



Spring 2017
Citizen information for:

Village of Vicksburg

126 N. KALAMAZOO AVENUE, VICKSBURG, MI 49097
(269) 649-1919
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Village Office
Hours:
Monday-Friday
9 AM to 4 PM

Drop box
available.

Call 911 for
emergencies.

Know Your Village Office Staff

Jim Mallory – Village Manager
Tracy Locey – Clerk
Jenny McKillop – Treasurer
Lisa Deming – Utilities Clerk/Police Department
Michelle Crawford – Administrative Assistant

Spring Trash Pick Up & Hydrant Flushing

Spring Trash Pickup & Hydrant Flushing is scheduled for **Saturday, May 6th, 2017.**

Hydrants -

The Department of Public Works will begin its hydrant flushing program starting early Saturday morning, **May 6th, 2017.** The Department will be flushing select hydrants within the village on that day and will conclude by early afternoon. If your water is discolored or sediment appears during hydrant flushing, run your faucets until water runs clear. Avoid doing laundry until your water runs free of discoloration. For questions regarding hydrant flushing, call the Village Hall at 649-1919.

Trash Curbside Pickup -

Residents must place all materials eligible for pickup on the curb lawn no later than Thursday, May 4, 2017. **THERE WILL BE NO CALL BACKS – PLEASE HAVE ITEMS OUT THE NIGHT BEFORE AT THE LATEST!** Further questions on curbside trash collection may be directed to the Village Hall at 649-1919.

The following items **WILL** be picked up:

- White Goods-stoves, refrigerators (Freon Certified), dishwashers, etc.
- Furniture- broken down to allow handling by one person
- Trash- must be bagged to allow handling by one person
- Metals- must be kept separate from all other trash

- Canned items-tar, driveway sealer, etc. (contents must be dry and lids removed)
- Wood- (may not be from construction/remodeling projects)

The following items **WILL NOT** be picked up:

- Construction debris
- Brush and yard trimmings (including leaves and grass)
- Household garbage/containers containing food products
- Rocks, sand or concrete rubble
- Dead animals and pet wastes
- Household hazardous wastes (oil based paints, liquid latex paints, gasoline, pesticides)
- Liquid wastes
- Car parts or heavy iron
- Major building materials generated from commercial projects
- Freon bearing appliances (unless certified-call Rawlinson Appliance at 649-1292 for proper certification)
- Rubber tires



Garage Sales

Village Ordinance 46-31 through 46-54 establishes the guidelines for residents wishing to hold a garage/yard sale. Individual and neighborhood permits can be obtained at the Village Hall during regular office hours at NO charge.

A Citizens Guide to Household Hazardous Waste

Cleaning products like aerosols, bathroom, drain cleaners, and car supplies like waxes, starter fluids, and repair products are all considered household hazardous waste. Many ingredients in these products are corrosive or reactive, and if they are not disposed of properly, they can harm people and contaminate our rivers, lakes, and drinking water. Simple alternatives can replace many hazardous substances. If you choose to use commercial products, make sure to dispose of them properly!

If you see the words **DANGER, CAUTION, WARNING or TOXIC**, you are probably handling a household waste.

Tips for Handling Toxics

Store household hazardous waste in their original containers, and make sure the labels are readable. Save money and reduce waste by purchasing only what you need and use. Let solvents and paint thinners set in a closed jar to let dirt and paint settle to the bottom. You can reuse the top portion and dispose of less water! **NEVER** pour motor oil, paints, or chemicals directly down the sink or into a catch basin in the street. For disposal locations and drop off dates, call Kalamazoo County Household Hazardous Waste Center (269) 373-5211, (1301 Lamont St) or go online at www.earth911.com where you can enter your zip code to locate the nearest disposal site.

Non-Toxic Alternatives – Homemade Solutions to Prevent Pollution

To disinfect, use one-half cup borax or washing soda* dissolved in one gallon hot water. To clean floors, use ¼ cup white vinegar, ¼ cup washing soda* in one gallon warm water. For glass cleaner, mix one part vinegar to four parts water. Dry windows with newspapers. To unplug drains, use a plumber snake instead of drain cleaners. Instead of toilet cleaner, scrub with a toilet brush and baking soda. To deodorize carpets, sprinkle with baking sodas and vacuum after 30 minutes.

***Be sure to use washing soda (sodium carbonated) in these recipes and not baking soda (sodium bicarbonate).**

House Numbers are Requested

In order to better identify houses for the purpose of water/sewer meter reading, residents are requested to clearly identify their business or residence with their address number. Not only will this aid the public works personnel, but it will also be useful to emergency workers if you call 911.

From the Village Manager:

We are entering the 2017/2018 budget season for the Village and we would like your input. We will be soliciting public input via surveys that will be distributed at the Village Council meetings and linked to our website. The Village Council and I are looking forward to your input.

My family and I are very grateful for the opportunity the Village Council has provided me as your Village Manager. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please feel free to contact me directly on my cell phone at 269-365-8391.

I believe that the future of our Village is very bright and I look forward to serving the citizens of Vicksburg for many years.

Village of Vicksburg 2017 Upcoming Events:

May:

Hearty Hustle – Saturday, May 13th
Farmer's Market Place Opening - Friday, May 19th
Building Strong Families Picnic – Saturday, May 21st
Memorial Day Parade – Monday, May 29th

June:

Cruise Night 1950 Drive-In – Friday, June 9th
35th Annual Car Festival – Saturday, June 10th
Revolutionary War Reenactment – June 23rd – 25th

July:

Taste of Vicksburg – Saturday, July 15th
Lions Club B&B Summer Fest – July 27th – 29th