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Monday - Friday
9am - 5pm

Township Offices Closed:

Monday, May 27
Wednesday, June 19
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STATE OF THE TOWNSHIP

JOHN MAAHS, TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR | JENNIFER TUBBS, TOWNSHIP MANAGER
DONNA MINTON, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Watertown Township board has provided its residents with a 2024 balanced budget that is fiscally responsible and meets the current needs of the community. The 2023 tax season was the third year of the fire and emergency services millage. The 1.5 mills applied to the tax bills is expected to generate \$571,572 of the \$774,400 total fire and emergency services budget, with the rest of the funds coming from the township general fund.

Many of the township projects and purchases that were put on hold due to supply chain and workforce issues were still on hold after two years and are planned for the upcoming construction season. The lack of workforce and the supply chain issues has continued, which has put a large premium on projects causing the postponement. Continued road maintenance and improvements will occur throughout the township as planned with the Clinton County Road Commission, and this year there will be a large emphasis on the gravel roads. In response to several complaints in 2021 concerning the aggressive township chloride program, the township tested a new chloriding method in 2022 and received no complaints in 2023. This chloride application method will continue in 2024. The township was affected by the highway and primary road work more than expected in the 2023 construction, but 2024 should see the road traffic back to normal on the township roads. A partnership between the Clinton County Road Commission and the township has led to the first installation of solar operated speed signs on Wacousta Road. These signs are an attempt to make drivers aware of their speeds and to slow down if necessary. The township will be using the data collected by the CCRC to see if they are effective and warrant further signs throughout the township.

Watertown Township is in active negotiations with the Grand Ledge School District regarding the purchase of the Wacousta Elementary School for the purposes of relocating the township hall and providing community space.

The township board continues to prioritize fiscal responsibility and in doing so demands a balanced annual budget, while insisting on a high level of service to the residents.

COMMON ELECTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

CAROLYN BROKOB, TOWNSHIP CLERK | CHRISTY SOCHAY, DEPUTY CLERK

1. HOW CAN I AVOID WAITING IN A LONG LINE TO VOTE ON ELECTION DAY?

There are three ways to vote in all State and Federal Elections. 1) Election Day - Tuesday 2) Early Voting 3) Absentee Ballot. If you have experienced long lines on election day, you have two other options to consider by visiting one of the Early Voting sites in Clinton County or voting by absentee ballot.

Early In-Person Voting in Clinton County

Location: DeWitt Charter Township or Bingham Township.

Dates: The NINE DAYS beginning the 2nd Saturday before an election and ending on the Sunday prior to the election.

Hours: Voting is offered for 8 hours each day and hours vary. See the township website for more information.

Absentee Ballot

Submit a completed absent voter application (available on our website) to the Clerk's Office or join the Permanent Ballot List to automatically receive a ballot for each election.

2. WHAT ARE THE DATES OF 2024 ELECTIONS IN WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP?

- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - *ONLY FOR VOTERS IN ST. JOHNS SCHOOLS and WAVERLY SCHOOL DISTRICTS.*
- Tuesday, August 6, 2024 - Primary Election
- Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - General Election

3. HOW CAN I HELP OUT AT THE POLLS?

Election Inspectors (i.e., poll workers) are essential to the success of elections. Inspectors are hired and paid by the township to assist with running local elections in compliance with Michigan Election Law. County certification is required every two years, along with local training before each election. A mix of bi-partisan inspectors is scheduled for each election to ensure checks and balances to procedures. If you are interested in learning more or applying to be an Election Inspector, please click on the ELECTIONS icon at www.watertownmi.gov. Or email clerk@watertownmi.gov.

4. I WAS CONTACTED BECAUSE MY SIGNATURE DIDN'T MATCH ON THE ABSENTEE BALLOT, WHY?

Each municipality *manually* reviews and verifies each signature on the absentee ballot application and the returned ballot envelope to confirm the voter's identity. The signature in the Qualified Voter File comes directly from the Secretary of State Driver's License file unless we have obtained a secondary signature from you in person. We contact voters when signatures do not match the file and require you to cure your signature. Over time, your signature may change due to the time elapsed since the signature was obtained, aging, disease progression, etc. We may ask that you provide an updated signature to your voter file to prevent future rejections. Never sign someone else's application or ballot. Signing for someone else is a felony, even if you have power of attorney.

