



Shoemakersville Borough SHOEY SCOOP

May 2025 Newsletter

2025 POOL PASSES ARE AVAILABLE!

- Purchase your season pass by May 17 and receive 2 single day guest passes.
- SEASON PASSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE POOL.
- Additional information about season passes, rules and other procedures will be included with membership paperwork, emailed to previous pass holders, posted on the Borough Website, and shared on the Shoey Pool Facebook Page.

	Shoey Borough <u>Residents</u>	Perry Township <u>Residents</u>	Outside <u>Residents</u>
Family	\$250	\$250	\$325
Includes a couple and up to 4 dependent children who reside in the address on the application			
Additional passes per household	\$20	\$20	\$25

Family passes are restricted to those members of the immediate family who reside in the same household. "Dependent Children" are age 17 & under or full time students age 22 or below. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Pair	\$190	\$190	\$250
Either a couple (spouses/significant others) or a parent and child who reside in the address on the application			
Single (Adult or Student)	\$150	\$150	\$190
Senior 62 and over	\$40	\$40	\$75

Season Passes are only available through the Shoemakersville Borough Office.

Borough of Shoemakersville

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Sign up for emergency notifications from the borough through the Code Red System. Scan the QR Code or go to www.shoeyboro.org.



CodeRED™

Office Hours

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Closed 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Borough Office Closures

May 21-23

June 19 & 20

July 2-4, 10 & 11

From the Borough Manager

Thank You

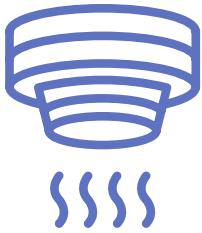
The Borough Road Crew Team would like to say thank you to all the residents they have interacted with over the past year. The Road Crew Team have shared times with me regarding residents that have taken the time to thank them for all their efforts throughout the year. The Road Crew Team are a small group of talented people that take pride in their work and are always striving to maintain a beautiful Borough. So, if you see them out and about take the time to say hello, they'd really appreciate that.

If you're planning projects around your home and/or property, and you're not sure if you need a permit, please contact us at 610-562-8030 and your inquiry will be responded to within 24 hours, Monday through Friday, to discuss the details of your project or you can email me at pgruber@shoeyboro.org. I would be happy to answer any of your questions that you may have.

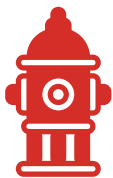
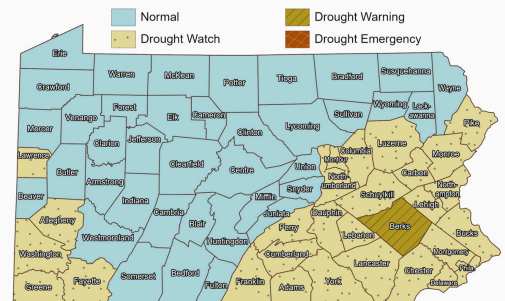


Tips for Home Fire Safety from the American Red Cross

- Did you know that if a fire starts in your home you may have as little as two minutes to escape? During a fire, early warning from a working smoke alarm plus a fire escape plan that has been practiced regularly can save lives.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, inside bedrooms and outside of sleeping areas.
- Test smoke alarms every month. If they're not working, change the batteries.
- Talk with all family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year.
- If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything.
- More information can be found at www.redcross.org



Berks County is under a Drought Warning, a step above the Drought Watch. Under this Drought Warning, Berks County residents are encouraged to voluntarily reduce water use by 10-15%, though no mandatory restrictions have been put in place.



Fire hydrants will be flushed from Monday, May 5 - Wednesday, May 7.

Free Radon Test Kits


The American Lung Association and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection are working together to provide radon test kits to Pennsylvania residents who have not yet tested their homes for this dangerous gas. The number of test kits is limited. Order your kit today! One kit per family! Tell your family and friends! <https://www.lungradonkits.org/pa/>



Pennsylvania
**Department of
Environmental Protection**

Trash & Recycling

Please note that the quarterly trash rate for 2025 is \$135.

