

NEWSLETTER – Spring 2018

Scott Municipal Utility

January 1, 2018 marked the beginning of unified operations for Scott Municipal Utility (SMU). As a unified utility SMU is responsible for all of the assets and liabilities of the former sanitary districts, water, and stormwater utilities.

As part of the consolidation effort SMU has identified several areas that need to be addressed. Attention to these areas will ensure the town of a well-functioning sewer and water system now and into the future.

A long term maintenance and capital expenditure plan is also being developed to help with this task of managing and maintaining the town's utilities.



The Town of Scott Town Hall is now the 'one-stop-shop' for all billing. If you are a customer of SMU please take note of this on your bills. No matter where in the town you live your sewer bills should now be made payable to Scott Municipal Utility or "SMU".

This unified billing system is now making the financial management of our town's utilities more efficient and more user friendly to all of our customers.

SMU CALL NUMBERS

Billing questions call the Town Hall: (920) 406-9380

Sewer and Water problems: call Larry Skaletski (920) 660-5030

Sewer or Water Emergency: call (920) 615-7171

What's New:

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Update**

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Please visit the Town's web site for news alerts and local contact information.

www.townofscott.com

SPRING ELECTIONS

April 2, 2018

Local election races include
2 Town Supervisors.

Residents vote at the Town Hall
2621 Jody Drive, New Franken.

7:00 am to 8:00 pm

Questions? Call
Town Clerk John Roth
(920) 406-9380



Renew Our Waters

Every choice counts.

Power Washing

To keep our waters clean keep your dirty water out.

Wash water from power washing activities may contain a large amount of oil, grease, chemicals, dirt and detergents. Disposing of these materials into storm drains causes serious ecological problems and is PROHIBITED by law. You could be given a citation or fined for discharging pollutants to the storm drain system.

TRY IT DRY

Instead of pressure washing, use dry methods such as mops, brooms, rags or wire brushes to clean pavement, buildings and equipment as much as possible.

Before you start, set up sandbags or other barriers to direct wash water onto grass or gravel.

PREPARING FOR POWER WASHING

Before you start, set up sandbags or other barriers to direct wash water onto grassy or gravel areas where the water will soak into the ground instead of run off into the road.

JUST ENOUGH FOR THE JOB

Minimize water by using high pressure, low volume nozzles. Use the minimal amount and least toxic detergents and degreasers you will need to get the job done. Use a mop or rags to clean heavily soiled areas before power washing.

UNDERSTANDING "BIODEGRADABLE"

"Biodegradable" is a popular marketing term that can be misleading. Because a product is labeled as biodegradable does not mean that it is non-toxic. Some products are more toxic than others, but NONE are harmless to aquatic life. Soapy water entering the storm drain system will impact the aquatic environment in our local lakes, streams and rivers.

WASHING YOUR VEHICLE

Wash vehicles and equipment on grassy or gravel areas so that the wash water can seep into the ground. If the ground is very dry, wet it first so the wash water soaks in and does not run off into the storm drain.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn or washing the car on the driveway. This water runs off our properties, into the street and down the storm drain - picking up pollutants on it's way. Once it reaches the storm drain the water and the pollutants it carries is discharged into local waterways.

Untreated runoff is the biggest threat to our nation's water quality, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Let's make the small, important changes that will reduce that threat and improve water quality and our lives!

Realize

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Trash & Recycling Collection

The Town contracts with Advance Disposal for rubbish and recycling collection services. They would like to remind customers of current policies.

- ~ Garbage and recycling carts should have at least 5 feet of separation between containers, allowing easier pick up of garbage carts.
- ~ Carts should be set out early the morning of the assigned pick up date.
- ~ Carts must be removed from Town ROW within 24 hours of garbage or recycling pickup.
- ~ All garbage should be properly bagged.
- ~ Advance collects with two separate trucks, one for garbage and another for recyclables.
- ~ Recyclables: please use the blue-lidded recycling cart to its fullest potential.
- ~ Do not recycle plastic grocery bags or place recyclables in plastic bags. Doing so jams the recycling machines and greatly reduces the efficiency of the recycling process.
- ~ Pick up for both garbage and recyclables is normally scheduled for Friday.

When a holiday occurs, all curbside pickup is delayed one day. 2018 the garbage/recycling delay will occur after: Memorial Day, July 4, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day & New Year's Day 2019.

