

Tippecanoe news

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

Spring Weather Preparation

Spring can bring a myriad of weather conditions upon us within a rapid sequence. Storms, wind events, and flooding are just a few events that come to mind. The best way to weather a storm, pun intended, is to be prepared at home, work, and while traveling. A few common tips to assist you in your preparation.

- Have the following readily available: a battery-operated flashlight, a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries for both
- An emergency evacuation plan, including a map of your home and, for every type of severe weather emergency, routes to safety from each room
- A list of important personal information, including, but not limited to:
 - telephone numbers of neighbors, family, and friends
 - insurance and property information
 - telephone numbers of utility companies
 - medical information
- A first aid kit (bandages, gauze, antibiotic ointment, tourniquet, etc.)
- A 3 – 5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food
- Personal hygiene items, blankets, and sleeping bags
- An emergency kit in your vehicle

Flooded areas are a danger to life and health. One should never enter a flooded roadway in a vehicle. It takes very little moving water to sweep a vehicle off the roadway and into danger. Ditches, retention areas, and standing flood waters present inherent dangers as well and can trap you in life threatening situations.

Moving water, our river included, never gets tired and can harm individuals. Cold water will produce hypothermia rapidly. If the air temperature and water temperatures are less than 140 degrees combined, you are at risk of hypothermia. The use life jackets and the buddy system when navigating waterways is a life-saving practice.

Enjoy the outdoors, with an eye towards safety and preparation. More information can be located at: www.cdc.gov/features/springweather/index.html ●

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. ●

Spring Reminders

The City of Tipp City Community & Economic Development Department wishes to remind residents that if they are planning to install a fence, deck, swimming pool, or accessory building (shed) in their yard or make an addition to their home, that a Zoning Compliance Permit is required prior to starting the project. Any other building/electrical/heating permits needed are obtained at the Miami County Building Regulations in Troy. Please stop by the Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, call (937)667-6305 or check our website www.tippcityohio.gov for further information when you are putting together your spring and summer building plans. Permit information on improvements to sidewalks, driveways, and approaches is also available. ●



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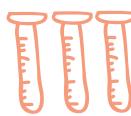
The Big Picture of Water and Our Influence on It



A watershed is a natural basin that drains water runoff to the nearest headwaters then to streams and finally to rivers. Watersheds come in all shapes and sizes and go hand in hand with stormwater runoff. From a big picture perspective, stormwater serves as a vehicle for hitch-hiking pollutants, and watersheds are the roadmaps of where pollutants can end up.

 The pollutants that get picked up by urban runoff (heavy metals, oil, gas, salt, fertilizer, trash, soil erosion, etc.) can not only pollute the nearest stream, but they can also travel downstream and affect the water quality for others as well.

Although agriculture is a large contributor of excess nutrients, urban runoff contributes to this problem as well. The everyday actions of each of us make a big difference for water quality both on a local level and national level.

1. If possible, keep rainwater in your yard and let it percolate through the soil through the use of a rain garden. 
2. When you expose soil to build something new, remember to leave as much vegetation on site as possible during the construction process to help keep the loose soil trapped, preventing it from going down the storm drain.
3.  Test your soil for existing nutrients before you fertilize. Many soils already have enough nutrients. Soil testing can tell you what nutrients your soil needs, if any. It's cheap, easy and can save you money.
4. Only fertilize after a rain.
5. Make sure to sweep any excess back into your yard with a broom. Hosing it off could take it straight to the storm drain.
6. Measure your fertilizer (and all chemicals) carefully, as instructed on the manufacturer's label. More is not always better.
7. Storm drains are only for rain. Report all illegal dumping (grass clippings, leaves, oil, paint, etc.) to your city or township. 
8. Tell your friends and family how they can help too.

For more information, visit www.thecleanwaterbusiness.com. ●



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Important City Contacts

**Automated Attendant/
Direct Connect**
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**Police, Fire and EMS
(EMERGENCY)**
9-1-1

**Miami County Communications
Center (Non-Emergency)**
(937)440-9911

Police (Non-Emergency)
(937)667-3112

Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)
(937)667-9199 or (937)667-1680

Utility Billing
(937)667-8424

Planning/Zoning
(937)667-6305

Tax Department
(937)667-8426

Engineering and Utilities
(937)667-6305

**Residential Refuse Collection
(Rumpke)**
(866)522-3712

**Service Center
(Parks and Streets)**
(937)667-8234

City Manager's Office
(937)667-8425

Clerk of Council
(937)667-8425

Construction Notice Update
(937)667-6293

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