



# CITY OF NEW GERMANY

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## Keep Ponds Healthy

In residential developments, you will often see small ponds throughout the neighborhoods. These are stormwater ponds, created to collect stormwater runoff which is rainwater or snowmelt that runs off streets, parking lots, rooftops and compacted lawns.

The ponds are designed to look like natural lakes or wetlands, and as such are often mistaken for landscaping features. But they are there to prevent flooding and collect stormwater and pollutants like heavy metals, sediment, bacteria, oils and nutrients. The ponds collect and filter the water, keeping pollutants out of lakes and rivers.

**The filters**—Each pond has a “buffer” around it. A buffer is an area of plants surrounding the pond, usually about 10 feet wide but sometimes up to 30 feet wide. This buffer strip slows down and filters stormwater running off yards before the water reaches the pond. Removing the native plants in the buffer strip or mowing straight down to the pond gives polluted water direct access to the pond. Protect the buffer and you protect the pond.

**But why does it turn green?** Two factors can cause green ponds. The first is related to nutrients, specifically phosphorus, which causes algae blooms. These ponds are designed to capture pollutants, such as phosphorus, so they will rarely be pristine, but homeowners around the ponds can unknowingly increase phosphorus in ponds. See below for tips on how to keep phosphorus out of ponds.

Another green factor is duckweed (photo to right) is often mistaken for algae. Duckweed is a tiny, free floating green plant that can form thick blankets across a pond. Duckweed an important food source for birds and wildlife and it has such good water filtering capabilities it is used by water treatment plants. So, if its duckweed greening your pond, relax and enjoy the wildlife and water treatment.

**Homeowner tips**—Do not dump grass clippings or leaves in the pond or near storm drains. This will cause algae blooms. Sweep or rake up any leaves from curbs and storm drains to keep them from washing down. Do not pour chemicals, oils, etc. in or near the pond or allow any household or automotive chemicals to drain into the storm drain. Use biodegradable soaps for outdoor cleaning. Sweep up grit and debris on driveways and sidewalks, do not hose it into the street. Capture stormwater runoff from roofs and driveways in rain barrels or raingardens. Pick up animal waste and dispose of it in the trash.

**Mosquitos**—If ponds are functioning correctly, it limits breeding sites for mosquitoes. Additionally, treatment for mosquitoes is provided by the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District. The Metropolitan Mosquito Control District is responsible for protecting the public from disease and annoyance caused by mosquitoes, black flies, and ticks. The district controls mosquito populations by targeting the larval stage using various control materials including Bti, a bacteria that inhibits larval growth. If mosquitoes are a concern, the district has an interactive map where residents can log in and see how and when stormwater ponds have been treated for mosquitoes. Visit [www.mmcd.org](http://www.mmcd.org) and click on “Services” and then “District maps.”

## SPRING CLEAN UP

New Germany/Camden Township Clean Up Day May 15, 2021

@ 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 farm or tractor tires, hazardous Waste, Fluorescent bulbs, auto batteries—these can be taken to NYA on 5/22/2021(Central high school parking lot).

Car Tires (rims accepted)	\$3
Semi Tires	\$8
Residential Electronics (TV's & Computer monitors)	\$10
LG TV	\$20
Appliances (dehumidifier, dishwasher, dryer, freezer, microwave, refrigerator, stove, washers, water heater, etc.)	\$10
Carpet Rolls, Recliners, chairs, sm furniture	\$10
Sofa/Couch	\$20
Mattresses	\$20
Box Spring	\$20
Hide a beds	\$20
AC Unit	\$20
Misc. garbage items	No chg

## 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.





**MEMORIAL DAY**

The City Hall will be closed Monday, May 31, 2021 for Memorial Day.

2021 New Germany American Legion Memorial Day Service  
 The New Germany American Legion will be honoring deceased veterans on Memorial Day at local cemeteries with honor guard, rifle squad and taps.  
**Memorial Day Schedule**  
 9:00 Crow River Cemetery  
 9:30 St. Marks in New Germany  
 10:00 St. Johns in Hollywood  
 10:20 Methodist in Mayer  
 10:30 Zion in Mayer  
 11:00 Carver County Veterans Memorial with a program

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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. The sewer base rate is \$25.99 and it is billed per 10 gallons at \$0.0201. or \$20.10 per 1,000 gallons. This will reflect in your May utility bill.

**New Germany**

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

In the event a vacation day (s), sick day, meetings or any other reason we always post on the office door.



**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 15 to dispose of most of your junk items.** Please call the City Hall if you have any questions or need help 353-2488.



City of New Germany is on Facebook, City website—[www.cityofnewgermany.com](http://www.cityofnewgermany.com)  
**2020 water consumer confidence report is posted on the city website.**



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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.

