

# Northville Matters

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As winter approaches and temperatures change, cities tend to experience an increase in water main breaks. If you see water bubbling or gushing out of the ground in your yard or the roadway, please contact the Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930 or after hours Community Dispatch at (248) 349-1234.

## COMPOST COLLECTION

Weekly compost collection is discontinued from December through March. Yard waste simply will not compost during winter months, so compost facilities are closed. Residential compost collection will resume April 3, 2017. However, brush and branches may be placed at the curb year-round.

## CITY HALL HOURS

City Hall is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please note that City offices will be closed on Dec. 23, 26, 30, Jan. 2, 16 and Feb. 20.

The Mayor, City Council and Staff wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season!

## CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

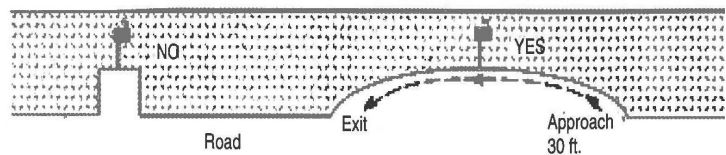
Christmas trees placed at the curb Dec. 26-27 and Jan. 2-3 will be picked up for recycling provided they are free of decorating material. Trees placed at the curb for the remainder of January will be taken to the landfill.

**There will not be a change or delay in trash collection over the holidays.**

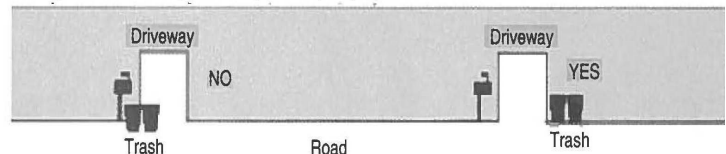
## WINTER 2016/17

### Mailboxes

The postal service depends on residents with curb side mailboxes to clear the snow in front of the mailboxes. Try to keep the full approach and exit clear of snow so they can safely get to your mailbox. If they cannot reach your mailbox, they may not make their delivery.



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



## SNOW AND ICE EVENTS

Although each snow event is different, as a general rule, the DPW begins snow removal activities on major streets such as Center, Main and Taft. After these high capacity streets are plowed, snow removal crews plow streets with steep hills and sharp curves. These roads receive "bare pavement" service. Once this is accomplished, crews will follow a priority of (1) collector streets in neighborhoods, (2) lower volume local streets, (3) courts, (4) parking lots, (5) alleys and cemetery roads. Except for intersections, if snow events are less than 4 inches, local streets, courts, and alleys will only see minimal salt placement.

Please remember, it is against the law to blow or shovel snow into any roadway.

**Dog Licenses**

City Ordinance requires all dogs 4 months and older to be licensed. The annual license fee is \$12 (\$9 with documented spay/neuter)

You must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate at the time of application. Licenses are available at the City Clerk's Office. Want to register by mail? Visit the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) (go to Services/Clerk/DogLicenses) to download an application.

2016 dog licenses expire February 28, 2017. Courtesy renewal notices for dogs licensed in 2016 will be mailed to registered owners mid-December/early January.

**Automatic Tax Bill Payment Option**

Residents and businesses may now pay their tax bills automatically. For the winter tax bill you designate the date of payment as either December 31 or February 14. This is a year-round program. Electronic Funds Payment is not available for only the summer tax or only the winter tax bill. If you have any questions regarding automatic bill payment for your taxes, call the Treasurer's Office at 248-449-9901. The form is available on our website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us) on the Tax and Assessing page.

**Online Payments & Account Information**

Tax, Utility and Permit customers can now access payment information on the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). Credit card payments are now accepted either online or at City Hall (fees apply).

**Paperless Billing Option for Utilities**

Utility bill customers may now sign up to receive email bills. E-bills are emailed on the billing date with a full page bill attached in pdf format. Visit our website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us). The sign up link can be found at the right side of the home page.

**Sidewalk Program**

Each year the City makes sidewalk improvements in our neighborhoods. Broken or sunken concrete and concrete slabs raised by tree roots are noted and replaced in order of priority. If you know of any sidewalk that is in need of repair or replacement, please call DPW at 248-449-9930.

**General Property Tax Dates:**

**December 1** – Winter taxes are billed and due as of December 1. They may be paid to the City without penalty or interest through February 14, 2017.

**December 31** – Tax day in Michigan. All property, including construction in progress, is assessed as it sits on December 31.