 Holiday - No service. If your collection falls on or after a holiday, it will be delayed one day.  Recycling  Yard Waste

Trash and bulk trash is picked up weekly on Tuesdays (if a holiday falls on a Monday or Tuesday, service will be delayed one day to Wednesday).

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A few reminders:

- If any food or trash is mixed with the recycling, it will not be taken.
- Recycling boxes must be flattened and bundled together.
- Have your items at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on pick up day.
- The limit is the equivalent of four 30-gallon trash bags or cans per week.
- If you are using a 55 gallon drum for a trash receptacle, please be sure to add handles and a lid.
- One bulk item per week may be placed out with your trash.

If you think your pick up was missed or have other issues, let us know here: <https://tinyurl.com/shoeyrefuse> or contact administration@shoeyboro.org immediately with any concerns.

Visit <https://shoeyboro.org/trash-and-recycling-pick-up/> for more information.

From the Recreation Board

Children's Fair 2025 will be Saturday, June 7.

Do you like board games or just sweet treats? Molasses Swamp, Lollypop Woods and The Peppermint Stick Forest are waiting for you! Get ready for the 2025 Shoemakersville Children's Fair and Parade: Candy Land.

Candy Land

NEW THIS YEAR: Parade starts at 10 am.

Fair starts after the parade has finished. This annual fundraiser for the Recreation Board helps support programs for our local community including the FREE summer park program. March in the parade, donate to the raffle or volunteer to help support this great tradition. Email recboard@shoeyboro.org to donate or volunteer. *Rain date is June 8 at noon.*

Please consider volunteering so we can keep this great tradition going.



2025 Summer Park Program - June 16th - August 8th

Pre-Registration is required and space is limited. Sign up now! (You must upload your child's birth certificate to complete registration) If space is available, registration will open to other area families starting May 15. Sign up by scanning the QR code or visit <https://shoeyboro.org/departments/recreation/>



Children ages 8-16 may attend the park program. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult! As a reminder, the Park Program is not a daycare facility. Our leaders are not certified daycare teachers. We expect the children as well as parents be respectful to our leaders and review the rules.

Follow us on Facebook at Shoemakersville Rec Board

Other Community Events

Community Yard Sale - Saturday, May 3 - 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

Lion's Club Chicken BBQ - Sunday, May 4

Call 610-562-1777 or visit www.shoeylions.com for tickets or more information.

Lion's Club Carnival - July 25th & 26th

Local events can be found on Facebook at Shoemakersville History & Community

*"There is nothing like staying at home for real comfort."
~ Jane Austen*



hi neighbor!

BORN AND RAISED IN BERKS COUNTY, I AM COMMITTED TO ASSISTING MY CLIENTS IN NAVIGATING THE INTRICATE REAL ESTATE LANDSCAPE. WHETHER YOU'RE PURCHASING OR SELLING, I AM HERE TO SUPPORT YOU THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PROCESS AND BEYOND.



Dana Randazzo
REALTOR

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For recipes, local events and more!



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Sign up to receive emergency notifications from the borough through the Code Red System. Snow emergencies, boil water advisories and more. Scan the QR Code or go to www.shoeyboro.org.



Springtime Reminders

Yard Waste Pick-up

Yard waste pick-up continues through October 31. Please use biodegradable paper bags for the waste. CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP. The weight of the bags should not exceed 30 pounds. Tree branches and sticks should be bundled together, with a length not to exceed 3 feet. Be sure to have your items at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday mornings, in order to assure proper pickup. The Borough asks that you do not sweep leaves and yard waste into the streets, as it may clog the storm sewers. This can create slippery conditions, flooding, and water quality issues.

