

Tippecanoe news

A monthly summary of municipal affairs and activities in Tipp City, Ohio

Emergency Notification

Tipp City makes every attempt to notify residents of emergency situations, such as a boil alert or electric outage. Information is posted on Twitter, Facebook, and the City's web page. What you may not know, is, you can sign up for emergency notifications through the "Hyper-reach" emergency notification system through the Miami County Communication Center (911). Signing up for "Hyper-reach" is simple. Type in your browser the following web address: www.co.miami.oh.us/583/Emergency-Notification-Sign-Up. Once you get to this page, click on Sign up to receive emergency notification at the bottom of the page and fill out the form. You can choose how you would like to be notified, by email, phone call, text message, or any combination thereof. If you don't have a computer, ask a neighbor or relative to help you, or go to the Library. The Library can assist you in logging into a computer and inputting the information. If you have a Facebook or Twitter account, add us to your contact list, but still sign up for "Hyper-reach". Sometimes we don't always check social media for emergency information. "Hyper-reach" provides one more way for you to receive emergency information. ●

Utility Payments

Never be late with your Utility payment again. Tipp City Utilities offers Automatic Deduction from a bank account. The deduction occurs the 10th of every month or the first business day after the 10th if it falls on a weekend or holiday. Applications to participate in the Automatic Deduction program are located on the City's website www.tippcityohio.gov, "Services," "UTILITIES," "Payment Options" and then click on "Auto Deduction Application (PDF)." To enroll, complete and return the form along with a voided check to the Utility Billing Department. ●



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City Income Tax Returns

Did you know that your 2020 Tipp City income tax return can be filed electronically? Visit the city's website at www.tippcityohio.gov and click on Services then E-File Taxes. ●

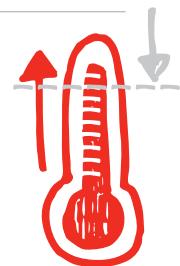


Shelter Reservations

Shelter rentals are being postponed for one month while we evaluate the COVID pandemic. Please look for further updates in this newsletter and our social media platforms. ●

Efficiency Tip

Using a humidifier in the winter can actually save you money. People require a higher temperature to remain comfortable in dry air than they do in humid air. Placing an energy-efficient humidifier in your living space during the winter months keeps the air from being as dry, which means you won't need the heat cranked as high to feel warm. ●



Did You Know?



Monthly utility bills can be emailed. Simply go to www.tippcityohio.gov, click on "Pay/View Utility Bill," create a login with the information from your most recent utility bill (enter your account number with or without the '*' and type the name in all capital letters exactly as it appears on your utility bill in the field labeled "NAME") and select e-mail as your preference in the "Statement" field. ●

Carbon Monoxide – A Tasteless Odorless Health Risk

What is Carbon Monoxide?

Carbon Monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odorless gas. It is a common by-product of incomplete combustion, produced when fossil fuels (like gas, oil or coal) burn. Because you can't see, taste or smell it, carbon monoxide can kill you before you know it is present. Exposure to lower levels over time can make you sick.

Guidelines:

- **DO** have your heating system, water heater and any other gas, oil or coal burning appliances serviced by a qualified technician each year.
- **DO** install a battery operated or battery back-up CO detector in your home. Check or replace the battery when you change the time on your clocks each spring and fall. If the detector sounds, leave your home immediately and call 911.
- **DO** seek prompt medical help if you suspect CO poisoning and are feeling dizzy, light headed or nauseated.
- **DON'T** use a generator, charcoal grill, camp stove, or other gasoline or charcoal-burning device inside your home, basement, or garage or near a window.
- **DON'T** run a car or truck inside a garage attached to your house, even if you leave the door open.
- **DON'T** burn anything in a stove or fireplace that isn't vented.
- **DON'T** heat your house with a gas oven.
- **DON'T** use a generator, pressure washer, or any gasoline-powered engine less than 20 feet from any window, door, or vent. Use an extension cord that is more than 20 feet long to keep the generator at a safe distance. ●

Stormwater Pollution Solutions: Caring for Your Yard

Test your soil every year to determine if you need to fertilize, instead of fertilizing year after year. Fertilize only the parts of your lawn that need extra nutrients. Try using phosphorous-free or organic fertilizer. Be attentive not to get fertilizer on sidewalks or driveways. If you do then sweep it up with a broom. Always apply fertilizer after a rain, never before or during a rain. The two primary nutrients in fertilizer are nitrogen and phosphorous; which are the same nutrients found in grass clippings. Leave clippings on your lawn, and spread any clumps out to avoid choking the grass. Make sure the clippings don't go near the storm drain. Consider having a variety of lawn species in your yard. Having a variety can make your lawn harder in times of drought, saving money on watering and spraying herbicides. Keep your grass at least 3 inches tall. Taller grass slows the runoff and produces a deeper and denser root system, which absorbs more water. Deeper roots also reduce the need for watering during droughts and help suppress weeds. ●