5. HOW DO I KNOW YOU RECEIVED MY ABSENTEE BALLOT I MAILED OR PLACED IN THE DROPBOX?

You can track your absentee ballot application and ballot on www.michigan.gov/vote. If you notice that an application or ballot has not been sent or received by us in a timely manner, contact us right away so we can rectify the situation.

6. SHOULD I BE ON THE PERMANENT ABSENTEE BALLOT LIST IF I OCCASIONALLY LIKE TO VOTE IN PERSON OR SPEND MONTHS AWAY FROM HOME?

You can now be on the permanent absentee ballot list and receive an absentee ballot for each election AND bring the ballot to Early Voting in Clinton County or on Election Day at the township and tabulate it in person...the best of both worlds! If you are a snowbird or college student, you may choose to be on the permanent ballot list BUT it is YOUR responsibility to notify us if your ballot needs to be mailed to an alternate address. Ballots cannot be forwarded by USPS.

Election Questions and Answers continued on Page 7

DUMP YOUR JUNK DAY

Self-Serve Only!

Saturday, April 20, 2024

8am - 12pm (noon)

****Tires are NOT accepted.****

The vendor will no longer accept tires from the township.

LOCATION: Heritage Park - Behind the Township Hall
12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Please do not line up before 8am; it causes a longer wait for the bins and dangerous road conditions on Wacousta Road. There is usually no line by 9:30am.

Residents may make one trip with trash ONLY; trailers are limited to no larger than 6x10 open trailer between 8am and 11am. NO exceptions. Note: proof of Watertown Charter Township residency is required. **You must come prepared to unload your own materials!**

GUIDELINES FOR DUMP YOUR JUNK DAY

Prohibited Waste. The following prohibited wastes cannot be accepted under any condition or from any source: Hazardous wastes and hazardous containers/labels. Hazardous wastes are materials that are ignitable, corrosive, reactive, and/or toxic, as well as listed wastes such as pesticides, herbicides, solvents, and their containers. Explosives, ammunition, firearms, low level radioactive waste, and radioactive labeled containers, PCB's, lead, acid batteries, liquid wastes (or free liquids), sewage and septic waste, oil-based paint, used oil, and materials that may adversely affect the liner or leachate system. Asbestos, empty drums, medical waste, yard clippings or yard waste, fluorescent tubes, fluorescent light ballast, and used beverage containers (such as \$0.10 deposit cans and bottles). Appliances will not be accepted.

Special Wastes.* The following special wastes can be accepted *if the specific conditions indicated are met*: Compressed gas cylinders (must be empty and disabled), electronic waste and e-waste (only from households and exempt generators), household paint (must be completely dried out with the lids off; home improvement stores carry a product to dry out paint).

Please visit the township website for updated information.

*These materials can often be recycled. Visit the Clinton County Department of Waste Management for information on hard to dispose and recycle materials.

Items not listed as prohibited will be accepted.

TOWNSHIP TREASURER INFORMATION

SUE BIERGANS, TOWNSHIP TREASURER | MELANIE WRIGHT, DEPUTY TREASURER | LISA WINANS, ASSISTANT

Township Millages

For a breakdown of millages billed each tax season, visit our website at www.watertownmi.gov. Go to Department/Township Treasurer/Millage Information.

Property Sale and Taxes

Property taxes are based on the entire calendar year (January 1 – December 31). If you sell your property mid-year, both parties to the sale will pay the summer and winter bills based on the number of days each party owned the parcel.

Important Dates for 2024

March 31 - 1st Quarter utility bills due

June 30 - 2nd Quarter utility bills due

July 1 through September 14 - 2024 summer property taxes payable

September 16 - Last day to pay summer property taxes without interest added.

September 30 - 3rd Quarter utility bills due

December 1 through February 14, 2025 - 2024 winter property taxes payable

December 31 - 4th Quarter utility bills due

Tax Season reminders

We have a secure drop box located on the front of the building near the entrance facing Wacousta Road. Payments placed in the drop box after hours will be applied on the next township business day.

