

NORTHVILLE MATTERS

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SPRING 2013

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT FOR NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS AT FORD FIELD IN LIVONIA

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

8:30 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

Acceptable Materials

Kitchen/Bathroom

- Bug Sprays
- Floor Care Products
- Furniture Polishes
- Metal Polish w/solvent
- Expired Medicine
- Nail Polish
- Drain Openers & Cleaners

Workshop

- Fluorescent Light Bulbs
- Cutting Oils
- Glue (solvent based)
- Oil-Based Paint
- Latex Paint
- Automobile Paint
- Paint Thinner
- Paint Stripper
- Primer
- Turpentine
- Varnish
- Wood Preservatives

Garage

- Automatic Transmission Fluid
- Auto Batteries (or battery acid)
- Brake Fluid
- Car Wax w/solvent
- Diesel Fuel
- Fuel Oil
- Gasoline
- Kerosene
- Metal Polish w/solvent
- Motor Oils
- Other Oils
- Antifreeze

Garden

- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Pesticides

Miscellaneous

- Artists' Paints/Medium
- Fiberglass Epoxy
- Gun Cleaning Solvents
- Rat Poison
- Moth Balls
- Household Batteries
- Lighter Fluid
- Pool Chemicals
- Acids
- Aerosols
- Propane Tanks (1# & 20#)
- Mercury Containing Devices
- Aerosol Cans

City Residents note local date on page 2 for electronics

Electronics -

- Computers & Monitors
- Printers & Scanners
- Keyboards & Mouse
- Cell Phones & Fax Machines
- VCR's & Televisions



For more information
contact Northville DPW
at 248-449-9930 or visit
[www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/publicworks)
/services/publicworks

Take I-275 south to I-96 east.
Exit Levan Road and stay on
eastbound Schoolcraft. Turn
left onto northbound Stark
Road.



ELECTRONIC WASTE AND TIRE COLLECTION

Residents of the City and Township of Northville are invited to bring in their

electronic waste to be recycled along with any old tires that pollute and can serve as mosquito breeding grounds.

On **April 13th** the City will take e-waste and old tires at the City DPW Yard located at 650 Doheny from 8:00am-3:00pm. Please contact DPW at 248-449-9930 for more information or visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/publicworks

TAX NOTES

If you have just purchased a home, Michigan law states that you have 45 days from the date of purchase to file a Property Transfer Affidavit.

March 1st – Assessment Notices are mailed at the end of February. If you have not received your notice by March 1st, values are available online at the City's website (www.ci.northville.mi.us) click on Services, Tax & Assessing, then the Data Look-up button or contact the City Assessor's Office at (248) 449-9901.

March 7th through March 14th – The Board of Review meets for the purpose of reviewing the Assessment Rolls and hearing petitioner appeals. You must have an appointment to be heard by the Board of Review. Appointments can be made by contacting the Assessing Office at (248) 449-9901 after March 1st.

Residential Properties:

June 1st - Principal Residence Exemption Date. The taxpayer must own and occupy the property as their primary residence as of June 1st to receive the 18 mill exemption from school operating tax. Please make sure you submit the Principal Residence Exemption form when you buy a home to avoid a higher tax bill.

CONSTRUCTION 2013

Oakland County

Eight Mile Road - The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is planning significant improvements to Eight Mile Road between Taft Road and Napier Road. Working with the City of Northville, the City of Novi, and Northville Township, RCOC is designing improvements that will provide a center turn lane at most intersections in addition to needed pavement improvements. As a part of this project, the Cities of Northville and Novi and Northville Township are trying to secure improved pedestrian access to Maybury State Park. This project is expected to begin in early spring and be completed by fall 2013. This Eight Mile Road Project is expected to cost as much as \$2.4 million, with most of these funds coming from the federal government through RCOC with participating municipalities covering approximately ten percent of the cost.

Wayne County

Eight Mile Road – The Wayne County Department of Public Services is planning on making pavement improvements to the Eight Mile Road/N. Center Street intersection along with pavement rehabilitation of Eight Mile Road from the Railroad Bridge to Meadowbrook Road. Construction on this two mile stretch of five lane roadway, and the N. Center Street intersection should start in midsummer and be completed in the fall of 2013. The cost for this project is expected to be approximately \$1 million with most of the funds coming from the federal government through Wayne County.

Seven Mile Road – The Wayne County Department of Public Services is planning pavement improvements to the Seven Mile Road/S. Center Street intersection along with heavy pavement resurfacing of Seven Mile Road from S. Rogers Street to E. Edenderry Street. Construction is expected to start in late summer and be completed in late 2013 or early 2014. The cost of this combined project is expected to be approximately \$715,000 with most of the funds coming from the federal government through Wayne County.

City of Northville

Hutton Street - The City of Northville is planning sanitary sewer modifications and street improvements to Hutton Street between Rayson Street to E. Dunlap Street. This \$295,000 project is expected to begin in mid summer and be completed in late 2013. The cost for this project will come from the City's street and sewer funds.

