

BEAUTIFICATION

Tax-deductible contributions to the City's Beautification Fund can be made at the City office. The City's Beautification Committee has been in existence for over 60 years. Since 1955, citizens of the Frankenmuth Community have been dedicated to keeping Michigan's Little Bavaria beautiful. When asked by visitors and officials from other towns and cities about how we keep Frankenmuth so beautiful, we boast that our citizens have a strong desire to keep things neat and clean which makes enforcement of ordinances rare. Here is what you can also do to help. In keeping with the civic pride displayed in our Community by the appearance of our properties, your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated in following these regulations.

ADDRESS POSTINGS. All buildings that have been assigned a street address MUST have the address posted in a conspicuous location on the front of the building with numerical symbols only. Numbers must be a minimum of four inches in height.

DECKS/FENCES/SHEDS require a zoning permit. Contact the City office for information.

GRASS GROWTH/WEED CONTROL. For developed property, grass/weed height must not exceed an average of six inches in height. For all other properties, grass shall not exceed 12 inches. Please keep grass trimmed back along public sidewalks.

LAWN DEBRIS. After mowing your lawn, please remove grass clippings from the street and sidewalks. Grass clippings in the street are unsightly, clog storm drains and pollute our watershed.

OPEN BURNING. All open burning is prohibited within the City, except within licensed campgrounds or by special approval from the Fire Chief.

HOME OCCUPATIONS. Certain home-based uses are permitted; however, a review and permit is required prior to establishing said use.

OVERNIGHT PARKING ON STREETS. From Nov. 1st through April 30th, overnight parking is prohibited on the streets between the hours of 2 AM & 6 AM, for snow removal. Tickets may be issued for noncompliance.

PARKING OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES. It is unlawful to park any commercial vehicle such as a truck, semi-truck, or tractor trailer, having a rated capacity of twenty-six thousand and one (26,001) pounds gross vehicle weight or more, in any residential zone, except for the purposes of loading or unloading, or during the course of construction. Parking applies not only to public streets, but also to private property, driveways, and parking areas.

PET REGULATIONS. (1) Pets are not permitted to roam at large. Pets are at large when the animal is in any public street/sidewalk, **right-of-way**, park or other public grounds, or when off the premises of the owner/person who has direct control of said animal. (2) No person shall keep more than two dogs/two cats or any combination thereof, six months or more of age, on that person's premises within the city. (3) An owner/person having custody of any dog or any other animal shall not permit said dog/animal to defecate on property within the city, other than the premises of the owner/person having custody of said dog or other animal, unless said defecation is immediately removed and properly disposed of.

PLACING SNOW ON STREETS. Depositing snow from your property onto the City street is prohibited by State law.

NOISE FROM CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR WORK. Construction or repair is allowed between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.; with the exception of emergency work or by Council approval.

STORAGE/PARKING OF VEHICLES. Recreational vehicles (including campers, trailers, watercraft) and utility trailers may be parked in driveways for no more than a maximum of seven continuous days or 21 cumulative days per calendar year.

SIDEWALK OBSTRUCTION. Tree branches & shrubs must be regularly trimmed so as not to grow into the path of the sidewalk and obstruct clear passage. Please keep sidewalks regularly edged so the uncontrolled growth of grass does not cause a hazard. Parked vehicles & piles of snow may not obstruct sidewalks.

SOLICITING. Most door-to-door solicitors/peddlers must have a City issued permit. Contact the City office (church, political and public utilities are exempt).

CITY SERVICES

WATER/SEWER EMERGENCIES.

For water/sewer emergencies outside normal business hours, call 911.

PERMITS & INSPECTIONS. It is necessary to obtain the proper building, electrical, mechanical, plumbing and/or zoning permits prior to starting a construction project. New buildings, alterations, remodeling, additions, demolitions, swimming pools, signs, window header modifications, decks, fences and sheds require a permit. Necessary inspections must also be made. For permits or other information, contact the City office.

CEMETERIES. The City & Township jointly operate two public cemeteries located on W. Tuscola Street & the Dixie Hwy., north of Townline Rd. For info contact the Twp. Clerk at (989) 652-6741.

LIBRARY. The Frankenmuth James E. Wickson District Library collection includes a large variety of popular and reference books as well as many important online databases. For additional information call (989) 652-8323 or wicksonlibrary.org.

PARKS & RECREATION. The Parks & Recreation Department offers a variety of programs and park areas for enjoyment by the public. For additional information contact the Parks and Recreation office at (989) 652-3440.

PUBLIC WORKS. The DPW is responsible for the maintenance and general up-keep of the City streets & streetscapes, storm sewer drains and detention basins, buildings, public grounds, street trees, sidewalks and water and sewer mains. Contact the City office for information.

STREET LIGHTS. Those street lights that are not in proper working order can be reported to www.frankenmuthcity.com/residents/city_services/street_lights.php or the City office at (989) 652-9901. Please provide the address by and the closest intersection to the malfunctioning light.

WATER RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITY (formerly Wastewater Treatment Plant). The Plant is responsible for treating raw wastewater to MDEQ specifications and protecting the water quality and health of the State's water resources and the people who use it. Contact the City office for information.

WATER. The water system distributes treated water purchased from the City of Saginaw. Two Frankenmuth water towers are used to pressurize the system. For information call the City office.

ZONING. In order to either change the use or add to the use of your property, it is necessary to ensure that proper zoning approvals are obtained. Contact the City office.

