

2020
Township of Lower Merion
Department of Public Works
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Disability Waiver for Rear Yard Collection Fee

Name: _____

Address: _____

The undersigned hereby requests rear yard solid waste collection services from the Township of Lower Merion. I further request a waiver from the rear yard collection fee because of a disability that prevents me from transporting refuse and recycling containers to the curbside. My signature below further attests to the fact that there is no one of legal age living in my household who is physically capable of transporting a fifty (50) pound refuse or recycling container to the curbside for collection.

Date: _____

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name of Applicant

To be signed by your attending physician:

The undersigned hereby confirms that I am a licensed physician in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and have conducted a medical evaluation of the above named individual. In my opinion, this individual does not have the physical capacity to transport a fifty (50) pound refuse or recycling container to the curbside for collection.

Date: _____

Signature of Physician

Printed Name of Physician

Note: The Township reserves the right to verify information provided.

Important Information about the Township's Solid Waste Fee Senior Rebate Program and Rear Yard Collection Fee Disability Waiver

The Township currently offers Solid Waste customers that meet certain requirements, including income levels, a Senior Citizens rebate, which is 20% of the single container subscription. Applications forms are available on www.lowermerion.org or you may call (610) 645-6146 for more information. NOTE: Senior Citizens rebates are not applicable to the Mini-Can subscription level or for Rear Yard Collection.

In 2010, the Township implemented a new program that exempts qualified disabled homeowners who meet certain criteria from paying the fee to maintain rear yard collection service. Customers who wish to apply for this exemption can call the Township's Public Works Department at (610) 645-6150 for an application or may download one from the Township's website. A waiver of the rear yard collection fee will be granted when the subscriber's application includes a doctor's confirmation that he or she is disabled and not able to transport a 50- pound refuse container to the curb for collection. Waivers will not be granted to those who reside with others who are physically capable of bringing trash containers to the curbside.

The Code of the Township of Lower Merion, Chapter 82 Garbage and Refuse, § 82-13.1 Municipal waste collection and disposal services, subsection K, Fees imposed for the collection and disposal of solid waste, paragraph (9) provides for a senior rebate program and a disability exemption from the rear yard collection fee as follows:

§ 82-13.1. Municipal waste collection and disposal services

K. Fees imposed for the disposal of solid waste.

- (9) Senior rebate program. Persons 65 years of age or older as of January 1 of the current year who are solely responsible under this subsection for payment of a solid waste fee for a property which they occupy as their principal residence and whose prior year's annual household income would qualify them to participate in the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE) or the Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly Needs Enhancement Tier (PACENET) programs sponsored by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania may, on or before September 30 of the current year, apply for a rebate with respect to that payment equal to 20% of the annual solid waste fee for one 45 gallon container. The rebate will first be applied to any prior year solid waste fee, including interest, penalty and costs, then due and owing, and the balance, if any, will then be remitted to the applicant.
- (10) Rear yard collection for disabled persons. If a resident qualifies as a disabled person and does not live in a household in which an able bodied person also resides, the disabled resident may apply for and receive exemption from the rear yard collection fee. Qualifying persons must have a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits their ability to move a municipal waste and/or recycling container to a curbside collection point. Those with a temporary disability may apply for and be entitled to a reduced rear yard collection fee prorated during their period of disability. The Director of Public Works shall establish rules and regulations to determine entitlement.