



# CITY OF IONIA



Spring  
2018

**Spring Yard Waste/Brush Pickup Program:** The City will remove brush and bagged yard waste during the week of April 23, 2018, pursuant to the program guidelines listed below. All brush and bagged yard waste must be placed **streetside by 7:00 am, Monday, April 23, 2018**, since streets will be covered one time only.

**Yard Waste Removal Guidelines** - The purpose of this program is to remove non brush yard waste that is generated through spring yard cleanup (leaves, twigs, garden waste, etc.). All yard waste **must** be placed in **kraft paper (biodegradable) bags** which are available for purchase at local hardware/home improvement stores. Loose yard waste and/or yard waste in plastic trash bags **will not** be removed.

**Brush Pickup Guidelines** - The purpose of this program is to remove brush from routine lawn maintenance and not to remove brush associated with tree removal. Brush placed streetside may not be larger than 8" in diameter and not longer than 8' long so that it can be handled by removal equipment. Brush larger than 8" in size may be disposed of directly by the property owner at the City's compost site off Apple Tree Drive.

**Spring Dump-Your-Junk Program:** The annual citywide Spring Dump-Your-Junk Day will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2018. Dumpsters will be available at the City's Public Works Garage, 303 South Jackson Street. Dump-Your-Junk Day begins at 8:00 am and continues until 12:00 noon, or until all the dumpsters have been filled.

Materials **NOT ACCEPTED** include tires, lead acid batteries, yard waste, hazardous waste, liquids of any kind, radioactive materials, barrels or drums which are not empty and crushed, compressed gas cylinders which are not empty and disabled, appliances containing Freon (unless a valid reclamation sticker is attached). Ionia County will also be conducting a household hazardous waste collection at the same location and may take some of the items not accepted by the City. The county will be charging a \$5.00 fee for all TVs. Items accepted by **IONIA COUNTY** include...

**General Items:** printer cartridges, aerosols, dry & wet cell batteries, mercury containing devices, small electronics (cell phones, laptops, game consoles, cameras, etc.), propane cylinders (2 lbs. or less).

**Automotive:** gasoline, motor oil (no limit on volume, but please no individual containers over 10 gallons), auto batteries, antifreeze, cleaners, windshield wiper fluid, car wax, brake fluid, transmission fluid, auto paint, mercury switches.

**Household:** furniture polishes & waxes, oven cleaners, ammonia, drain openers, tub & tile cleaners, toilet bowl cleaners, scouring powders, upholstery/carpet cleaners, spot and stain removers, bleach, dyes, dry cleaning solvents.

**Home Improvement:** oil-based paint, varnish, stain, paint thinner, paint stripper, caulk, adhesives, fluorescent light bulbs.

**Pesticides:** weed killer, insecticide and insect repellent, rat and mouse poison, pet spray & dip, flea collars, disinfectant, fly traps, mothballs, wood preservative.

**Pool Chemicals:** chlorine/bromine tablets, shock treatments, water balancers.

**Hobby:** photographic chemicals, artist paints & mediums, fiberglass epoxy, gun cleaning solvents, alcohol, creosote, cutting oil, glues, mineral spirits, naphtha, paint brush cleaners, polyurethane coatings, rust remover, turpentine, wood stains & preservatives.

**City Income Taxes - 2017 Filings:** A reminder that City income taxes are due April 30 for everyone working or residing in the City. This includes the Valley View, Belleview, and Austin Pines developments. Individuals employed at any of the local correctional facilities are also required to file. City income tax forms are available at City Hall, the Ionia Community Library, or on the City of Ionia website at [www.ci.ionia.mi.us](http://www.ci.ionia.mi.us). Questions regarding the City income tax may be directed to [incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:incometax@ci.ionia.mi.us) or 523-0142. A reminder that the City does not accept any e-filed returns, whether from Turbo Tax or your professional tax preparer, due to issues with how the electronic information interfaces with our software. Please be sure to print your City return and mail it to City Hall.

**Yard Meters - Sprinkling/ Pools:** A yard meter is a second meter which is installed at a residential or commercial site and measures water only for exterior purposes, i.e., sprinkling lawns, filling pools, etc. This meter is read each December with usage billed in January. Only water usage is billed; there are no sewer charges. Also, the facility maintenance fee will not be charged. This meter must be purchased by the owner(s) at City Hall. Call City Hall at 523-0140 for details.