Lawn Maintenance

Grass and weeds: Property owners should not permit weeds, grass or other uncultured vegetation to grow more than 10 inches in height when measured from the surface of the ground, provided that weed growth on lawns occurring between mowing shall not constitute a nuisance.

Trees, shrubs and hedges: Property owners are required to maintain any tree or shrubbery on the owner's property, so that branches do not extend over the public sidewalk at a height less than 8 feet of vertical clearance or extend over a public street or alley at a height less than 16 feet of vertical clearance.

Fire Safety

With summer approaching, we ask you to keep in mind that while outdoor fireplaces and cooking appliances may be used, a spark arrestor must be in place to reduce embers. Ordinance 429-2012 regulates open burning and recreational fires within the Borough. Please keep these safety points in mind:

- Always have a spark arrestor in place to reduce embers
- Never leave a fire unattended
- Be aware of weather conditions
- Keep water close at hand
- No burning of yard waste, recyclables, or hazardous materials



Swimming Pool Fills

When you fill your swimming pool this summer, be sure to make note of the water meter reading before and after the pool is filled. If you call this information in to the office, an adjustment will be made on your sewer bill; you will be required to pay for the water to fill the pool, however you will not be charged the sewer amount for the water used.

Advertise in THE SHOHEY SCOOP

The advertising revenue will help support the production and distribution costs of the newsletter, which provides valuable information and updates on the borough’s activities, events, and initiatives. Some of the highlights of the Shoey Scoop newsletter include:

- Events organized by the [Borough Parks & Recreation and Community Engagement Committees](#) including the Annual Spring and Fall Community Yard Sale.
- The schedule of events for the [Shoey Rec Board](#), which organizes the Annual Tradition of the Children's Fair, Shoey Trunk or Treat in the Park, Holiday Lights Contest and the Shoey Park Program just to name a few.
- Various community events throughout the year, such as Easter egg hunt, fall picnic, Christmas lights, and Christmas in the park organized by the [Shoey Lions Club](#).
- The opening dates and hours for the [Shoey Pool](#), which offers a refreshing and fun place to swim and relax during the summer months.

2024 Newsletter Advertising Rates

	Size	One Time	Annual (4 issues)
Half Page (limited avail)	3 ½ x 9 or 7 x 4 ½	\$250	\$880 (\$220 x 4)
Quarter Page	3 ½ x 4 ½	\$125	\$440 (\$110 x 4)
Eighth Page (biz card)	2 x 3 ½	\$65	\$220 (\$55 x 4)

If you are interested in advertising in the Shoey Scoop, please contact the borough office at (610) 562-8030 or email Newsletter@shoeyboro.org for more details and pricing. Don't miss this chance to reach out to your potential customers and support your local newsletter!

Now hiring for the 2025 Season!!

Managers
Lifeguards
Snack Bar Attendants



Apply today! <https://shoeyboro.org/departments/recreation/>

Mark your calendar for Opening Day: Saturday, May 24.

**Shoemakersville Borough
Water System
PWSID 3060100**

annual
water
quality report

We know safe water is important to our residents. That's why we are committed to ensuring the water you use is reliable today, and for future generations.



Shoemakersville Borough Water System Annual Water Quality Report PWS 3060100

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our primary water supply comes from 3 wells that feed our primary water filtration plant. At this treatment plant, we adjust the pH to control corrosion, filter the water to remove contaminants and improve the taste and odor and then add chlorine to control microbiological contaminants. We also have 2 backup wells that are treated with chlorine when in use.