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## Yard Waste Site

The Town's Yard Waste Site is located at the end of Bertrand Lane, west of CTH T. The site is open April 4<sup>th</sup> through Nov 14<sup>th</sup>. Hours: **Wednesday 3:00 – 7:00 pm, Saturday & Sunday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.**

The Yard Waste Site accepts grass, brush, leaves, & garden waste only. It does not accept stumps and large debris. The Town does not provide curbside collection for any of these items, we ask all residents to make their own provisions for properly disposing of these items. Finnel Landscape has been contracted to process yard waste materials at the site. Wood chips & compost can be picked up when available, during regular hours. Please follow directions as posted or as provided by the attendant.

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New Franken Fire Department Events

Mark your calendars for the 2018 New Franken Fire Department's Annual Smelt Fry Fundraiser will be held Friday, May 4th, serving food 11am-8pm and Saturday, May 5th, serving food 11am-2pm. The Smelt Fry is held at the New Franken Sportsman Club. Volunteers are appreciated to help clean smelt on Thursday, May 3th starting at 5 pm.

The Annual Walk/Run: To be determined. Time and date to be announced.

If you are interested in helping the Fire Department, please join the '*Friends of New Franken Fire Department*'. The *Friends* help organize fund raisers events. All funds are used for the purchase of equipment which helps reduce the demand on taxes. Interested? Find them on Facebook or contact Carolyn Tielens at (920) 660-1208.

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## Walk to Mary – Saturday, May 5, 2018

The annual pilgrimage walk will start at the Shrine of St. Joseph at Old St. Joseph Church on the St. Norbert Campus and end at the Shrine of our Lady of Good Help, in Champion. This pilgrimage walk will run thru the Town of Scott; along Bay Settlement Road, with a lunch break at Holy Cross. For safety reasons the walkers will be shuttled across Hwy 57 and resume their pilgrimage at the corner of Van Lanen Road and South Holland Road. Their walk will continue east on Van Lanen Road thru the Town of Scott. For more information and a map of the route visit their web-site: [www.walktomary.com](http://www.walktomary.com)



# Composting



Composting is Mother Nature's recycling method. By composting our food wastes and yard materials we can reduce the amount of trash put into landfills. In return, we create an all natural soil amendment which eliminates the need to use harsh fertilizers on our lawns and gardens.

## WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Compost bin, either manufactured or homemade (you can also leave the compost in a "heap," but this may be unsightly in urban areas)
- Lawn and garden clippings, dry leaves
- Food scraps, such as fruit rinds, coffee grounds, vegetable scraps, egg shells, etc. (No meat or oily foods)
- Water source
- Pitch fork for turning

## GETTING STARTED

Compost "recipes" vary among gardeners, but a good rule of thumb is 50 percent "green" material like grass clippings and food scraps, to 50 percent "brown" material such as dry leaves, and wood shavings. The "green" is rich in nitrogen and will keep the pile hot. The "brown" material adds carbon to the mix and will keep

the pile cool. Both work in concert to create the right blend for maximum compost creation.

Place your compost near a water source for easy watering in case your pile needs moisture. Your compost pile should feel like a rung-out sponge and smell earthy. If odor issues exist, you should turn the pile with a pitchfork to add oxygen and consider adding some "brown" material as well.

Depending on how carefully you manage your pile, composting can take from 1 month to 2 years. Most piles that are turned weekly and kept at the right moisture level can produce completed compost in about 6 to 8 weeks. Once your pile is a rich, dark color and you can hardly identify the materials you added, you have a finished product.

## PROBLEM SOLVING FOR ODOR OR PESTS:

- **Odors:** These are usually caused by too many "greens" or the "greens" were not adequately stirred into the mixture. Try mixing in more "browns".
- **Rodents or animals:** Rodents are usually attracted to fatty foods or meats, which should not be added to the compost.
- **Moisture:** Too much or too little can cause problems. Cover your compost during rainy weather to avoid over-wetting and rotting. Sprinkle a little water on the pile only in periods of drought. The moisture consistency should remain that of a wrung-out sponge.

# Outdoor Burning in Wisconsin

Spring is usually the worst time of year for wildfires in Wisconsin. For this reason, local ordinances and state regulations govern outdoor burning, open burning, burn barrels and fire pits. Although the Wisconsin DNR discourages property owners from outdoor burning, be sure to follow these guidelines if you do decide to burn.

Since most paper and cardboard is recyclable, there are few instances when burning paper and cardboard is acceptable. Clean and dry untreated wood, brush, leaves, needles and grass may be burned, but composting or leaving plant debris on the ground is preferable to burning this organic material.