Visit the City of Ionia website at [www.ci.ionia.mi.us](http://www.ci.ionia.mi.us) for information on all of the City's departments.

## Granger Recycle Schedule

<u>April 2018</u>	<u>May 2018</u>	<u>June 2018</u>
Monday, 2nd	Monday, 14th	Monday, 11th
Monday, 16th	Tuesday, 29th	Monday, 25th
Monday, 30th		



Your trash and recycling containers must be streetside by 7:00 am on the day of pickup. If it is placed later than 7:00 am, it may not be picked up. Plastic bags are NOT ALLOWED in recycling. Granger is now accepting clear and colored glass. Rinse clean and remove lids. Labels may be left on containers. Not Accepted: CRT glass (monitors or TV screens), light bulbs, window glass, mirrors, drinking glasses, cups, bowls, or plates.

For specific details of what is allowed in your recycling, visit Granger's website: [www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling/](http://www.grangernet.com/ionia-recycling/)

**Online Citizen Survey:** Efforts to update two important community planning documents - the City's Master Land Use Plan and the City's Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan - are underway. Both plans were last updated during 2012 and covered a five-year planning period. The Master Land Use Plan update is being coordinated by the Planning Commission while the Parks and Recreation Commission is handling the Five-Year Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Professional assistance is being provided to both commissions by MainStreet Planning Company. As part of the update process, there are several opportunities for public input. The next opportunity is through an online citizen survey. Your input is important and is confidential. To access the survey, please visit the City's website at [www.ci.ionia.mi.us](http://www.ci.ionia.mi.us) and click on the link under City News. The online survey will remain open until Monday, April 23, 2018. Not computer savvy? Paper copies of the survey are available during regular business hours at City Hall and at the Parks and Recreation Office located in the Armory Community Center.

**2018 Infrastructure Projects:** At its January meeting, the City Council accepted a bid from CL Trucking & Excavating, Ionia, for improvements to **Hackett Street (State Street to Nicholson Street); Marshall Court; and State Street (M-21 to Marshall Court)**. Improvements to both Hackett and State Streets include utility replacement; sidewalk, curb, and driveway approach replacement; and a new street surface. Improvements to Marshall Court include a new water main and street surface. The project will be divided into phases with the first phase beginning in late April, weather permitting, and involve the portion of Hackett Street between State and Nicholson Streets. Work will progress street by street thereafter. Access to Emerson School will be via State Street which will remain open until the school year ends in early June.

## City Code Reminders

**Front Yard Parking:** City Code prohibits front yard parking. Specifically, the City Code states "that no person shall park a vehicle, trailer, or watercraft in a front yard within a residential district of the City, nor on or over any public sidewalk." The City Code further states that a "front yard ...means that part of a lot, other than a driveway, between the curb or street line and the main building on the lot..."

**Long Grass:** Grass on developed lots may not exceed 6 inches in height. Failure to mow regularly can result in the City's Department of Public Works doing so and the property owner being charged for the service.

**Rental Registration:** If you own residential rental property in the City, it must be registered with the City. The purpose of the rental inspection program is to ensure the safety of the tenants and maintain the quality of our neighborhoods. If you have a residential rental property that has not been inspected by the City and is not currently registered with the City, please contact Officer Brian Vos at the Public Safety Department via e-mail [bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us](mailto:bvos@ci.ionia.mi.us) or phone 523-0157.

## PARKS & RECREATION

**T-Ball:** Registration now thru April 6, 2018. \$40/Residents and \$50/Non-Residents. Boys and Girls ages 3-6 years old. Coed Division 1: ages 3 and 4 years old; Coed Division 2: ages 5 and 6 years old. Games and practices are held at the Harwood softball fields. Games begin in May. This program is sponsored by Meijer.



**Adult Summer Softball League:** Register now through April 13, 2018. Team entry fee is \$275 with no player fees. Men and Women eighteen years or older. Teams: Sunday's Coed, Monday's Coed, Tuesday Nights. Umpire fees are \$12 per game per team paid at the field.



**Water Quality Report Available Online:** The City's 2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available for review online at the City of Ionia website: [www.ci.ionia.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/5368](http://www.ci.ionia.mi.us/DocumentCenter/View/5368)