
City of Newaygo Fall/Winter 2024 Updates

Hope you have had a wonderful summer. Fall has arrived and winter is just around the corner and we wanted to provide some updated City information and dates for the upcoming months.

Leaf & Brush Pick up:

- **Brush Pick up**
 - Brush pick-up will occur throughout the month of October with the final date of pick-up occurring on October 30th. Please place brush on the curb by 7:00 am prior to October 30th to ensure brush pick-up.
 - When piling the brush, ensure that it is neat and the butt ends are facing the road and it is 4 feet away from a mailbox and any sign post.
 - **Only brush should be included; no leaves or grass**
 - The brush must not exceed 6 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length.
- **Bulk Leaf Pick up**
 - **Bulk leaf pick up will take place from the first week of October through the middle of November.**
 - The pick-up days may vary each week depending on the weather and scheduling.
 - Bulk pick up will be suspended if the weather is unfavorable. We make every effort to collect as many leaves as possible, but sometimes Mother Nature doesn't cooperate.
- **Bag Leaf Pick up - Anytime**
 - Composting bags are available at City Hall at no charge.
 - Bags must contain only leaves. **No Brush or grass clippings!**
 - Set bags by edge of road and the DPW will pick them up.
 - The City **will not** pick up bags that are not composting bags.

Water Main Flushing:

The City of Newaygo will be flushing water mains from 7:00 am-3:00 pm Monday thru Friday beginning October 7, 2024 and continuing through October 17, 2024. Customers should be aware that there may be some discoloration in their water supply and the washing of clothes is not recommended during this time.

Snow Removal:

- Residents are responsible for maintaining sidewalks.
- Please make sure that any snow removal service does not push the snow in the sidewalks, especially on Quarterline and Barton where kids use the sidewalks to get to and from school.
- Blue "locator stakes" may be placed by meters to locate them if the water must be shut off for a leak. Please do not remove these stakes.

Parking Restrictions During Winter Months:

- No Parking on streets in the River Hills subdivision during winter months due to snowplowing.
- No Parking on Barton Street during winter months.
- No Parking on M-37 from 3:00 am-6:00 am during winter months.
- No Parking on all other City Streets from 2:00 am-7:00 am.
- East Water Street has odd/even parking regulations during the winter months. On even dates, please park on the north side of the street, and on odd dates, please park on the south side. If snow is expected overnight, please relocate your vehicle to the appropriate side of the street before morning.

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Upcoming Property Taxes:

- Winter taxes will be mailed out December 1, 2024 and are due and payable no later than February 14, 2025 without penalty.
- The City will accept payments of both 2024 Summer and Winter taxes until February 28, 2025. On March 1, 2025 **ALL** 2024 unpaid taxes will be turned over to the Newaygo County Treasurer for collection.

Pharmaceutical Drug Collection Drop-Box:

- The Newaygo Police Department has a secure pharmaceutical drug collection drop-box. Community Members are welcome to come to the front lobby of the City Hall where medications may be turned in.
- Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Please peel off the name on the bottle or black out the name prior to depositing.
- Loose medications are to be put into a Ziploc bag then deposited.
- Any liquid medication is to be placed in a Ziploc bag then deposited.

School Safety Reminders:

School is in session and we would like to remind everyone:

- Please stop completely at signed intersections and areas where kids are crossing the street.
- Please secure children in seatbelts or safety seats.
- Please be aware of speed limit through school crossing areas and streets around schools.
- Please pay attention and avoid using your cell phone.

Upcoming Dates:

- Halloween Trick or Treating in the City will be held on Thursday, October 31st from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Christmas Walk in Newaygo will be held on Friday, December 6th from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Additional information can be found at: www.rivercountrychamber.com

Office Closings:

- City Offices will be closed on the following dates:
 - Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving
 - Monday, December 23rd, Tuesday, December 24th and Wednesday, December 25th in observance of Christmas
 - Monday, December 30th, Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1, 2025 in observance of New Years

Special Thanks:

- The City would like to give a special thanks to LeeAnn and Steve Clor for their continuous efforts in keeping the Peace Memorial and City Gardens beautiful throughout the year and a special thanks to Linda Andrejczak, Sandy Williams and friends for the fall and winter decorations in the City!

As a reminder, per City Ordinance, trash receptacles must be removed from the curb or street within 12 hours of trash being picked up. Please help keep the City looking nice. If you have questions about the information in this notice please feel free to contact City Hall at 652-1657.

