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Newsletter

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Waste Collection Changes!

City of Swartz Creek residents will have a new waste collector starting in July. The new carrier, Green for Life (GFL), has issued a newsletter with all the details. If you did not receive one, it is available on the city's homepage at www.cityofswartzcreek.org. This includes all of the details regarding recycling expectations, yard waste requirements, contact information, and other service features.

Here is the rundown of what you need to know.

- Collection day is moving from Monday to Tuesday, after June 28th
- Republic will collect their carts the week of July 12 (have carts at the roadside that week until recovered)
- Recycling will be weekly
- Waste bins are 95 gallons standard and recycle bins are 64 gallons standard
- Yard waste will commence with the collection day (Tuesday) of the week that includes April 1
- Yard waste will end after the collection day (Tuesday) of the week that includes November 30
- Bulk items are collected weekly without a service call or notice
- Additional carts can be obtained, but they cost of \$75 for refuse and \$65 for recycling



Find the community calendar and service information online at: www.cityofswartzcreek.org

Call 911 For After-Hours Emergencies:

*Do so for water and sewer problems such as water main breaks or sewer backups.
Messages at the office are not checked on the weekends or after hours.*

Camp 911 Thoughts!

Camp 911 was a great success this year, with 30 campers from the SC elementary schools.



Campers learned about calling 911, basic first aid, police K9's, fire safety, internet safety, and about making safe, healthy decisions. Our presenters included Dispatcher Jessica Young from Genesee County 911, Medstar and Swartz Ambulance, K9 Officer Paul and Rosco, the Swartz Creek Area Fire Department, the Genesee County Prevention Coalition, and Metro Officers. Presenters did an outstanding job educating & engaging campers in the learning process. All campers enjoyed the 3 day camp.

We thank those that made this possible. The United Methodist Church of SC offered to host the camp at their church. The Kiwanis Club of SC was a major contributor as well, purchasing lunches and snacks for all the campers and volunteers each day. The Dragon Diner drove their bus right up to the pavilion to serve the kids. Meijer of SC donated \$500 towards prizes and a Nintendo Switch for the top camper. The Great Lakes Smoothie Co. donated \$50 in gift cards, A-1 Treat Barn donated free ice cream cone coupons, and Hungry Howie's donated free pizza coupons.

Metro MVP's assisted myself and Officer Abraham in the operation of the camp. The MVP's provided an extra set of eyes and hands and were an invaluable part of the camps success. Camp was a great experience, and we are looking forward to next year! -Officer Ryan Ortiz

2021 Residential Cross Connection Control Program

We know some folks are not happy about the new rules promulgated by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy. However, our community is obligated to inspect residential dwellings to ensure there are not improper cross connections on the water system.

Cross-Connection Definition: the physical connection between the potable water system and an "end-use" where a potential hazard exists. Backflow.

Owners will receive notification from hydrocorp to access each property sometime in the next three years (then once every ten years) to perform an inspection. These are very quick and uneventful in nearly all cases. Hydrocorp will inspect the home for connections that could compromise the potable water system during a pressure loss (home irrigation or boiler systems). If found, the contractor will supply complementary devices or otherwise send notice to correct specific connections.

Please work with us as we complete this task. Our goal is to ensure that our water system is safe.

Fire Department Message

Chief Dave Plumb

Burning Issues: The City of Swartz Creek does not allow burning of yard waste. If you have yard waste to dispose of, see the city waste calendar for collection dates. The only burning allowed is in a covered pit or portable fireplace for recreation ONLY. When using one, be sure and be mindful of the wind direction or if it is too strong. It is the neighboring thing to do.



Fire Safety Tips:

1. Install smoke detectors on each level of your home. Keep in mind, smoke detectors only have a 10 year life span, so please check the date on the detector to prevent a false activation.
2. Make sure there are two clear escape routes from each room and that everyone knows these escape routes and has practiced using them.
3. Never smoke when drowsy or when in bed.
4. Use sturdy, non-tip ashtrays and check for smoldering butts in furniture and ashtrays — especially after parties.
5. Never leave cooking food unattended. Keep cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles.
6. Use portable space heaters with care. Keep them away from combustibles.
7. Have your chimney and central heating system inspected at least once a year and cleaned if necessary. Use a sturdy fireplace screen.
8. Plug only one heat producing appliance into an electrical outlet. Never override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets.
9. Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach of children. Use only child resistant lighters.
10. Never store gasoline inside your home. If necessary, keep a small quantity in an approved safety container locked in an outdoor shed.
11. Store paints, thinners, and other flammable liquids in their original containers, well away from heat, sparks, or flame.
12. Keep your attic free from combustibles such as newspapers and magazines.
13. Identify your house with large address numbers that the fire department can see easily.

Is your house number visible? Can you imagine calling for help and there being a delay in finding you? It happens every year, because residents do not have their house number plainly visible from the street. In a fire or medical emergency, seconds count. To avoid delaying responders, make sure your house number is clearly visible from the street both day and night. The Swartz Creek Area Firefighters have been selling the green reflective house signs since 1997. They are \$20 each and that includes installation. The money received stays in the community and is primarily used for Fire Prevention. If you are interested, please contact the Fire Dept @ 810-635-2300 ext.9.



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August 3, 2021
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
&**

**METRO POLICE
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POLICE-COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work.



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