2024 MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS

In honor and remembrance of all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our country, the Community Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 25th at approximately 11am. A Memorial Day Service in the cemetery will follow. In the spirit of bringing community together, the Wacousta Lions Club will be providing a community picnic under the Jack Huntoon Pavilion in the Gloria Miller Looking Glass Valley Park; all are welcome. Those wishing to join in the parade need to line up at 10:45am in the township hall parking lot.



TOWNSHIP PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

JEFF MACKENZIE, ASSESSOR | JILL SCHLEIP, ASSISTANT ASSESSOR

The Township's Assessing Department conducts periodic inspections of properties throughout the township in accordance with state requirements. These physical, on-site inspections are conducted for two primary reasons:

- When a building permit has been obtained for new construction, reconstruction, renovation or maintenance (a new roof, or egress window, for example).
- Approximately once every five years, a physical inspection of every property occurs to ensure accurate records are being maintained.

These inspections are conducted by staff from the Assessing Department. Staff typically wear a township-issued photo ID. Staff will knock before completing any physical inspections.

Inspections include taking measurements of improvements, including buildings, concrete, decks, and porches. Exterior photographs are also taken to include in the official property record. Interior inspections are NOT required and staff does not look in windows or make similar attempts to see inside the home. Assessors are required by law to follow state requirements when determining values for new construction and for any demolition or removal of physical improvement from a property, and these determinations are made by supporting evidence, such as measurements and exterior photographs.

Accurate assessments are to the benefit of the property owner. Assessors are often asked to provide information to assist property owners in obtaining or refinancing mortgages. It is also important for property owners to periodically review their records to ensure the information is accurate. If any discrepancies are found by the property owner, they should contact the Assessing Department staff for more information. You can review your property information by visiting <https://www.watertownmi.gov/assessor/pages/property-search>. Click on the blue tab that says "Property Lookup," which will take you to the BS&A Online Database for Watertown Township. From there, you can search by name, address, or parcel number to verify the information about your property.

2024 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

If you know an individual who should be honored as the 2024 Watertown Charter Township Citizen of the Year, please nominate them now. Nominations will be accepted through the close of business on **Wednesday, May 1, 2024**.

To be considered for Citizen of the Year, the nominee must:

- Be a resident of the township.
- Give freely of their time and energy in the interest of the community.
- Illustrate a personal concern for the well-being of the community.
- Demonstrate a desire to make the community a better place.
- Serve the community in single or multiple areas: for instance, in civic affairs; athletic events; scouting; senior programs; etc.
- Give generously of their time and expertise to help others.

When submitting your nomination, include your contact information, the nominee's contact information, and the reason why you believe this person should receive the 2024 Citizen of the Year award.

Nominations should be mailed to **Watertown Charter Township, Attn: Citizen of the Year Committee, 12803 S. Wacousta Road, Grand Ledge, MI, 48837**.

WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP PARKS INFORMATION

The township cares for two beautiful parks, which are ideal for reunions, family get-togethers, anniversaries, and other outdoor activities. Both parks have a pavilion, bathrooms, ball fields, river access with canoe launch, and play equipment for children of all ages. A pavilion rental application is available on the township website.

Heritage Park has its entrance behind the township hall. It has an artesian well, walking trails, tennis courts, volleyball pit, fire pit, horseshoe pit, and pickleball court. There are two 20-amp circuits at Heritage Park.

Gloria Miller Looking Glass Valley Park is located next to the Wacousta Cemetery and is visible from Wacousta Road. It has a basketball court. There is one 20-amp circuit at Looking Glass Valley Park.

Please note, other people may still enjoy use of the parks during your pavilion rental time.

Please keep in mind the following park rules:

- Township parks are open until dusk during summer hours.
- Playground equipment is available for use at own risk.
- Keep dogs on a leash and pick up after them when visiting parks.
- Hunting is not permitted on property owned by Watertown Charter Township.
- Snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles are prohibited on township property.
- The township does not reserve the soccer fields.

