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## City of Newaygo Fall/Winter 2025 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 will now take place the last Wednesday of each month beginning May 28<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>**
  - Please place brush on the curb by 7:00 am on Wednesday
  - Brush must be piled neatly, with butt ends facing the road.
  - **Brush only. No leaves or grass!**
  - Brush must not exceed 6" in diameter and 4 feet in length.
  - There may be occasions when the pickup day could be delayed due to weather or a water emergency, but the DPW will ensure it is collected within the next day or two
- **Bulk Leaf Pick up**
  - **Bulk leaf pick up will take place from the first week of October through the middle of November.**
  - The pickup 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 7:00am - 3:00pm Monday thru Friday beginning October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and continuing through October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Residents 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 3:00am - 6:00am during winter months.
- No Parking on all other City Streets from 2:00am - 7:00am.
- 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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**School Safety Reminders:**

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

- Please do not block residential driveways when dropping off or picking up your child at the elementary school.
- 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 the speed limit through school crossing areas and streets around schools.
- Please pay attention and avoid using your cell phone.

**Hiring-Substitute School Crossing Guard:**

The City is looking for a Substitute School Crossing Guard to assist Newaygo Public School students in safely crossing streets before and after school. Hours are 1 hour in the morning and 1 hour in the afternoon.

Requirements:

- Reliable and dependable
- Enjoy working with children
- Able to work in various weather conditions

If you are interested in more details please call 231-652-1655.

**Water Service Line Replacement**

- The City of Newaygo began replacing necessary water service lines this past spring. These are service lines that run from the water main in the road to the home or business. Michigan State Laws require this work to be completed with the goal of maintaining the water quality in the City of Newaygo.
- Work should resume late winter or early spring. A City Department of Public Works employee will contact you in person or leave a hang tag on your door before work begins on your water service line. Any "Miss Dig" flags that may remain in your yard can be removed.

**Upcoming Property Taxes:**

- Winter taxes will be mailed out December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and are due and payable no later than February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 without penalty.
- The City will accept payments of both 2025 Summer and Winter taxes until March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2026 **ALL** 2025 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.

### **Upcoming Dates:**

- Halloween Trick or Treating in the City will be held on Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm.
- Christmas Walk in Newaygo will be held on Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Additional information can be found at: [www.rivercountrychamber.com](http://www.rivercountrychamber.com)

### **Halloween Safety Tips**

- Check ALL treats
- Avoid home-made or compromised packaged treats
- Stay with your children and have older children stay in groups
- Restrict trick or treating to your neighborhood
- Make sure costumes have large eye holes and reflective wear
- Use flashlights
- Stay on sidewalks and avoid walking in roads
- Call 911 if a suspicious situation occurs

### **Office Closings:**

- City Offices will be closed on the following dates:
  - Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving
  - Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> City offices closing at **Noon**
  - Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas
  - Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> and Thursday January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 in observance of New Years

### **Volunteers needed**

The City is beginning the process of revising the City Charter, a document that's been in place since approximately 1968. The City Charter is the local government's "constitution."

The first step in this process is to establish a Charter Commission (Board) whose purpose will be to ensure the proposed revisions to the charter reflect current community needs and address relevant issues. This is an elected position and we need nine City residents to serve as Charter Commissioners.

If you are a city resident and interested in helping to shape the future of our city, we encourage you to consider running for a position on the Charter Commission. For more information on how to become a candidate, please contact the City Clerk's office at 231-652-1657 Ext. \*213# or [kgoodin@newaygo.gov](mailto:kgoodin@newaygo.gov).

### **West Michigan Trails: Trail Mixer Fundraiser**

Join West Michigan Trails' annual fundraiser to support and expand our regional trail network. The event will be a brief gathering with appetizers and drinks at Brew Works in Fremont. Your support helps connect communities like Newaygo, Fremont and White Cloud.

Attendance is free, with an optional opportunity to contribute to the mission.

**RSVP Here:** <https://wmtrails.org/trail-mixers>

### **Options to pay & receive your Water/Sewer Bill**

Just a reminder that the City of Newaygo now offers options for you to pay using credit/debit cards, as well as checking or savings accounts. You can also sign up for paperless billing to receive your bills via email. To pay online, please visit the City website at <https://www.newaygo.gov/> and click on "Pay Online," which is located on the right side of the screen. Here you can get step by step instructions on how to sign up if you haven't already.

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 (email billing), you will need a paperless activation code. This code is located on your bill under your name and address.

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

### **Trash Receptacles:**

- 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.

### **Special Thanks:**

- We want to express our sincere gratitude to all Newaygo residents for your patience and understanding during the road resurfacing and water/sewer upgrade projects that took place this summer. Your cooperation helped these essential projects run smoothly. This fall, you may see crews working on the installation of new sidewalks and sidewalk repairs around the city. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.
- The City would also 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!

*City of Newaygo financial and performance information can be found on the City's website at:*

[http://newaygo.gov/forms-publications.php#opm1\\_2](http://newaygo.gov/forms-publications.php#opm1_2)

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