

Announcing West Pikeland Township Emergency/Urgent Communications

West Pikeland Township has begun participating in **ReadyNotifyPA** to communicate important messages to residents and businesses.

What is ReadyNotifyPA?

ReadyNotifyPA is a service administered by Chester County Department of Emergency Services to contact residents during a major crisis or emergency. Notifications are text messages sent to cell phones, iPhones, PDAs, Blackberries, alphanumeric pagers and e-mail addresses. Notifications include real-time updates, instructions on where to go, what to do/what not to do, whom to contact and other important information in an emergency.

The system allows subscribers to select the following categories of alerts:

- Crime Alerts and Missing Children Amber Alerts
- Public Info (*here you may subscribe to West Pikeland Township*)
- Schools (*not presently used by DASD*)
- Regional Alerts (*here you can subscribe to additional counties*)
- Traffic (*scheduled road closures*)
- Weather (*includes severe weather warnings and watches*)

What notifications will I receive from West Pikeland?

As a participant in this system, Township officials and public safety representatives will be able to send messages to West Pikeland residents about road closings, local weather emergencies, and other urgent information about the Township.

How do I sign up for the service?

To become a subscriber you must create an account at <http://chesco.alertpa.org>. You will be asked to provide name, address, email address and device numbers to receive messages. You will also be able to identify other locations that interest you, such as your work location. You will then choose from the groups listed above to select the type of notifications you wish to receive. **To join the West Pikeland group, click on the “Public Info” section and page down to “West Pikeland.”**

Is there a fee for the service?

It is free to sign up for Chester County ReadyNotifyPA. Your wireless carrier may charge you a fee to get messages on your cell phone or wireless device. Contact your carrier to find out how much these messages may cost you with your current plan. You can choose to stop getting messages at any time.

ReadyNotifyPA is administered by Chester County and is a service of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Joint Task Force (five PA county emergency management teams and Gloucester County NJ).