BURN REGULATIONS AND BURN PERMITS

Burn permits are required for all outdoor burning. The permits are valid for one calendar year, from January 1 - December 31. Burn permits are free, but the fine for not having a permit is \$500. Burn permits can be obtained online through the Watertown Charter Township website (under Departments/Looking Glass Regional Fire Authority/Burn Permits). You can also view the burning ordinance in its entirety on the township website.

Please note: The following items may NOT be burned at any time:

- Garbage
- Hazardous waste or explosives
- Animal carcasses or waste
- Petroleum based products
- Plastics
- Shingles
- Demolition or construction materials
- Buildings
- Tires
- Automobiles or parts thereof
- Refuse from multiple dwellings
- Any material giving off foul odors

ELECTION QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS (Continued from Page 2)

7. HOW CAN I BE SURE THAT MY BALLOT IS TABULATED CORRECTLY/ACCURATELY?

The machines that tabulate your ballot are programmed locally by the Clinton County Clerk's Department and tested for accuracy. Once the programming is complete, the Watertown Township Clerk will pick up the programming from the County Clerk and perform additional accuracy testing. Finally, Michigan law requires a Public Accuracy Test take place prior to each election to demonstrate the accuracy of the tabulator programming. The date of the Public Accuracy Test will be posted at the township, on the township website, and in the newspaper and, as the name implies, the public is invited to attend. The tabulators are not connected to any Wi-Fi or modems, and paper ballots are used if a recount is necessary.

8. IS ELECTION MAIL LEGITIMATE THAT DOES NOT COME FROM MY LOCAL CLERK?

You will likely receive mail in this upcoming election cycle from special interest groups. They are trying to encourage you to vote. It is not illegal for these groups to send out **applications**, but it is very confusing to the voter. You only need to return one application. If we receive more than one application, it gets rejected. You will only receive one ballot!

For more information, use this QR Code to go directly to the Elections page of the township website.



RECYCLING REMINDERS

As a reminder, do not put the following items into the recycling bins as it contaminates the entire bin:

- Plastic bags
- Laundry baskets
- Trash

For more information, see the recycling guidelines on Page 13 or visit the township website (under Our Community/ Recycling).

SUBSCRIBE TO WATERTOWN TOWNSHIP E-ALERTS

Would you like to receive information about upcoming meetings, events, and other Watertown Township announcements directly in your email? If so, subscribe to our E-Alerts. From the township website home page, click on the **SUBSCRIBE TO E-ALERTS** link at the top right. New subscription options have been added to make it easier than ever to learn what is happening in Watertown Township. You may unsubscribe at any time.

A screenshot of the 'Subscribe' form on the website. The title 'Subscribe' is circled in black. The form includes two input fields for 'Your Email' and 'Confirm Email'. Below these fields, there is a section titled 'Select one or more lists from the section below' with two sub-sections: 'Urgent Alert' and 'News or Announcement'. Each sub-section contains several checkboxes for different categories. At the bottom of the form, there is an 'Upload File' button.

2024 SPECIAL RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS

KATE NEESE, CLINTON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Clinton County Department of Waste Management is working hard to provide special recycling and waste collection events this year. For more information or to learn about other disposal and recycling options that may be available, please check out our Waste Wizard search tool. Visit our webpage at www.clinton-county.org and look for the link to the Department of Waste Management; there you'll find links to the Waste Wizard and Current Events. And finally, you may call our office at (989) 224-5186 or send an email to recycle@clinton-county.org.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter

Want more recycling news? Don't want to miss a special collection event? Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter today at www.clinton-county.org/196/Waste-Management.

Medication Disposal Programs

Protect your family, pets, the community, and the environment by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications through one of the drop off programs noted below. *Please keep your medications in their original containers but be sure to black out any personal information.*

Pills, tablets, and capsules can be safely and securely dropped off at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office lobby, Bath Township Police Department, and DeWitt Charter Township Hall, Monday through Friday from 8am - 5pm. More drop off locations can be found online using the Waste Wizard search tool.

Please be sure to black out personal information but leave the drug name visible! We will accept used needles, Epi pens, inhalers, aerosols, and patches at the Special Spring and Fall Collection Events.

