



Winter Safely in the Mint City

Emergency Communication Network

Visit www.clinton-county.org or go to smart911.com to sign up to receive emergency information via email, text, landline, or cell phone. Smart911.com is designed to send out county-wide emergency information or geographical information pertaining to a specific area.

Adopt a Hydrant

Please help keep areas around fire hydrants clear of snow and ice so first responders can access the hydrant during a fire emergency.

Safe and Clear Streets and Sidewalks

Please help keep your neighbors, students, elderly residents and postal workers safe this season by clearing ice and snow.

When the ice and snow stop falling, please clear your sidewalks within twelve (12) hours, or clear nighttime snowfall by 6 p.m. the following day (City Ordinance 95.84). Failure to do so will result in a contractor performing the work, and the property owner will be billed.

Never throw or shovel snow, ice or slush to the street or shoulder of the road. Doing so creates hazardous conditions, violates Michigan statute and may result in a citation (Motor Vehicle Code P.A. 82 of 1978, 257.677a).



Dates to Remember

- **February 14**
Winter property taxes due
- **February 17**
Closed for Presidents Day
- **February 24**
Water/sewer bills due
- **April 18**
Good Friday –
City offices close at noon



Did you know?...

- The City of St. Johns closed on their purchase of a portion of the Wilson Center on December 13th, which is set to become the future community center including a gym, auditorium and community room, renovations to begin spring/summer 2025.
- Fantasy Forest 2.0 will begin reconstruction in spring 2025. The enhanced playscape will feature a new play structure and flooring designed to enhance play experiences. Donations can be made at sjacf.org/fantasyforest.



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Office hours: Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-4 p.m.



For night, weekend and holiday emergencies relating to sewer, water drainage or streets, please call: 989.224.9192

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City Parking, Taxes, Zoning and Permits

Off-Street Parking Regulations

Due to a recent change to Ordinance 688, Section 155.341, a zoning permit is now needed to store a recreational vehicle outdoors within a residential district. Recreational vehicles stored on any City lot or parcel between Oct. 16-Apr. 30 need to be:

- Parked on a hard surface material which has been approved by the Zoning Administrator.
- Parked between front lines of the house.

Parking is allowed in the side yard on the grass from May 1-Oct. 15.; no parking is allowed in the rear of buildings except in garages, driveways leading to garages and other parking spaces approved by special use permit. A permit can be applied for at cityofstjohnsmi.com, click "Permits."

For a permit for a pad to park your RV on click "Zoning - RV Parking Pad."

For a permit to store your RV, click "Zoning - RV Storage."

Motor vehicles are allowed to be parked only in a parking area or driveway (required parking areas including hard surface material approved by the Zoning Administrator.) The driveway and parking area may not be in front of the residential structure (City Ordinance 155.341).



Trash and Recycling in St. Johns

Christmas Tree Disposal

Schedule your Christmas tree pick up online at cityofstjohnsmi.com. The City's Public Works Department will begin pickups by appointment only the first week of January. Be sure all decorations are removed before placing your tree by the curb, and please do NOT wrap your tree in a plastic bag!

If you prefer, you can take your tree to the Public Works Department; the compost area is accessible 24/7. Please use the Kuntz Drive entrance at 1000 N. US-127 BR.

Granger Services

Granger collects St. Johns' trash bins (brown lids) on a weekly basis and collects recycling bins (yellow lids) every other week on the same day as trash. Place your carts out the night prior to collection day—and be sure to remove them from the right-of-way (between sidewalk and curb) within 24-hours of collection day.



As winter is upon us, please be sure your bin(s) are not obstructed or buried by snow and keep them out of the street to avoid plow-truck casualties. Before tossing containers into your trash or recycling bins, please make sure they're emptied—and close lids all the way to prevent ice and snow from getting in.



Please be patient if weather conditions delay service; it will be restored as soon as safely possible.

For detailed guidelines and a collection calendar, go to www.grangerwasteservices.com/stjohns.

Trash

Please bag all trash, limiting the weight of each bag to 30 pounds. Please double bag kitty litter, animal waste, sawdust, ashes, insulation or packing peanuts.

Recycling

Materials in your recycling bin do not need to be sorted, just toss them in your bin.

Never place plastic bags of any kind—ie. grocery bags, trash bags, etc.—in your recycling cart. These culprits can clog the sorting equipment, requiring hours of shut-down time to untangle. For this reason, Granger will not pick up carts containing plastic bags.

Acceptable recycled items:

- boxboard
- cardboard (corrugated)
- cartons
- glass (clear and colored)
- paper (mixed)
- metal cans and foil
- plastic jugs, tubs, and containers

If you have items for recycling that do not fit in your cart, you may take them to the St. Johns Lions Recycling Center at 605 N. Swegles Street (please follow their recycling guidelines).

Household Battery Recycling Program

The City of St. Johns offices (first floor, Clinton County Courthouse) accept household batteries for recycling. We can accept alkaline/zinc carbon, lithium, mercuric oxide (button cell), and nickel cadmium batteries. While we cannot take auto and marine batteries, Bee's Sports will recycle them free of charge at 2138 S. US-127 BR in St. Johns.