

# NORTHVILLE MATTERS

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 26TH

8:00 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
- Paint Thinner
- Paint Stripper
- Primer
- Turpentine
- Varnish

#### 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
- Automobile Paint

#### 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



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 19th** the City will take e-waste, old tires, and provide document shredding at the City DPW Yard located at 650 Doheny from 8:00am-2:00pm. Please contact DPW at 248-449-9930 for more information or visit [www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/publicworks](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>** – Assessment Notices are mailed at the end of February. If you have not received your notice by March 1<sup>st</sup>, values are available online at the City's website ([www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://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 10th through March 11th** – 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Residential Properties:

**June 1<sup>st</sup>** - 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 2014

### Mill Pond

Engineers have been working on designing repairs to the old Yerkes Pond Dam, now called the Mill Pond Dam. This project will improve the spillway at the bottom of the dam and reface the abutment walls at the top of the dam. Work will take place off of the Mill Race Village property. It is expected to begin in early June and be completed sometime in August, 2014. Weekend activities at the Mill Race Village will not be impacted by this project as no work will be allowed after 3:00 p.m. on Friday until 7:00 a.m. on Monday morning. This \$140,000 improvement is good news for the Mill Race Village and the Mill Pond.

### Hutton Street Improvements

Engineers are designing improvements to the sanitary sewer and road pavement of Hutton Street between Rayson Street and E. Dunlap Street. This project is expected to be bid in April with construction beginning in May, 2014. The roadway will be closed to thru traffic and only open to those that live on it. The project is expected to take approximately 60 days to complete, so it should be reopened in July.....

### 7-Mile Road

The City has received news from Wayne County that they are planning on improving 7-Mile Road from Northville Road to Edenderry. Improvements will include simple crack sealing in some areas and heavy overlays in other areas including the busy intersection of Center Street at 7-Mile. The project is expected to begin as early as April and be completed in mid summer.

### 8-Mile Road

Oakland County is still planning on improving 8-Mile Road from Beck Road east to Taft Road. This segment of road is part of last year's project which took place west of Beck Road. Work is not expected to start until after school is out in June, and it should be completed before school begins in September.

## OUR WATER OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Proper fertilization is important for a healthy lawn. When fertilizer is put down at the right time and in the right way, it strengthens lawns. A healthy lawn protects water by holding soil and pollutants and minimizing the need for pesticides.

Improper fertilization (e.g., leaving fertilizer on paved surfaces, using improper type, applying on frozen ground) harms our water. Improper fertilization causes it to get into storm drains in streets, which empty into lakes and rivers. Fertilizer in lakes and rivers causes algae to grow, which uses oxygen that fish need.

### What can you do?

Here are some simple steps you can take to help keep our water clean. Give them a try. A few simple changes can make a big difference! Plus, you'll save time and money in the process.

**Fertilize in the fall.** Want a vibrant spring lawn? Fertilize in the fall. Fall is the best time for plants to absorb nutrients and develop a strong root system.

**Be patient in the spring.** No need to hurry – fertilizer you put down in the fall is at work. Wait until the second mowing before adding fertilizer. Then you can be sure the ground isn't frozen and the grass can properly use the fertilizer.

**Keep it on the lawn.** Keep fertilizer on the lawn. If you do get it on the pavement, sweep it back onto the lawn.

**Light, frequent watering.** The amount of water used is based on the desired look and use for your lawn. If you water, consider light, frequent watering. Cool the grass with shorter periods of light water during the hotter parts of the day.

**Use a fertilizer meant for the lawn.** Some fertilizers are meant for more than lawns ("all purpose" or "lawn and garden"). These contain too much phosphorus (often displayed as 10-10-10 on the bag)

Use a lawn fertilizer with Nitrogen (N) to Phosphorus ratio (P) of 5 to 1, or greater.

**Follow directions.** Use a spreader and follow directions. This ensures that the right amount of fertilizer is being used.

**Mow high and return clippings.** Make your lawn care cheaper and easier by mowing high (3 inches) and leave the clippings for nutrients. A tall lawn promotes root growth and shades out weeds.

**Make fertilizer-free zones.** Keep distance between fertilizer and areas such as rivers, lakes, or storm drains. This will protect these areas from unnecessary fertilizer.

### Rouge Growing Green: Naturalizing the Home Garden Workshops

March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Livonia

March 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills

April 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Dearborn Heights

A native garden design workshop for beginners. Help improve lakes and streams in your neighborhood by gardening with native wildflowers. Attendees will learn how to design a garden with native wildflowers and to select the right plants for the site conditions.

This workshop is intended for homeowners with little to no experience gardening with native plants.

Optional assistance: Experts will be available to assist a limited number of workshop attendees with plant selection and garden design tips immediately following the workshops. Pre-registration is required for this one-on-one session. Participants are encouraged to bring a Google map or sketch of their yard and photos.

Pre-registration is required by calling 313-792-9621 or online at [www.therouge.org](http://www.therouge.org)

### 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
Public Works (after 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
Post Office	248-349-2062
Waste Management	800-796-9696

### 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 7th & 8th.** 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.

**For 2014, Trash will be delayed by one day the week of Memorial Day and Labor Day.**

Go to [www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/PublicWorksOverview.htm](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Services/PublicWorks/PublicWorksOverview.htm) for more information