RecycleRama!

Saturday, April 20, 2024, from 9am - 1pm. Open to everyone!

This event is being held at Ingham County's Health Department located at 5303 South Cedar Street in Lansing. More information will be posted on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/MidMichiganRecycling>.

Spring Collection Event

Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 8am - 1pm. An appointment is required to attend! Online registration will begin February 1, 2024 - check out our website for details <https://www.clinton-county.org/314/Current-Events>.

This event will take place in St Johns and is open to all Clinton County residents. Clinton County residents are encouraged to check the Department of Waste Management's Current Events page on the Clinton County website or follow the County's Facebook page for details.

Acceptable items include household hazardous waste, unwanted medications, farm and landscaping chemicals, motor oil and antifreeze, household computer equipment and electronics, and car tires (limit of 10). Most items are accepted free of charge, but nominal fees do apply (\$10 each for televisions and computer monitors. Pay online with credit card or we accept cash or check on the day of the event).

CLINTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TRACY BARBER, DEPUTY

SCHOOL BUS VIOLATIONS

Please be cautious around school buses when the bus is stopped to pick up or drop off students. The Sheriff's Office takes many calls each year regarding vehicles not stopping for school busses that have their red flashers on. Remember that most busses have video cameras to catch these infractions.

"According to Section 257.682 of the Michigan Vehicle Code, drivers on Michigan roads must stop **"not less than 20 feet from a school bus and not proceed until the school bus resumes motion** or the visual signals are no longer actuated," when " a school bus has stopped and is displaying two alternately flashing red lights."

If you see a school bus violation, try to obtain a license plate and report it to 911. Please help to keep our children safe!

CLINTON COUNTY TEXT-TO-911 SERVICE

Clinton County now offers a Text-to-911 service. This service is to be used in emergency situations where calling 911 is not an option.

- Texting 911 should only be used in certain emergency situations, such as:
- For an individual who is speech or hearing impaired
- For a person who is unable to call 911 due to a medical emergency that renders them unable to speak
- In the event of a crime such as a home invasion or active shooter situations where speaking might give away the location of a person hiding
- In domestic violence situations where it's not safe to make a voice call.

To find out how to use this service, please visit <https://www.clinton-county.org/562/Text-to-9-1-1>

LARCENY FROM AUTOMOBILES/OUT BUILDINGS

Please remember to take your valuables out of your vehicle and keep your vehicle locked. We receive many larceny from automobiles complaints that can be avoided if you make sure your vehicle is locked. Also, be sure to keep your outbuildings locked. Suspects have been stealing tools, power tools, etc. Unlocked cars and buildings are easy targets for thieves. Reminder to document serial numbers/make/model of items. If stolen, it makes it easier to identify if found or pawned.

MAIL THEFT

The Sheriff's Office and other police agencies have taken numerous calls of mail stolen from mailboxes. This includes mail, including checks, that are left in the mailbox for the mail carrier to pick up. If you have important mail to be sent out, please consider putting it in the US Postal Service blue mailboxes.

TAX FRAUD

During tax season suspects will use a person's social security number to file taxes in another person's name. If this happens to you, please contact the IRS and report it to your local police department. Also, remember that the IRS will NOT contact you by phone. If someone calls saying they are from the IRS and there are "red flags," it is more than likely a scam and should be reported.

DEWITT DISTRICT LIBRARY (DDL)

13101 SCHAVEY ROAD, DEWITT

New Program for Teens: At-Home Service Hour Opportunities

Teens in 6th-12th grade can now earn service hours from home through the library. The spring session runs March 4 - April 22. Visit our website for information about specific opportunities.

Library News: Community Survey Coming in 2024

DDL is participating in a competitive grant-funded Post-Pandemic Public Library Program. This program is focused on assessing community needs, and includes training in communicating with the public, local media, and legislators. As part of this program, we will invite our community to take a survey designed to give you an opportunity to influence this library's future services and communication practices. Keep an eye out for more information on our website, social media channels, and email newsletter later this year.

