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Borough suspends woody waste curb pickups

Curbside pickup of woody waste has been suspended in the Borough in order to allow our Public Works crews to concentrate efforts on fall leaf pickups.

Access to the Woody Waste facility is available to all Borough residents. Key cards can be obtained free of charge between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at Borough Hall.

If a significant weather event occurs which generates a lot of woody waste debris, the Borough will respond accordingly.

This move is not related to current discussions by the Borough Council Finance Committee regarding the implementation of user fees to cover the cost of operating the woody waste facility.

The Borough's Early Intervention Plan recommends looking to user fees and better access control to cut the expense of the facility.

At one time, state grants funded the operation of the program, but those funds have dried up and the facility, as well as the curbside pickup program, are currently provided by local tax dollars.

The Finance Committee is considering such a plan as it works through a checklist of action items from the EIP plan.