Burning garbage is prohibited anywhere in Wisconsin. Garbage includes plastic or rubber items, electronics, shingles, asphalt, foam, furniture, carpet, wire, metal, aluminum, vinyl products, tires, oil-based products and painted or treated wood. Burning these materials can emit harmful dioxins, acid vapors, carcinogenic tars and heavy metals into the air.

Depending on which county you live in or if you are visiting "up north", a state burning permit may be required. Certain counties require a state burning permit all year while others only require one from January 1 to May 31. Be sure to check with the local municipal office or go to [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov) and search "fire."

Campfires used for cooking, warming or entertainment do not require a state burning permit and are allowable



anytime except during emergency burning restrictions. However, local ordinances may prohibit all outdoor burning, including campfires or outdoor fireplaces, so check on local ordinances.

If you choose to engage in outdoor burning, be sure to follow local rules and regulations and be safe to protect Wisconsin's environment!

References: "Forest Fire Prevention." <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/>.

"Burn Barrel Information." <http://dnr.wi.gov/files/pdf/pubs/fr/FR0357.pdf>.





# Renew Our Waters

*Every choice counts.*

## Household Hazardous Waste

### Cleaning out the garage and keeping our waters clean

We all have the opportunity - and the responsibility - to dispose of waste materials properly. The rule of thumb is: If you wouldn't dump it in the river, don't let it touch parking lots, soil, or any other place where it can be washed into a stream or storm drain. Post this sheet in your garage storage area as a reminder. This will help us change one habit at a time, so we have good fishing, swimming, paddling and waterskiing when the work is done.

#### HARMFUL SUBSTANCES

Certain household chemicals, when not used up properly, become household hazardous waste. These products can contain the same chemicals as strictly regulated industrial wastes.

**If you wouldn't dump it in the river, don't let it touch parking lots, soil or any other place where it can be washed into a stream or storm drain.**

These products include: cleaning products and wash water, food oils and grease, automotive oil, grease and waste fluids, paint, petroleum-based solvents, rodent baits, batteries, herbicides, pesticides, concrete wash water and sidewalk salt.

#### HANDLE WITH CARE

To avoid the potential risks associated with household wastes, always monitor the use, storage and disposal of products with potentially hazardous substances.

#### PROPER DISPOSAL

All of the counties in Northeast Wisconsin have Household Hazardous Waste drop off programs or collection days. Contact your local environmental, health or solid waste agency for instructions on proper use and disposal.

#### USING LESS

The quantity of waste from a single household may be small, but that quantity adds up fast considering the number of households in Northeast Wisconsin. Consider reducing your purchase of products that contain hazardous ingredients.

Stormwater is rain or snowmelt and water from things people do, like overwatering the lawn. As water makes its way to the storm drain it picks up pollutants like oil from car leaks and improperly disposed of waste. When we choose products carefully and dispose of products properly, we can reduce the amount of pollution that enters our local waterways through runoff.

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## 2018 Dog License Application – Town of Scott

Dog license expire on December 31 of each year as indicated on the license – avoid added cost to dog licenses by renewing them when they expire at the end of the year. It is the requirement of owners to license all dogs (WI Stat 174). All dogs must have current rabies shots. If your dog is currently licensed in the Town and the rabies shot has not expired within the past year the Town will have a copy on file – there is no need to send the certification. If your dog is no longer a part of your family please sign the back of your license and state the reason. Return to the Town of Scott Town Hall so that your dog can be removed from the Town records.

### License fees for 2018

\$10.00 Male or Female – Not Neutered or Spayed

### If your dog is Neutered or Spayed the following fee applies

\$5.00 Male or Female – Neutered or Spayed.

**\$5.00 late fee if licensed after April 1 (per license)**

### Please send Payments & Info to:

Town of Scott Clerk/Treasurer

2621 Jody Drive

New Franken, WI 54229

(920) 406-9380

**2018 Dog License Form** - Fill out completely and return with correct fee. Necessary information needed to license a dog is found on your veterinarian rabies certificate.

Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

Late Fee: Yes/No

Total Fee: \_\_\_\_\_

Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Mfg: \_\_\_\_\_

Vaccine Serial: \_\_\_\_\_

Rabies Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

Dog's Name \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One) Male or Female

Neutered or Spayed: Yes/No

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Rabies Expiration: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have a complaint in regard to barking dogs or dogs running at large, please contact one of the Town Constables: Leland Baenen at 866-2658 or Kurt Baenen 660-3517.



Town of Scott  
2621 Jody Drive  
New Franken, WI  
54229