Upcoming Events

2024 Total Solar Eclipse Programs – Check online calendar for specific dates

DDL is offering several programs leading up to the April Total Solar Eclipse, including a spring break project, a viewing party the day of the eclipse, citizen science opportunities, and more.

An Evening with Holocaust Survivor Irene Miller – Wednesday, April 3 at 7pm

Holocaust survivor Irene Miller will share a firsthand account of her family's attempt to escape Poland during the Holocaust. Open to adults and teens.

Great Michigan Read Book Discussion – Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30pm

Join us to discuss *The Firekeeper's Daughter*, by Angeline Boulley. Open to adults and teens.

Climate Change as of 2024 – Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm

This talk, led by meteorologist Chris Edwards, will examine the scientific state of the issues and impacts involved in climate change, localized in many ways to Michigan.

Save the Date: Summer Reading Kickoff – Saturday, June 8

Help us kick off the 2024 Summer Reading Program! The llamas from Emerald Glen Farm are returning for this special occasion. Visit our website for more information.

Contact the DeWitt District Library at (517) 669-3156 or visit www.dewittlibrary.org for information about library programs and services. The library is located at 13101 Schavey Road, next to the Schavey Road Shopping Center.

GRAND LEDGE AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY (GLADL)

131 E. JEFFERSON STREET, GRAND LEDGE

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

In-Person: We are open Monday - Thursday from 10am - 9pm; Friday and Saturday from 10am - 5pm; and Sunday from 1pm - 5pm. Browse our online catalog at gladl.org, place your hold, and pick up your item at your convenience. Hold pick-up choices: **In Person**, via **Curb Service**, or use one of our **Outdoor Lockers**. For our seniors or patrons with mobility issues, we also offer **Book by Mail**. Remember, our **Library Dropbox at the Watertown Township Hall is always available**.

GLADL READING CHALLENGES – Flamin-GO to the Library!

K-4th graders are doing some amazing reading this school year and there is still time to accept the challenge! Each challenge includes curated book lists, information and tips for parents, and tracking logs to inspire your child's progress in reading and comprehension. Kids get their very own flamingo standee when they complete their first Reading Challenge level and more surprises as they progress! Visit gladl.org/readingchallenges to participate. Challenges end May 1.

Save the Date!

GLPS Student Art Showcase and Reception Thursday, April 18 5:30pm - 7pm	Adventure on the Appalachian Trail and Annual Friends Meeting Wednesday, April 24 6pm - 7:30pm	Trim and Ride your Bike in the Watertown Township Memorial Day Parade Saturday, May 25 Line up at 10:45am
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April is Citizen Science Month at GLADL #citizenscience

Events, activities for all ages, take home crafts, and more. Visit gladl.org/science to get started.

FREE Solar Eclipse Glasses

Pick up a pair of FREE Eclipse glasses for safe eclipse viewing of the TOTAL Solar Eclipse April 8, 2024! While supplies last. (Recommended Ages: 3+ with adult assistance)

Take Home Craft Kits . New kits available while supplies last on April 5 and April 19

Families can make a fun craft or flex their science muscles at home with our Take Home Craft Kits.

Make Glittery Bouncy Balls | Monday April 1 | 6pm - 7pm | Ages 5+

Hear a story, learn STEAM science about chemical reactions, and make a glittery bouncy ball to take home.

Become a Citizen Scientist! | Thursday April 11 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Ages 12+

Find out how you can help scientists by gathering information and contributing to thousands of research projects. Visit Scistarter.org to learn more.

Stall Catchers Catch-a-Thon | Wednesday April 17 | 6pm - 7:30pm | Ages 8+

The Stall Catchers project was designed by Cornell University to advance Alzheimer's solutions. No experience needed!

Earth Week Open House! | Wednesday April 24 | 5:30pm – 7pm | All Ages

Tree and seed giveaways, visit a worm farm, see how water moves through the ecosystem, and "earth friendly" crafts!

RECYCLING DROP OFF

WATERTOWN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

BE GREEN. BE CLEAN.

This site is provided at no cost to you and your neighbors. Containers are emptied several times a week. Please help us ensure the site can continue to operate by being GREEN and CLEAN.

