



TIPPEGAN NEWS

Snow Reminders and Information

With the return of snow, Tipp City residents are reminded of the following guidelines regarding snow and ice removal. The Street Department asks residents to use the following guidelines for a safe winter season.

- If the City experiences snow or ice, citizens should remove all vehicles from the street to allow for more efficient snow plowing.
- Please do not blow or shovel snow into the street.
- Trash cans and recycling bins should be placed onto the curb as not to interfere with snow removal.
- It is the citizen's responsibility to clear snow from in front of their mailbox. It is not possible to clear these areas with the snow plow.

In the interest of clearing streets in a manner maintaining safety/service, vehicle traffic and public travel, the following schedule will be followed by snow removal crews for plowing and salting Tipp City streets.

First Priority – East and West Main Street, County Road 25A, North and South Hyatt Street, School areas including Donn Davis Way/Kessler-Cowlesville East, Garber, Westedge, North Tippecanoe, Park, South Garber, Hathaway, Broadway, Dow and South Fifth.

Second Priority – North Third Street, Evanston, Kessler-Cowlesville West, Bellaire/Arapaho, Weller, Harmony, Kinna, South Tippecanoe, Stonecress, Beechwood, Brookmere, Hampton, Chevington Chase, Cooperfield, Woodlawn, June, Stonehenge, South Third, First, Second, Plum and Walnut.

Third Priority – Internal connecting streets and cul-de-sacs

Fourth Priority – Alleys and parking areas on Broadway

If you have any questions or concerns during snow and ice events, please contact the Service Department at (937) 667-6305. In the event of an emergency, please call 911. The City appreciates your patience during any snow or ice storm event and reminds everyone to drive safely.

Water Tower Construction Update

If you have been watching construction on the new water tower by the high school you can see that it has been a lengthy process. Typically, it takes 18 months to complete construction and get a water tower of this size online. Because the contractor was not able to get the exterior painted prior to December we are now anticipating completion to be delayed until August of 2012. The contractor will continue with completion of the interior piping through the winter months and move to painting once the weather is suitable next spring. Once the new tower is online we will move to the maintenance and repainting the existing 1.0MG tower on Harmony Dr. followed by the demolition of our Bowman Ave. tower. These projects should all be completed by 2014.

ONLINE UTILITY BILL

You can now view and pay your Utility Bills online!

www.tippcityohio.gov

Emergency Notification System

In the event of a significant emergency, weather event, or other catastrophe, citizens can be alerted by telephone with information and instructions. The City is encouraging anyone who would like to be included in Miami County emergency Notification System (MCENS) to complete the form located at www.tippcityohio.gov. Once at the site, simply click on the link "Emergency Notification Sign Up," and enter your contact information. Your emergency notification can include any device as long as there is a ten digit telephone number assigned to it. This includes landline telephones (traditional phone service), VoIP phone service, and/or wireless devices (cell phones, PDA, etc.). Citizens are not limited to the number of phone numbers provided for notification.

This system will only be used for emergency purposes or other limited situations where timely notification is necessary. Examples of times when the system could be utilized: drinking water contamination, utility outage, evacuation notice, missing person, fires or floods, bomb threat, hostage situation, chemical spill or gas leak, other emergency incidents, and construction project updates where rapid and accurate notification is essential for life safety.

Christmas Tree Collection and Trash Schedule

Waste Management will be picking up Christmas trees on Monday, January 2 and Monday, January 9. Ensure all ornaments, icicles, garland and decorations are completely removed and place your tree curbside for pick-up. As an additional reminder, Waste Management will not collect trees if they are placed in plastic bags.

Because the Christmas holiday and New Year's Day both fall on Sunday this year, **Waste Management customers will have their normal collection schedule for both the week of December 25 and the week of January 1.** All Waste Management customers are reminded to put their waste out the night before or by 6 a.m. on their regular collection day. If customers have any questions, they can call Waste Management directly at 1-866-695-3433.

Zoning Code Update

Tipp City is initiating a comprehensive update to the Tipp City Zoning Code, Subdivision Code, and Restoration District Guidelines; the first comprehensive update since 1993. To assist in this process, the city has hired a consulting team led by Wendy Moeller, AICP, of Compass Point Planning and her associates. The general purpose for updating the codes and guidelines is to streamline the regulations and make them easier for residents and businesses to understand while also modernizing the regulations to include some of today's best practices in zoning and subdivision standards. Additional goals for the project will be identified during the initial task of the project as city staff and the consultants work with interested parties, residents and business owners to determine what they would like to see in

the new regulations. The city anticipates that the process will take approximately one year to complete and it will include an extensive program of public outreach that will include a review committee, public meetings to engage all of the citizens of the city, public meetings with the various boards at the city (e.g., City Council, the Planning Board, the BZA, and the Restoration Board), interviews with stakeholder groups (e.g., neighborhood associations, business owners, commercial developers, etc.), in addition to updates through this newsletter, postings to a web page the city has established for the project at www.tippcityohio.gov/CodeUpdate.cfm, email blasts, and postings at social network sites such as Facebook. The city wants to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to provide input into the update of the codes that will carry the city forward for the next ten to twenty years. Additional information and dates on forthcoming meetings will be made available in late December or early January as the initial meetings are scheduled. If you have any comments on the process, or want to be on the email distribution list, please forward them to Matt Spring at springm@tippcity.net or at (937)506-3172.

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RECYCLE YOUR APPLIANCES

We pick up your old refrigerator or freezer and you get \$35!

Efficiency Smart can help lower your monthly energy bills – and pay you to do it! Right now, you can receive \$35 to recycle your old, working refrigerator or freezer. Plus, we'll even pick it up, free of charge, and properly recycle it. While that old appliance in the basement or garage may provide additional storage, it's not worth the additional cost on your electric bill. By recycling your old appliance, you can save up to \$100 a year on your energy bill. We make it easy for you to save the environment and your wallet.

Call 1(877)341-2192 or go online to efficiencysmart.org.

WHERE IS YOUR ELECTRICITY GOING?

Are you curious about the amount of electricity different devices in your home are using?

You can measure how much electricity your appliances use with the Watts Up electric meter. With this information, you'll be better able to identify the connection between your appliance use and the amount of your electric bills.

Efficiency Smart offers these meters free of charge for a period of four weeks.

Examples of items that can be tested are refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, home entertainment systems, electric space heaters and room air conditioners.

With our Electrical Usage Guide, you'll be able to see how quickly your energy bill can add up when you use appliances and lighting not manufactured with energy efficiency in mind.

Fill out the form online at efficiencysmart.org to borrow a Watts Up Meter from Efficiency Smart. A Customer Service Specialist will contact you within three business days regarding the status of your request.



Important City Contacts

Automated Attendant/Direct Connect 669-TIPP
Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY) 9-1-1
Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency) 440-9911
Police (Non-Emergency) 667-3112
Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency) 667-9199 or 667-1680
Utility Billing 667-8424
Planning/Zoning 667-6305
Engineering and Utilities 667-6305
Refuse Collection (Waste Management) (866)695-3433
Service Center (Parks and Streets) 667-8234
City Manager's Office 667-8425
Clerk of Council 667-8425
Construction Notice Update 667-6293