



City of New Germany

Monthly Newsletter

SEWER/WATER BILL CHANGE

Each year in May your sewer portion of your utility bill is refigured and is based upon your water usage from January, February and March. This is a fixed fee for the next 12 months. If you have any questions, feel free to call the city office. Please remember to tear off the bottom portion of the card (perforated) and return with payment.

SUMP PUMPS

Reminder that sump pumps should pump water out onto the lawn or curb NOT into floor drains or sanitary sewer system (illegal). This helps protect the city's pond which treat wastewater. Please work together and make sure your sump pump is discharging where it should be discharging into your lawn or the curb and continue this practice throughout the year, not only in spring/summer. Please call to schedule your sump pump inspection; every 5 years the city inspects sump system for compliance.

ORDINANCE 101 , SECTION 2 PROHIBITED WASTES.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any storm water, surface water, ground water, sub-surface water, roof run off, yard drainage, yard fountain, pond overflow, unpolluted industrial or commercial process water, any type or form of clean water or any substance other than sanitary sewage into the sanitary collection system of the City of New Germany. The City may inspect and if you are not in compliance you could receive a \$100 fine per month until compliant. Please make sure you are complying. Please call or stop by City Hall if you have any questions.

Funds available for native plants to benefit water and wildlife May 2022

Carver County Water Management Organization

Adding native plants to your yard can helps wildlife thrive, improve lawn health, and protect lakes and rivers.

What plants are considered native? [Native plants](#) are those that are local to Minnesota, those that were growing here when European immigrants first arrived. They are adapted to our climate and soils, are drought tolerant, and disease resistant. Most native plants do not require fertilizer or even water once established, and they tolerate our extreme Minnesota weather. As a result, they typically thrive with less care than non-native species. Common native plants in Minnesota include Red Osier Dogwood, Purple Coneflower, Sensitive Fern, Compass Plant, Black Eyed Susan, and Butterfly Milkweed. It is important to increase native plant populations to protect lakes and rivers, soil health, and wildlife.

How do native plants help water and wildlife? Native plants help reduce water pollution. They have deep roots that allow rainwater to soak well into the ground. Rain that does not soak into the ground flows off lawns and pavement and into storm drains where it is carried away to nearby ponds, lakes, and streams. This rain runoff brings with it many pollutants such as bacteria, sediment and phosphorus. Native plants soak up that rainwater and filter pollutants leaving less runoff and less water pollution to cause problems. Have a soggy spot in the yard? Create a small native plant garden there. The plants will soak up and use the extra water.

Native plants improve soil health. The roots help decrease soil compaction, stabilize the soil, and reduce erosion. Native plants are relatively maintenance free. Their long roots allow them to find their own water, even during droughts and they do not need mowing, fertilizers, or pesticides.

Native plants provide nectar, berries, seeds, and shelter that birds, pollinators and other wildlife rely on. Lots of grass or non-native plants in a landscape can create a "food desert" for Minnesota wildlife species that have evolved with and need native plants. For example, the common blue butterfly and many birds rely on the Red Osier Dogwood. The Monarch and many other butterflies need milkweeds including Butterfly Milkweed which is one of the few native bright orange flowers. Many pollinators rely on asters, such as New England Aster, for late season food. Asters typically bloom August through October and can add a pop of color to your yard as other plants settle down for winter.

Wait, there's more! There are several programs that will provide funding to residents to put native plants in their lawn. Carver County hosts two programs that provide funds to install native plants, one focuses more on pollinator habitat and one on water quality improving projects. Visit www.co.carver.mn.us/water and click on "Get Involved" for information. Lawns to Legumes is a state funded program designed to get more pollinator habitat in residential areas. Eastern Carver County is located in a priority area for the program. You can find more information and apply at www.bluethumb.org



May 2022

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Meetings -

**Council—1st & 3rd Tues-
day at 7:00**

Commercial Club—

4th Monday - 7:00

**Fire Dept.—1st Mon
7:00 pm**

**Planning Commission—4th
Tuesday @ 6 PM as needed.**



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- Reminder to residents—it is your responsibility to mow or weed whip around your mail boxes, not the City's.
- When you encounter issues with dog's running at large; call the Sheriff's department and report the issue. This will dispatch a CSO Officer to investigate the complaint and tickets may or can be issued.



JUNE 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		31 Garbage delayed 1 day on account of Memorial	1	2	3 Recycle garbage	4
5	6 FD Mtg	7 Council	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 recycle	17	18
19	20	21 Council	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 recycle		

COMPOST SITE—Compost dumpster is at the City Shed, reminder the BRUSH goes to the Mayer site.



CITY CODE

92.02 City Code—(A) The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health:

(6) Grass and/or weeds which have grown upon any property to a height of 6 inches or more inches, overgrown, uncontrolled vegetation, shrubs, trees and vines that are conducive to the accumulation of refuse, debris, or the harborage or breeding of vermin.

(Q) Shipping containers, storage containers, temporary structures, and the storage of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational related 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.

Ordinances are established to ensure the enjoyment of each resident's property and to maintain a quality of life for our community. Please be a considerate community member. The city does have running at large DOG ORDINANCE, please contain your pet. To see the entire ordinance please request or online. Clean up after your pet and make sure your pet is doing their duty on your property, not the neighbors.

Burning Within City Limits

The only Burning allowed within the city are recreational fires of 3x3x3 or less. These fires must be contained to a fire pit, fire ring or outdoor fire place. The only items you can burn are split wood or small twigs. **No burning building materials, plastic, paper, furniture, or anything hazardous.** If someone calls in your fire, the city and or fire chief may do an inspection and call the public safety department if you are not in compliance. Do not leave your recreational fire unattended.

FIREFIGHTERS NEEDED—have you thought of joining the New Germany Fire Department? Call Asst Chief Ryan Goede 612.750.3016, for more information!



Garbage service reminder: Please call the City office to make any changes to your garbage service. This includes a name change on the account, a size of can exchange, or to replace broken cans. These requests need to come from the city office as the city is on a contract with Waste Management.

JUNK & BLIGHT ISSUES IN THE CITY

It is that time of the year when the city will be inspecting properties and letters will be going out if in violation of the city ordinance. 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 it can be assessed to your property taxes in November. Let's be proud of our city— your home is your responsibility—be proud of it. This includes old fences, vehicles, debris/junk around property. Please stop by City Hall for the complete ordinance