OUR WATER OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Managing Yard Waste to Preserve Water Quality

In 1994, a law banned grass clippings, tree leaves, branches and twigs from all landfills in Michigan. These items are considered yard waste, and prior to 1994, it accounted for approximately 20 to 25 percent of Michigan's throwaway trash. A few municipalities and private businesses have developed composting centers to process this material. This has provided a disposal mechanism for some Michigan residents. For those who would like to handle yard waste on their own property, the techniques listed below can transform grass clippings and tree leaves into resources for lawns and gardens.

Recycling Grass Clippings

When you mow, return the grass clippings to the turf whenever possible. Mulching mowers are specifically designed to accommodate this procedure, but any mower can return clippings to the lawn. Grass clippings begin to break down quickly after mowing, releasing the water and nutrients contained in the tissue. The nutrients (particularly nitrogen) can be returned to the soil and used by the lawn. Recycling nutrients will reduce the total amount of nitrogen fertilizer needed by the turf each growing season.

Returning clippings to the lawn will not harm the grass plants or contribute to thatch buildup. Thatch is the accumulation of dead and decomposing turf stems, leaves and roots intermixed with live plant roots and soil that occurs at the soil surface. It can be viewed by cutting downward into the lawn, peeling the sod back and examining the cut piece from the side. A thatch layer of approximately 1/2 inch is beneficial because it acts as a buffer at the soil surface and protects the plants from extreme weather.

Thatch that builds up over 1 inch, however, can inhibit water and air movement and weakens the turf stand. If you have a thatch layer of 1 inch or more, you may want to consider a core cultivation of your lawn to alleviate the thatch problem. Excessive grass clippings left in piles on the lawn surface will smother and severely injure the turf. Simply spread them out over a larger area using a rake or the mower, use them as mulch in gardens or landscape beds, or put them in your compost pile. If excessive clippings are a routine problem on your lawn, try mowing more frequently and raise the mowing height. Mowing heights of 2.5 to 3.5 inches are recommended for most lawns.

Grass Clippings as Mulch

Grass clippings can effectively be used as mulch for gardens or landscape beds. Be careful when placing the clippings around tender young plants — the clippings can heat up as they decompose, and this may injure young transplants. Also, refrain from using clippings for mulch that were recently treated with weed control products (herbicides). MSU research indicates that the herbicide can volatilize from clippings and injure sensitive plants such as tomatoes, beans and annual flowers. Allow at least two weeks after application of weed control products before using treated clippings as mulch.

Grass Clippings as Compost

Grass clippings make an outstanding contribution to compost piles because of their high nutrient content. Efficient composting is accomplished by layering green material such as grass clippings, weeds or kitchen scraps with brown materials such as leaves and soil. The compost is a valuable resource for landscape and garden beds as a soil amendment or mulch.

Tree Leaves

Raking, hauling, bagging and disposing of tree leaves has been an annual event for homeowners and turf managers for many years. MSU researchers have found that mowing these leaves back into the turf is an appropriate alternative. In these studies, more than 6 inches of tree leaves have been mulched into lawn turf. Several types of leaves have been used, such as oak and maple, with no adverse effects on lawn turf. Reports from professional turf managers who have been practicing this technique on golf courses and commercial turf have been positive. Homeowners interested in an alternative to raking leaves might want to try mowing them. A couple of passes with the mower breaks the leaves down into small pieces. The leaf residue will be evident after mowing, but it will sift into the turf within a few weeks and will be unnoticeable in the spring. You can even rake leaves that accumulate in planting beds, fence lines or other areas out into the lawn and mow them. For best results, use a mulching mower, raise your mowing height to better accommodate the tree leaves and mow when the leaves are dry.

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More tips can be found at www.turf.msu.edu

City Directory

Allen Terrace	248-349-8030
Building Department	248-449-9902
City Manager	248-449-9905
City Clerk	248-349-1300
DDA	248-349-0345
Finance Department	248-449-9907
Fire Department	248-449-9920
Parks and Recreation	248-349-0203
Police Department	248-349-1234
Public Works	248-449-9930
DPW after business hours	248-349-1234
Senior Community Center	248-349-4140
Tax Department	248-449-9901
Youth Assistance	248-344-1618

Frequently Used Numbers

Chamber of Commerce	248-349-7640
Civic Concerns	248-344-1033
Historical Society	248-348-1845
Library	248-349-3020
Mill Race Village	248-348-1845
Waste Management	800-796-9696

Spring Cleaning?

Trash / Recycling Reminders

Put trash out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Place trash containers and recycling bins on the lawn and not in the street.

Trash cans are to be no larger than 32 gallon size. Cans, when filled, must weigh less than 50 pounds to be picked up.

Magazines, catalogues, phone books and glossy inserts are all acceptable for recycling. Tie in a bundle or place in paper shopping bags.

Paint is to be dried out or absorbed by solid material such as kitty litter.

The City of Northville will begin collecting yard waste and compost on April 1st & 2nd. Compost can be set out at the curb in large "Kraft" paper bags or in an open topped garbage can with a compost sticker on it. Compost stickers can be obtained by contacting the Northville Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930.

Go to www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/PublicWorksOverview.htm for more information

