purchased at a USPS customer service window or vending machine, the date on the label is the postmark. This is the recommended way to postmark your ballot.
- If you use postage stamps, ask that it be postmarked.
- You should not use a postage meter or an online service (such as stamps.com) to affix postage.



Denise Franz King, Trustee

No voted ballot may be returned to a BOE by fax or e-mail. If a voted ballot is returned by fax or e-mail, it will not be accepted, processed, or counted.

Please consider offering your time to serve as a poll worker so that every polling location can be open and wait times minimized. I volunteered when I was 18 and again when I first moved to Dublin. It's a great way to meet your neighbors. Since Washington Township and the City of Dublin are in three counties, here's how to connect:

Franklin County Board of Elections

1700 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229
 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 182111, Columbus, OH 43218-2111
 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. M-F
 Telephone: (614) 525-3100 Absentee Dept.: (614) 525-3470
 E-mail: franklin@OhioSoS.gov
 Website: vote.franklincountyohio.gov

Delaware County Board of Elections

2079 U.S. HWY 23 North, Delaware, OH 43015
 Mailing Address: PO Box 8006, Delaware, OH 43015-8006
 Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. M-F
 Telephone: (740) 833-2080
 E-mail: boe@co.delaware.oh.us
 Website: vote.delawarecountyohio.gov

Union County Board of Elections

835 East Fifth Street, Suite A, Marysville, OH 43040
 Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. M-F
 Telephone: (937) 642-2836
 E-mail: boardofelections@co.union.oh.us
 Website: www.co.union.oh.us/board-of-elections/



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Fire Safety
 — IN THE KITCHEN!™ —
FIRE PREVENTION WEEK™

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Fire Prevention Week October 4-10

October 4-10 is National Fire Prevention Week, the week during which the fire department usually holds its annual fire station open house. However, this year, we have cancelled this event to help control the spread of the coronavirus. We are sorry to have had to cancel (Sparky the fire dog wasn't happy about it either) because we enjoy it as much as you do.

Until we can gather at our fire stations again, we hope you will stay in touch through our Facebook page (Washington.Township.Dublin.Ohio). And if you hold your own family Fire Prevention Week celebration, email a photo and description of who was involved and what you did to khurley@wtwp.com. We'd like to share it with the Dublin community!

Fire Safety Poster Contest



Check out the details of our annual fire prevention poster contest for 3rd graders (page 7). This year's theme is **Serve up Safety in the Kitchen**. What kitchen fire safety tip would you like to share on your poster? If you are looking for ideas, here are a few:

- What are some ways you can prevent burns while cooking?
- What should you do to put out a grease fire?
- What can you do to prevent tripping hazards in a kitchen?

For more ideas, visit www.fpw.org

Light the night



In a national tribute called **Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters**, landmarks (monuments, statues) and fire departments across the country will be lighted in red September 27 through October 4, to honor those who have died in the line of duty. Washington Township Fire Department will participate in this important time of remembrance by shining red light at night at our four fire stations during this time period. This event is sponsored by the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, whose mission is to honor and remember America's fallen firefighters, provide resources to assist their families, and reduce firefighter deaths and injuries.



2020 Washington Township Fire Safety Poster Contest

ENTRY GUIDELINES

Who?

Calling all third graders enrolled in Dublin City Schools, Washington Elementary (Hilliard Schools), St. Brigid's, Tree of Life, or homeschooled in Dublin or Washington Township.

What?

Create a poster which includes the following message, "Serve up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!" Posters will be evaluated based on: (1) creativity incorporating the theme into the poster design, (2) effectiveness at catching the readers' attention.

Why?

It's fun and there are prizes for the first place and runner up entries from each school and from among all homeschooled students.

How?

Unleash your creativity! Use one sheet of paper that is at least 8.5 X 11" (or larger) and any medium you desire (crayons, paint, pencils, markers) to create a cool, one-of-a-kind poster design that attracts attention and conveys your message.

Paper (12" X 18") will be available from your teacher and in the lobby entrance of Township Administration (6200 Eiterman Road, M-F, 8 am to 4:30 pm). Feel free to use your own paper too.

When?

Enter by 4 pm on October 13. Entries must be submitted in one of three ways: (1) at the entrant's school, (2) at 6200 Eiterman Road (drop box in the entryway), or (3) as an attachment to an email to khurley@wtwp.com. All entries must be received by 4 pm, October 13, 2020 and must have the following legible information on the poster's reverse side or in the body of the email (if the entry is submitted via email):

- Student's first and last name
- School name (home address, if homeschooled)
- Teacher's name (parent's name, if homeschooled)



Questions?
email khurley@wtwp.com or
call 614-652-3947

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