

NORTHVILLE MATTERS

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

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SPRING 2015

FREE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT FOR NORTHVILLE RESIDENTS AT ROMULUS CIVIC CENTER 11111 WAYNE ROAD, - AT GODDARD, JUST SOUTH OF I-94

SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH

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
- Cell Phones & Fax Machines

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
- VCR's & Televisions



Contact Northville DPW
for more information at
248-449-9930

Visit [www.ci.northville.mi.us/
services/publicworks](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/publicworks) for more
events on: April 25th, May 2nd,
June 20th, August 15th, September
12th and October 10th.

MAY 5, 2015 - SPECIAL ELECTION

Precinct 1 (Wayne County voters): Northville Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Precinct 2 (Oakland County voters): Amerman School, 847 N. Center St.

Polls open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Visit the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Services/City Clerk/Elections/Ballot) to view a sample ballot.

Persons offering to vote at the precinct on Election Day must show a photo id. This requirement may be satisfied by providing your current Michigan driver's license or state identification card. Voters who do not possess picture identification can vote by signing an affidavit at the polls on Election Day.

Last Day to Register to Vote: April 6, 2015

Persons registering to vote in person must show acceptable photo ID or sign an affidavit.

If you choose to register to vote by mail, you may be required to vote in person for your first election. If you are a college student and you will be going away to college, consider registering to vote in person at City Hall or at any Secretary of State Branch Office.

Am I registered to vote? Where do I vote?

Visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections) for a link to the Michigan Voter Information Center. Here you can verify that you are registered to vote and find your polling location.

Absent Voter Ballot Information:

AV ballots mailings begin around March 30th. Once preliminary testing is complete, ballots are mailed within 24 hours after receiving your application. The office will begin issuing AV ballots over the counter beginning the week of April 20th.

Photo ID Requirement in effect for in-person Absent Voters. Voters requesting to receive their ballot in person must show acceptable photo id (i.e. current driver license). Absent Ballot voters that do not possess acceptable photo id and want to receive their ballot in person are required to complete an affidavit. Your AV ballot will be processed as a "challenged ballot."

Absent Voter Applications are available on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections/Absentee Ballots).

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 9th 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.

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.

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?

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.

For more information on keeping our water safe, please visit:

www.SEMCOG.org

www.therouge.org



CONSTRUCTION

Allen Drive Sanitary Sewer Improvements

In 2015 the City will be making some modifications to the City's sanitary sewer system on Allen Drive. The City is proposing to replace approximately 150 feet of sanitary sewer pipe, and behind Allen Drive adjacent to Novi Road the City is proposing to replace an old clay pipe with a new larger PVC overflow pipe. These improvements are being undertaken in an effort to improve the flow of sewerage through this area of the City. Work to begin in early summer and take about six weeks to complete.

Non-Motorized Transportation

In 2014 the City of Northville approved and adopted a Non-motorized Plan for the City. This plan makes a fundamental shift in the design of street improvements from a focus on designing streets only for vehicular traffic to designing streets to accommodate all users (motorists, bicyclists, people with assistive devices, and pedestrians of all ages and abilities/disabilities). With limited street rights of way through Northville's neighborhoods and downtown area, motorists will be seeing new pavement markings to make motorists more aware that they are to share the streets with bicyclists and pedestrians.

Elmsmere Drive

This summer the City plans on reconstructing Elmsmere Drive through the Northville Estates subdivision. This asphalt road will be removed and replaced with new asphalt. The new road will be twenty four feet wide (*two lanes*) with three foot gravel shoulders. The limits of this project are from the cul-de-sac on the west end near Beck Road, east to where the road becomes concrete in the Abbey Knoll subdivision. This project is expected to begin in mid summer and take approximately three weeks to complete.

Rayson Street

Rayson from N. Center to Horton is also scheduled for reconstruction this summer. Residents along this street can expect to see the asphalt pavement and concrete curb and gutter to be removed and replaced as a part of this project. Expected to begin in mid summer this project will take approximately eight weeks to complete.

Horton Avenue

Connected to the Rayson Street project the City is also proposing to reconstruct Horton Avenue from Rayson to Lake Street. Using the same design as Rayson Street, residents along this street can expect to see a new asphalt road with new concrete curb and gutters.

All road projects above will also ensure the concrete sidewalks along these projects will be modified to meet all new Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

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

Art House	248-344-0497
Chamber of Commerce	248-349-7640
Civic Concern	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 6th & 7th. 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 are available in the vestibule at City Hall.

For 2015, 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 for more information