BE GREEN. Recycling works best when you follow the guidelines on this page.

BE CLEAN. Keep the site neat for you and your neighbors. Break down all boxes. Make sure all recyclables are placed in the containers provided, not on the ground. **Do not include plastic bags or bagged materials.** (Plastic bags can be recycled at most grocery stores.)

WHAT CAN BE RECYCLED?

The numbers next to each material correlate with the numbers in the diagram at the bottom right side of the page.

METAL CANS & FOIL* (CONTAINER #1)

Includes tin and aluminum cans and aluminum foil and trays. Rinse clean. **NO: plastic bags, paint cans, appliances, hangers, fencing, scrap metal, aerosol cans or containers with food residue**

CLEAR & COLORED GLASS (CONTAINER #1)

Clear and all colors of container glass, food and beverage bottles are accepted. Rinse clean and remove lids. **NO: plastic bags, CRT glass (monitors or TV screens), light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, cups, bowls or plates**

MIXED RESIDENTIAL PAPER (CONTAINER #2)

Newspaper, magazines, catalogs, office paper and junk mail are accepted. **NO: plastic or paper bags; string; twine; stickers, coins or plastic stuck on papers; books**

PLASTIC BOTTLES, JUGS, TUBS & CONTAINERS (CONTAINER #3)

Items should be clean and dry. Includes bottles and jugs with narrow, threaded neck; plastic tubs (margarine, sour cream, cottage cheese, etc.); microwave trays; and yogurt containers. **NO: plastic bags, paper- or wax-coated milk or juice cartons, foam containers/packaging, syringes, garden hoses/rubber, furniture, pools, toys, buckets, laundry baskets, barrels, free-flowing liquids**

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD & BROWN PAPER BAGS (CONTAINER #4)

Break down boxes and remove any contaminants **NO: plastic, wax-coated boxes, 6-, 12- or 24-pack beverage cases, foam, food or liquids**

*Tin cans/aluminum and glass share a compartmentalized container.



**Watertown Township Hall
12803 S. Wacousta Road**

(Drop-off located northeast of the township offices)

Open 24 hours
7 days a week

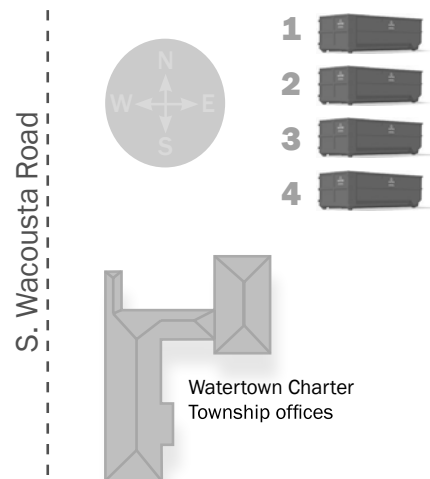
Site operated
in partnership with
Watertown Charter Township by:



GRANGER.
WASTE SERVICES

www.grangerwasteservices.com
info@grangernet.com
517-372-2800

For any recycling-related questions, please contact Granger.



TOWNSHIP CONTACTS
(517) 626-6593

Please listen to the prompts to select an extension.

www.watertownmi.gov

TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR

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Holly Madill - hmadill@watertownmi.gov
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TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Donna Minton, Administrative Assistant
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Questions concerning special assessments, sewers, roads, non-zoning ordinance enforcement, sewer and water permits, park/pavilion rental

OFFICE OF THE TREASURER

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Melanie Wright, Deputy Treasurer
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Lisa Winans, Assistant
lwinans@watertownmi.gov

Questions concerning tax bills, special assessments

LOOKING GLASS REGIONAL FIRE AUTHORITY

(517) 321-6622

Questions concerning fire coverage districts, burn permits

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

EXT *201

Carolyn Brokob, Township Clerk
cbrokob@watertownmi.gov
Christy Sochay, Deputy Clerk
csochay@watertownmi.gov
Susan Hunter, Bookkeeper
Questions concerning the cemetery, Freedom of Information Act, elections, meeting dates, voter registration, township records, accounts payable

CEMETERY

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