



APRIL 2020

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# CITY OF NEW GERMANY

During the COVID 19 below is the city policy.  
CITY OF NEW GERMANY EMERGENCY DECLARATION ACTIONS AND POLICIES  
Based upon the guidance of the CDC, Minnesota Department of Health and Federal and State authorities, Mayor Steve Van Lith, with the support of the New Germany City Council, has declared a State of Emergency for the City of New Germany, Minnesota on March 17, 2020. The following actions and policies are herein enacted on April 7, 2020 and shall continue until such time as this declaration is rescinded or otherwise terminated.

1. The City suspends all water shut offs until termination of the Declaration of Emergency. Many people are without work, and enforcement of water shut offs would compound difficulties people in our community are currently facing. Additionally, water shut offs place Public Works staff in direct contact with people in the community which is in opposition to the direction provided by the CDC and Minnesota Department of Health.
2. The City suspends all non-essential workshops & meetings. All non-essential City Boards, Commissions, services of Liaisons to external groups and all other non-essential meetings are suspended until termination of the Declaration of Emergency. This will help protect members serving in these groups from any unnecessary contact with other people and reduce the risk of exposure to the virus, Planning Commission shall meet as needed at the 6 ft social distance and or remotely.
4. City Hall closed to limit exposure to the public. City Hall will remain closed to the public (March 18 in effect) until further notice or action by the City Council. City Hall is staffed, and members of the community can contact staff by calling (952) 353-2488 or by e-mail: [ngcityhall@gmail.com](mailto:ngcityhall@gmail.com)
5. Council Meetings. The City will not, at this time, conduct Council Meetings telephonically or remotely. This policy could change as this fluid situation develops. Council Meetings will be limited to 10 or fewer people in attendance in Council Chambers at any given time, and the social separation guidance of maintaining 6 feet between people will be followed.
6. City Hall Staffing. At this time, no changes are recommended for the scheduling of City Hall Staff. In the event if needed the Clerk shall have the option of flexible work arrangements. Flexible work arrangements will include working remotely, employee that does work remotely should continue to work their normal business hours unless they have made other arrangements.



**\*\*TENATIVE DATE—CALL OR CHECK FACEBOOK FOR UPDATES DURING COVID 19 \*\***

**SPRING CLEAN UP**

**New Germany/Camden Township Clean Up Day May 16, 2020**

**@ the City Shed from 7:00AM to 11AM.**

You must be a resident within the City limits of New Germany or a resident of Camden Township.

- No Hazardous Waste, Fluorescent bulbs, tractor tires or auto batteries—these can be taken to NYA.

- Fees apply as noted below

Air Conditioners	\$21.00 ea.	Sofa/Couch
	\$25.00 ea.	
Appliances	\$11.00 ea.	Car/truck/
SUV tires	\$ 2.00	
Electronics	\$10.00 ea.	Large TV
	\$20.00 ea.	
Sm TV/Monitors	\$10.00 ea.	Mattresses
	\$20.00 ea.	
Carpet Rolls	\$10.00 ea.	Box Springs
	\$20.00 ea.	
Recliners/Chairs	\$15.00	Hide-a-beds
	\$35.00 ea.	
Small Furniture	\$10.00	

**THERE WILL ONLY BE SPRING RECYCLING—NO FALL RECYCLING.**

Note—There is a large container on that day at the city shed to take almost any kind of miscellaneous junk cluttering your yard, we also will have trailers available for scrap metal. Any miscellaneous garbage is free to dispose of if it is not mentioned above. Call the office to schedule help if you need assistance hauling a large item to the site. They will help you.



**New Germany**

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
MON thru THURS  
8:30-4:30



**JUNK & BLIGHT ISSUES IN THE CITY**

Yes, it is that time of the year again. After the snow melts things are uncovered that we forgot about. Inspections are being done & letters will be going out. If needed, the city will tow, hire a crew to clean up or do whatever is necessary to clean up our city. Any clean up that needs to be done by the city, or hired out, will be your financial responsibility and if you choose to not pay the bill we will assess the amount onto your taxes in November. Let's be proud of our city—your home is your responsibility.

**Use Spring Clean Up Day on May 16 to dispose of most of your junk items.** Please call the City Hall if you have any questions or need help 353-2488.



**MEMORIAL DAY**

The City Hall will be closed Monday, May 25, 2020 for Memorial Day. Have a great Holiday.

**FLAGS-** Please remember to treat your flags with respect.

Do not let them touch the ground, and have them lit if they are outside during the night. And please replace them when they are worn out. You can drop off worn flags at the city hall for the Legion.

They will include them in a retirement ceremony and properly dispose of them.

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Every year in May your sewer portion of your utility bill is refigured and is based on your water usage from the Jan/Feb/March. This is a fixed fee for the next 12 months. There was also an increase in sewer for 2020, the base rate is \$41.70 includes the first 1000 gallons and \$17.86 per additional 1000 gallons. This will all reflect in your May bill.

City of New Germany is on face book, City website—www.cityofnewgermany.com  
**Enclosed you will find the 2019 water consumer confidence report.**



**MAY 2020**

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**Creating a pollinator patch**

**Pollinator Patches**

We hear a lot about pollinators in the news and how populations of bees, butterflies and other insects are in decline. The decline is mostly due to habitat loss and pesticide use. Pollinators need two things to survive: somewhere to nest and flowers to gather nectar and pollen from for food.

Seventy-five percent of all flowering plants depend on animal pollinators for reproduction. Additionally, 1/3 of our food production relies on pollinators. Pollinators provide valuable environmental services to our earth and billions of dollars of services to our food production. It is important we protect them by creating habitat and not using pesticides.

**Only 5%**

The good news you can help in your own yard. Changing only 5% of your lawn to pollinator friendly plants makes a huge difference. These pollinator "patches," create habitat throughout urban and suburban areas and provide vital food and nesting areas. Many pollinators such as the endangered rusty patch bumblebee are seeking refuge in suburban and urban areas. The Twin Cities metro area is one of few places where the rusty patch bumblebee can still be found with some regularity. Creating a pollinator patch in your yard could help prevent an extinction.

**What to plant**

Planting a pollinator patch may require removing grass and will require preparing the area for planting. The biggest question is often "what to plant?" Here are three resources that tell you exactly what plants help pollinators. Find ones that match your sun, shade and soil conditions. Make sure to plant some grasses too. Pollinators use those for shelter and nesting sites.

[Heather Holm, local bee scientist, plant posters](#) This site has great documents listed plants for pollinators based on soil conditions, sun or shade, etc.

[University of Minnesota Bee Lab's plants for pollinators document](#) [Bring back the pollinators](#) site by Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

