



City of Mosinee

October 2019



FALL LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaf collection this year will again be accomplished by baling of the leaves/pine needles that are placed in the street. The City will be contracting with a custom baler to collect the leaves/pine needles. Baled leaves will then be hauled away by the Public Works Dept.

Leaf collection will begin on October 28th. Residents who want their leaves picked up must have them raked into the gutter or onto the street by 7:00am on October 28th. **Public Works staff will not rake leaves out of ditches or off the curb for pickup.** For the equipment to do the best job of leaf collection rake leaves away from the curb approximately 1-2 feet. Leaves that are on the street will be picked up. Baling operations are scheduled to be completed in 2 days. The City's street sweeper will clean up any remaining leaves after baling is finished. Please keep in mind that street sweeping is a slower process, so it may be a couple of days after baling before the streets are swept.

Leaf collection will only be done once. **Do not place any leaves on the street after the collection equipment has passed.** Any leaves remaining after the collection equipment has passed can be disposed of at the yard waste site on Fremont St.

DO NOT deposit rocks, sticks, brush or garden waste in the leaf piles as these items will damage the leaf collection equipment. Any leaf piles found that contain these materials will not be picked up.

Leaves and other yard waste may also be disposed of at the Yard Waste site on Fremont Street. Residents are reminded that brush is **NOT ALLOWED** at the yard waste site. Brush will not be picked up for persons clearing lots. Brush is picked up the week of the third Monday of each month. If you deposit brush, stumps, trees or other unacceptable garbage at the yard waste site you will be subject to fines. If you have brush for disposal call the Public Works Dept. at 715-693-3840 and leave your name and address.

Mayor Brent Jacobson 792 Fairway Dr 715-693-2275	Aldersperson: Marge Rein Ward 1 201 2 nd St 715-693-1199	Aldersperson: Nelson Pasha Jr. Ward 2 1023 Western Ave 715-693-2610	Aldersperson: Robert Stephens Ward 3 615 Oak Park Circle 715-297-0053	Aldersperson: Tom Helbach Ward 4 911 9 th Street 715-693-3072	Aldersperson: Peter Nievinski Ward 5 1209 Edgewood Dr 715-693-6142	Aldersperson: Doug Mielke Ward 6 & 7 1026 Old Hwy 51 715-693-2609	City Hall 225 Main Street 715-693-2275 8:00am- 4:30pm Monday-Friday
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Halloween Hours - October 31st - 4:00p.m. to 7:00p.m.



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Dear Mosinee Resident:

It is my pleasure to send you this monthly update. I hope your fall season is going well. We are hard at work at City Hall as we approach the fall budget season. As I have mentioned in past updates, I invite all Mosinee residents who are interested in learning more about the City and its finances to join us at one or more of our budget workshops starting in October and continuing through November. Our budget schedule is as follows: October 7th at 6pm, October 21st at 6:30pm, November 4th at 6pm, and November 25th at 6pm. We will be reviewing our anticipated revenues, general fund expenses and capital needs.

Our budget process at the City always involves a great deal of thought and tough choices. The City operates on limited resources and has to anticipate increases in usual expenses to keep our community running as well as long term capital needs. These constraints must always be weighed with anticipated increases or decreases in outside sources of revenue, which largely come in the form of state aid, with our goals for property taxes. Of course, our goal is always to keep property taxes as low as possible while maintaining quality services to our residents.

Our largest source of revenue in the City is property taxes followed by general state aid followed by general transportation aid. When one or more of our larger sources of revenue stays stagnant or decreases, we are more constrained when it comes to property taxes. Since 2003, general state aid has decreased by more than \$120,000. While transportation aids have fluctuated, in 2011, municipalities experienced approximately a \$25 million decrease statewide, which was partially recovered by approximately \$20 million in increases in the 2017-19 State Budget.

Unfortunately, as part of the 2017-19 State Budget, the municipalities throughout Wisconsin lost a large portion of personal property tax revenue as part of a partial repeal of the personal property tax. As reported in prior updates, due to a faulty formula that the Department of Revenue attempted to apply, Mosinee also lost nearly \$50,000 in state aid that it was to receive as part of the personal property tax backfill. Fortunately, Mosinee was the first community in the state to pursue legal action to challenge the Department of Revenue's formula, which resulted in the Marathon County Circuit Court issuing a statewide injunction prohibiting the Department of Revenue from using its formula anywhere in Wisconsin going forward and directing it to take measures to correct past errors.