TAXES

Property Taxes. Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes are collected as follows:

SUMMER TAXES (mailed near July 1st) for the State Education Tax, Delta College, Saginaw Intermediate School District, Saginaw County operations, City of Frankenmuth and Special Assessments are due and payable at the City office, without penalty, until July 31st. A 1½% late fee will be added to any unpaid balance (18% per annum).

WINTER TAXES (mailed near December 1st) for Frankenmuth School District and Saginaw County extra voted millages are due and payable at the City office, without penalty, until February 14th. After March 1st, Real Estate (Property) Taxes are payable at the Saginaw County Treasurer's office, Saginaw County Courthouse. A late fee will be applied.

DEFERMENTS. Eligible senior citizens, veterans, blind persons, paraplegics, quadriplegics, and totally and permanently disabled persons who meet a pre-established income requirement, may defer the summer taxes on a homestead until the following February 15th, by filing an intent to defer with the City Treasurer by September 15th.

PUBLIC UTILITIES, OTHER

CABLE TELEVISION. Service is provided by Spectrum Communications. Call (888) 438-2427.

ELECTRIC & NATURAL GAS. Services are provided by Consumers Energy. Call (800) 477-5050.

TELEPHONE. Landline telephone services are provided by AT&T. Call (800) 288-2020.

SEASONAL YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Between April and November, City of Frankenmuth residents receive weekly yard waste services as part of their curbside solid waste collection program. All yard waste materials must be placed in paper yard waste bags or in 20 gallon or smaller garbage cans with handles that have a "Yard Waste" sticker affixed to the front of the can. Yard waste stickers are available at the City Office and if you're purchasing a can, at Gill-Roy's and True Value.

YARD WASTE RULES:

- Twigs must not protrude more than 12" above the container.
- Individual cans and bags cannot weigh more than 50 pounds each (a good idea to keep the lid on so the materials do not get wet)
- Brush greater than 2" in diameter should be set out the first Monday of the month for brush pick up. Twigs and small sticks should be placed out in a container or bag for yard waste pick up.



The City will continue to pick up brush (large piles and/or those greater than 2 inches in diameter) the first Monday of each month from April through December. Leaf pickup by City crews will continue to happen in the fall. If you have additional questions about yard waste or recycling and refuse, visit www.recyclemotion.org.



GUIDELINES FOR RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE

In the spirit of Community pride, your help and cooperation is requested in following these regulations in order to maintain Frankenmuth's reputation as a clean and beautiful Community.

A. REFUSE COLLECTION. An unlimited number of waterproof, plastic type bags, no greater than 33 gallons, may be placed at the curbside by 7:00 A.M. every Wednesday morning. Bags shall not exceed 50 pounds when filled and shall be tightly sealed. Plastic or metal receptacles are not permissible unless disposal of the receptacle is requested. For the disposal of household furniture, appliances or refuse too bulky to place into a bag, residents are allowed up to two large items placed at the curb each week.

When one of the following holidays falls on a weekday, collection for the remaining days of the week will be delayed by one day: New Years Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

It is greatly appreciated that your weekly refuse/recycling collection be placed at the curb no earlier than 7:00 P.M. on the evening before collection. Refuse must be placed in plastic bags and not trash cans/containers. Recycling bins must be removed by the evening on collection day.

B. RECYCLABLES COLLECTION. Eliminate refuse volume by recycling and help reduce the cost of service. Clean or rinsed paper products & cartons, plastics, tin, aluminum and glass can be recycled. Weekly curbside collection of recyclables is every Wednesday at 7:00 A.M. Recycling bins and brown grocery type paper bags are the only containers to be used for the collection of recyclables. Plastic bags are prohibited. The City office has additional recycling bins available for \$10 each. For more specific recycling information go to the Mid-Michigan Waste Authority website recyclemotion.org (the City is a member).

C. YARD WASTE COLLECTION. See the section herein on our Seasonal Yard Waste Collection program. Please call the City office for additional information.

D. TREE LIMB COLLECTION. Tree limbs or large brush will be chipped by the D.P.W. beginning the first Monday of every month - April through December. PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO FIRST MONDAY TREE LIMB COLLECTION for the months of JANUARY, FEBRUARY and MARCH.

Tree limbs must be no greater than 5" in diameter and must be neatly stacked behind the curb, not in the street. Tree stumps, smaller twigs, and/or hedge trimmings are not acceptable for this collection. The first 5 minutes of chipping are free. Thereafter, residents will be billed for every 5-minute period or fraction thereof (subject to annual rate adjustment). Christmas Trees can be placed next to your weekly refuse during January each year.

It is the City's policy that in the event the DPW chipping crew returns/ responds to a location outside of their normal route/ schedule, the property owner will be billed for the entire time it takes the crew to respond to and complete this special collection.



PUBLIC SAFETY

SAGINAW COUNTY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. Receive important weather/emergency notifications by phone/text, visit www.frankenmuthcity.com or call the City office for additional information.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES. MMR advanced life support ambulances serve Frankenmuth area 24/7 by calling 911. For information call (989) 758-2900.

FIRE. The Frankenmuth Fire Department, jointly owned/operated by the City and Township, may be reached 24/7 for an emergency by calling 911. For business information contact the City office.

POLICE. For business related information, call (989) 652-8371 weekdays during regular business hours. The Frankenmuth Police Department may be reached 24/7 by calling 911. Police officers are also medical first responders.



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Frequently Asked Questions
About Our

MUNICIPAL SERVICES



City & Township Government Center
240 W. Genesee Street
Frankenmuth, MI 48734-1398
Information: (989) 652-9901

CITY OFFICE HOURS:
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
Monday - Friday (excluding holidays)

**For More Information Please
Visit Our Website:**

www.frankenmuthcity.com