Election Information:

- The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. City residents can vote at Newaygo City Hall located at 28 State Road on Tuesday, November 5th from 7:00 am - 8:00 pm. If you are interested in voting early you can vote at the Newaygo County Building located at 1087 Newell St. in White Cloud from Saturday, October 26, 2024 through Sunday, November 3, 2024 from 7:00 am - 3:00 pm. If you are not already signed up to vote absentee and would like to receive an absentee ballot you can contact the Clerk at City Hall at 652-1657 Ext *213# or by email at kgoodin@newaygocity.org to request an absentee ballot application. You can also go online at <https://mvlc.sos.state.mi.us/AVApplication/Index> and fill out an absentee ballot application that will be sent to the City Clerk. You will receive a ballot in the mail once the Clerk has received and verified the absentee ballot application.

Summary of Ballot Proposals for Newsletter:

The City of Newaygo will have three questions (see below) on the ballot in November 2024 requesting permission to make amendments to the City's Charter. The amendments will change a few features of the Charter relating to publications and board member compensation. If a majority of voters answer yes to the questions, the City Council will be authorized to do the following:

- Provide compensation to Planning Commission members. Currently, the City Council provides compensation for members of other boards, however, the Planning Commission is the only board not authorized to receive compensation per the current charter rules. The amendment would change that and authorize the Council to provide compensation for Planning Commission members.
- Adjust the compensation of city officers or officials, elected or appointed, during the officer's or official's term. Under the current charter rules, changes to compensation cannot take effect until the start of the next term for a position, which may create a scenario where members of a board are paid at different rates instead of being uniform.
- Use methods other than newspapers, such as social media and websites, to publish items or provide notice when there are no other applicable state laws requiring newspaper publication or notice. Under the current charter rules, all publication and notices must be in a local newspaper.

The language of the ballot questions are as follows:

1. Shall Section 6.8 of the City of Newaygo Charter be amended to provide that members of the Planning Commission shall be compensated in an amount determined by the City Council?
2. Shall Section 5.11 of the City of Newaygo Charter be amended to permit the salary of any city officer, elective or appointive, to be increased or decreased after his or her election or appointment?
3. Shall Section 2.3(g) of the City of Newaygo Charter be amended to allow, where there are no other publication methods required by law, the City Council to determine the method of publication of any matter required to be published?

The City of Newaygo is pleased to announce that some enhancements have been made to our online billing system. With these new enhancements, you have the option to set up recurring payments for your water and sewer bill using credit/debit cards, checking, or savings accounts, as well as sign up for paperless billing to receive your bill via email.

To encourage use of the new system, we are offering a special promotion. If you are currently signed up, or choose to sign up for *recurring payments*, you will receive a one-time \$5 discount within two billing cycles. Additionally, if you are currently signed up, or choose to sign up for *paperless billing*, you will receive an additional one-time \$5 discount within two billing cycles, for a total of \$10 if both options are chosen. **This offer is only available through December 31, 2024.**

To enroll in these savings, please set up an account through BS&A with the following link: <https://bsaonline.com/Account/Register?uid=543> or go to the City website at Newaygo.gov and click "Pay Online" which is located on the right side of the screen. Once signed in, the account dashboard will show several account settings you can customize. You can set up recurring payments and paperless billing. If you already have an account through BS&A, simply log in and customize your account settings. **If you are currently set up for recurring payments or paperless billing and want to continue with your current method of payment, no action is needed.** If you would like to change your method of payment, please set up an account with the information above. To sign up for paperless billing, you will need a paperless activation code. This code will be printed on all future bills under your name and address. If you would like to sign up for paperless billing prior to receiving your next bill please feel free to call us at 231-652-1657 Ext. *210# or email us at office@newaygocity.org and we can give you your activation code.

The City will continue to offer multiple options for paying your monthly utility bill:

- Payment by mail: You may mail your check payment to the City of Newaygo, PO Box 308, Newaygo, MI 49337.
- Payment in person: You can visit City Hall Monday through Friday between 7:30 am and 4:00 pm, and pay with cash, check, or credit/debit card.
- Call City Hall at 231-652-1657 and pay with a credit/debit card over the phone.
- Use our drop box: You can drop off check payments after hours by using our drop box located by the double doors on the north side of City Hall.

Please feel free to contact City Hall at 231-652-1657 should you have any questions.

**** Kindly note that if a cancellation occurs after receiving the one-time discount, you will not be eligible to receive any additional discounts in the future.****