Este informe contiene informacion muy importante sobre su agua beber. Traduzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

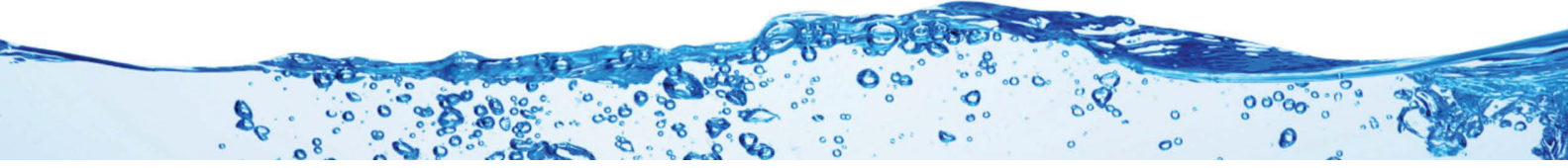
If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact:

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Shoemakersville Boro Water System routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2024. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly persons, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Information about Lead: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associate with service lines and home plumbing. Shoemakersville Boro Water System is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.



Water Quality Data

Chemical Contaminants						
Contaminant (Units)	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Range	MCL	MCLG	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Barium (ppm)	No	0.633	0.127 to 0.633	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits
Chlorine (ppm)	No	1.26	0.80 to 1.26	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes.
Nickel (ppb)	No	9	2 to 9	N/A	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits and Industrial uses. The EPA remanded the MCL for Nickel in 1995, however, it is still required to be monitored.
Nitrate (ppm)	No	4.42	2 to 4.42	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) (ng/L)	No	1.87	ND to 1.87	18	14	Discharge from manufacturing facilities and runoff from land use activities
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	No	4.2	3.5 to 4.2	80	N/A	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Combined Uranium (pCi/L) Sampled in 2021	No	0.112	0.102 to 0.112	5	0	Erosion of natural deposits

Entry Point Disinfectant Residual							
Contaminant	Minimum Disinfectant Residual	Lowest Level Detected	Range of Detections	Units	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Chlorine	0.4	0.4	0.4 to 3.4	ppm	2024	No	Water additive used to control microbes.

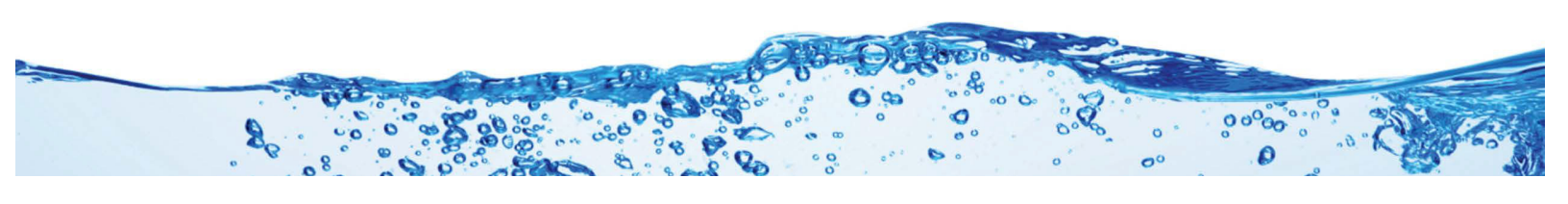
Lead and Copper (sampled in 2022)							
Contaminant	Action Level (AL)	MCLG	90 th Percentile Value	Units	# of Sites Above AL of Total Sites	Violation Of TT Y/N	Sources of Contamination
Copper	1.3	1.3	0.611	ppm	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead	15	0	1	ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing.

In the above tables, you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Action Level (AL) –the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.



Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) – The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) - The highest level of a disinfectant that is allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the contaminant is not present at a detectable level

Additional Information

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations because of contaminated water in 2024. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. **(We received a violation in July of 2024 for reporting our chlorine distribution results to the state after the required deadline.)** These contaminants are listed in the table above. The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once a year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.


All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contaminants that are naturally occurring or manmade. Those contaminants can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial process and petroleum production and mining activities.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.



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Council President Pro Tem	Dana Smith
Council Member	Joseph Wertz
Council Member	Tara Kennedy Kline
Council Member	Dana Randazzo
Council Member	Michael Grim
Mayor	Dustin Remp

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