

SEPTEMBER 2021



NEW GERMANY MINNESOTA

# City of New Germany

**Compost bin** is at the City Shed at 250 State Avenue N, only place grass clippings and leaves in the bin. Branches and larger items please bring to the Mayer compost location; county road 30 east, cross the bridge, 2nd gate on the left. Open on Wednesdays 5—8 PM, and Saturdays 8 AM—Noon, April—November. December through March Saturdays 8 AM—12 PM.

**Ordinance code 92.03 (O)** Shipping containers, storage containers, temporary structures, and the storage of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational relate items shall not remain in one area for more than 180 days. Items that are required to be licensed shall be currently licensed and shall be parked on an impervious, concrete or asphalt surface.



Grass clippings from lawns can be an asset to your lawn and garden or a detriment to your lawn, lakes and rivers. The key is when they are cut and where they go after they are cut.

Grass clippings are a valuable source of nutrients for the lawn. Clippings must be 1” in length or less to easily fall back to the soil and decompose quickly. Adding these clippings to the soil can improve your soil’s organic matter and health. Grass clippings longer than 1” may stay on the lawn looking unsightly and smothering the grass below. These longer clippings should be removed and either composted at your home or taken to the compost center.

Since getting shorter clippings means mowing your lawn more, you could consider reseeding your lawn with a “low mow” grass. Low mow grass mixes are a mix of slow growing fescues. Fescues are slower growing, drought and shade tolerant with finer, softer leaves. You can reseed a traditional lawn with fescue seeds if you reframe from irrigating the lawn, the fescues will outcompete the existing grass over time.

There is a myth floating about that leaving grass clippings on the lawn contributes to thatch on the lawns. It doesn’t. Thatch is a layer of undecomposed organic matter that builds up between the soil surface and the actively growing green grass. Thatch appears if organic matter is being produced faster that it is being decomposed by micro-organisms. This is caused by excessive nitrogen fertilizing, infrequent mowing and low soil oxygen.

Clippings can make great mulch around plants in annual or vegetable gardens. Mulching helps reduce weeds, conserve moisture, and modify soil temperatures. Do not apply more than 1 or 2 inches of grass clippings at one time and do not use grass clippings as mulch if the lawn was recently treated with an herbicide for dandelions or other *broadleaf* weeds.

Where clippings should never be left is on your driveway, street or sidewalk. Clippings on these hard surfaces will wash off with the next rain and flow into the nearest lake, river or pond. Instead of adding fertilizer to your lawn, washed away grass clippings will add nutrients to lakes and rivers causing algae growth. Always be sure to sweep or blow grass clippings back off hard surfaces and back on to the lawn. Your lakes, rivers and lawns will thank you.



**FLAGS FOR SALE-Did you know you could purchase a new flag (3x5) from the New Germany American Legion. If Interested or need more information contact Roger Sauerbrey at 952-657-2431. The New Germany hall is a drop off site for old tattered flags.**



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## COLUMBUS DAY

The City Office will be closed on Monday, October 11, 2021 in observance of Columbus Day.

Commercial Club is always looking for new volunteers, if interested please call Shirley 952-353-2208. The Commercial club meets the 4th Monday as needed, 7 PM at City Hall. Planning Commission meets the 4th Tuesday at 6 PM as needed.





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Clerk Office  
Hours  
Mon-Thurs  
8:30-4:30  
Friday-  
CLOSED



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**Reminders**

Snow parking rules— NO parking on city streets following a snowfall of 1” or more.

NO parking on city streets between 2 AM—7 AM beginning November 1 thru March 31.

PENALTY—If your car is parked illegally during snow plowing, the Sheriff Dept., will be called and you would receive a ticket.

In the winter months it is your responsibility to keep the snow cleared around your mailboxes.

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If you are thinking of remodeling, plumbing, heating, or window replacement, many of these projects require building permits. If you are doing a project that requires a building permit and have not obtained one from the city; a cease order may be issued and you could be fined. Call City Office and check if your project needs a permit to save time and money. For questions please call the building inspector Dave Nelson with MetroWest Inspection Services, Inc., 763-479-1720.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month—Southern Valley Alliance has a yard sign campaign, \$10 per sign. To order: email info@svamn.org or call 952-873-4214. Southern Valley Alliance has a purple lights campaign, shine a light, save a life. Purple is the color for Domestic Violence Awareness month. Help raise awareness by displaying purple lights outside your home or business during the month of October.

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**EVENTS:**

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**— October 30, 2021, 6 PM—7:30 PM, City Hall.

**TURKEY BINGO**—Tuesday, November 23, more info to follow.

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA:** December 4. Mark your calendars!

**TRUTH & TAXATION HEARING**—December 7, 2021, 7 PM City Office.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCT. 3—9**~ A smoke alarm is your first line of defense. Make it a point to install fresh batteries. Then check to see if it’s working by pushing the safety test button. ~Many homes should have two or more smoke alarms, including one outside of every sleeping area.

~ Change your flashlight batteries. Keep a working flashlight near your bed, in the kitchen, basement, and family room. They are convenient if power goes out and can be used to signal for help in the event of a fire.

~ Install a fire extinguisher near your kitchen and know how to use it. Buy a multi purpose fire extinguisher.

~ Plan and practice your escape. Create at least two different escape routes and practice them with your family.

~ Fire protection on the job! If you notice a hazard or condition that could cause a fire, report it to your supervisor.

More than 1.7 million fires strike American homes and businesses each year, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Fire Chief Ruschmeier encourages everyone who has battery operated smoke alarms to replace your batteries, this small task could save a life!

\*\*\*\*\* **HALLOWEEN PARTY** \*\*\*\*\*

The New Germany Commercial Club is hosting a October 30 Halloween Party—games, prizes, fun for all ages. If you would like to help at this event, please call Shirley Jaeger. Trick or Treaters are welcome to walk around town on Halloween night and stop at houses with porch lights on.



**October 2021**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 FD Mtg	5 Council mtg	6	7 Recy- cle	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day Closed	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 FD training	19 Council mtg	20	21 Recy- cle	22	23
24	25	26 PC 6	27	28	29	30 Hal- loween Party
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