**February 14** – Last day to pay winter taxes without penalty or interest.

**February 28** – Last day to pay summer and winter 2016 property taxes at City.

**March 1** – Assessment Notices are mailed at the end of February, if you have not received yours by March 1 you should go online to the City's website at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us), click on Services and then Tax & Assessing and then the Data Look-up Icon or contact the City Assessor's office at (248)449-9901.

**If you own a business:**

**December** – Personal Property Statements are mailed to all registered business owners in December.

**February 1** – Personal Property Statements are requested back to the City.

**February 10** – Personal Property Exemption Affidavits are due back to the City.

**February 20** – Personal Property Statements are due back to the City.

**If you are purchasing or selling a home:**

When you purchase a home you have 45 days from the date of purchase to file a Property Transfer Affidavit.



### Accountability & Transparency

To meet the requirements for Accountability & Transparency under City, Village, and Township Revenue Sharing/County Incentive Program (CVTRS/CIP), the City of Northville must certify to the Michigan Department of Treasury by December 1 each year that they have produced and made readily available to the public:

- A Citizen's Guide of its most recent local finances, including recognition of its unfunded liabilities
- A Performance Dashboard
- A Debt Service Report containing a detailed listing of its debt service requirements, including, at a minimum, the issuance date, issuance amount, type of debt instrument, a listing of all revenues pledged to finance debt service by debt instrument, and a listing of the annual payment amounts until maturity
- A Projected Budget Report of revenues and expenditures including, at a minimum, the current fiscal year and a projection for the immediately following year and an explanation of the assumptions used for the projections

The above documents may be found by visiting the City's website at <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us/Government/TransparencyAndCompliance.asp>

### City of Northville to launch Facebook page

We, at City Hall, want to keep residents, business owners and visitors informed of events, meetings, news and items of interest that impact your lives, so we are adding a Facebook page to our ongoing communication efforts.

The type of news we plan to share ranges from crime prevention and emergency alerts to activities and events, as well as information about news in the City and at City Hall.

When our new Facebook page is ready, we'll let you know via the City website and our weekly e-newsletter "City News." If you don't receive City News, sign up at [www.ci.northville.mi.us](http://www.ci.northville.mi.us)

We foresee that social media will provide another way for you – as residents, neighbors and more - to connect with the community.

### De-icing in the Winter

The first line of defense should simply be to shovel sidewalks and pathways to keep them clear and to prevent ice from forming. Salt and de-icers are not effective when more than 3 inches of snow have accumulated.

Consider the temperature. Salt and calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) have a much slower effect on melting snow and ice at temperatures below 25° Fahrenheit.

Apply de-icing products discriminately, focusing on high use areas and slopes where traction is critical. As snow piles up in the winter, we often times turn to salt to melt snow and ice. Salt causes adverse environmental impacts, especially on our streams and rivers, which could affect our water supply.

Excess salt can saturate and destroy soil's natural structure and result in more erosion to our waterways. High concentrations of salt can damage and kill vegetation. Salt poses the greatest danger to fresh water ecosystems and fish.

Studies have shown that as salt concentrations increase in a stream, biodiversity decreases. Excess salt can seep into groundwater and stormwater runoff. Effective ice control can help prevent excess salt runoff to our waterways.

Apply the least amount necessary to get the job done. Reduce salt and other chemicals by adding sand for traction. Plant native vegetation that is salt tolerant in stormwater drainage swales and ponds that may receive salt-laden runoff. Not only will these native species have a greater chance for survival, but they will continue to act as an effective buffer for our local waterways.

Store salt and other products on an impenetrable surface, such as a garage floor, and in a dry, covered area to prevent stormwater runoff.



### City Directory

Allen Terrace	248-349-8030
Assessing Department	248-449-9901
Building Department	248-449-9902
Cemetery	248-305-2702
City Manager	248-449-9905
City Clerk	248-349-1300
Communications (print, online)	248-305-2703
DDA	248-349-0345
Finance Department	248-449-9907
Fire Department	248-449-9920
Parks and Recreation	248-349-0203
Police Dispatch (non-emergency)	248-349-1234
Police	248-349-5100
Public Works	248-449-9930
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

### Winter Steps to Clean Water

- City Ordinance requires residents and businesses to clear sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow or ice event.
- Quick removal of snow diminishes the need for salt to melt ice that has formed from packed snow.
- Less salt on sidewalks and driveways means less salt in storm water sewers and the Middle Rouge River.
- Clean up after your pet.
- Fix leaks on cars immediately.
- Carefully store and dispose of household cleaners and chemicals.