It was my directive to staff last year that there be no property tax increase. I was pleased that the staff presented, and the Council passed, a budget with a slight property tax decrease. Please remember that your property tax bill that is sent out by the City includes the tax levies of several taxing jurisdictions, including the City of Mosinee, the Mosinee School District, Marathon County, and North Central Technical College. While your overall bill may increase or decrease, I encourage all residents to look at each taxing jurisdiction's levy.

It is my goal this year, as it is every year, to send you a tax bill with no increase or a decrease in City property taxes. As you can see from the above notes, that will always depend on short- and long-term City needs, state aids and many other factors that go beyond the breadth of this update. That is why I encourage you to consider attending one or more of our budget workshops to learn more about our many challenges going forward. I plan to update you in more detail on the potential 2020 City of Mosinee budget in my November newsletter. I hope your fall is off to a great start!

Mayor Jacobson

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Wisconsin Recycles



The following items are **banned** from landfills and incinerators statewide and should be reused, recycled or composted.

Containers

- #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jars
- Aluminum containers
- Bi-metal cans
- Glass containers
- Steel (tin) cans

Paper and Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Magazines, catalogs, and other materials on similar paper
- Newspaper and newsprint materials
- Office paper

Yard Materials

- Grass clippings
- Debris and brush under 6" in diameter
- Leaves

Vehicle Items

- Lead-acid vehicle batteries
- Tires *
- Used oil filters
- Waste oils *

**These items may be burned in a solid waste treatment facility with energy recovery.*

Appliances

- Air conditioners
- Boilers
- Clothes dryers
- Clothes washers
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers
- Freezers
- Furnaces
- Microwaves
- Ovens
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Water heaters

Electronics

- Cell phones
- Computers – desktop, laptop, netbook, tablet
- Computer monitors
- Computer keyboards and mice
- Computer scanners
- Computer speakers
- Desktop printers (including those that fax and scan)
- DVD players, VCRs, DVRs and all other video players
- External hard drives
- Fax machines
- Flash drives/USBs
- Other items that plug into a computer
- Televisions

Why ban items from the landfill and incinerator?

The items on this list are made of materials that can be reused in new products. Some also have toxic components that we do not want in our groundwater, air or soil. Recycling and composting allow landfills to last longer, provide markets with valuable reusable materials, create jobs, and prevent pollution.

Why not ban more materials?

Corrugated cardboard is banned while waxed cardboard is not. Some things with plugs, like computers, are banned, while others, like toasters, are not. Why? Current bans cover some of the most easily reusable or most toxic materials on the market today. Eventually more items may be added to this list as new recycling markets develop or the types of materials we throw away change.

Some communities go above and beyond what is required by state law. Check with your local government or recycling service provider to find out what additional materials are accepted for recycling in your area. For more information about Wisconsin's recycling program, search "recycle" at dnr.wi.gov. Wisconsin's recycling requirements apply to everyone in the state at all residences and places of work or play.



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RECYCLING GUIDE FOR RESIDENTS

All recycling items may be placed in one container. Increase your recycling by using one large container or cart and check this chart before you throw your waste into the garbage. You can most likely recycle a lot of the items that you are currently throwing away.



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SOME MATERIALS MAY NOT BE RECYCLABLE DUE TO MARKET CONDITIONS.



Plastic Bottles & Containers



Metal Cans



Paper Cardboard, Dairy & Juice Containers



Paper

Brown paper bags, printer paper, newspaper, magazines, construction paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Jars²



DO NOT INCLUDE: Food waste, plastic bags, or polystyrene foam cups & containers

Single-Stream Recycling¹



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING LOCATIONS IN MARATHON COUNTY:

- Advanced Disposal - Schofield - 5509 Fuller Street - Schofield - 715-359-6637
- Goodwill - Weston - 2713 Schofield Avenue - Schofield - 715-355-6086
- Goodwill - Rib Mountain - 1100 Morning Glory Lane - Wausau - 715-355-9452
- Best Buy - 3800 Rib Mountain Drive - Wausau - 888-237-8289
- Office Depot - 3908 Rib Mountain Drive - Wausau - 715-359-9961