



SEASONAL REMINDERS

Autumn

Current office hours for City Hall are **Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** More information on City Services impacted by COVID 19 can be found: [here](#) in the Continuity of Operations during Emergency document.

ELECTION

- **Election Day:** November 3, 2020, polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Note: Precinct 3 had a polling location change to assist with COVID-19 restrictions. Precinct 3 will now be held at the Fire Station, 221 W. Ash St, Mason, MI 48854. Information on upcoming elections may be found here: www.mason.mi.us/Election

FIRE

- **Fires:** Burning of yard waste, leaves and trash is prohibited within the City. You may review guidelines by going to the City website: mason.mi.us/city-departments/fire/burning-requirements. City residents are allowed to have recreational fires. Residents do not need a permit or inspections. Residents are expected to follow the ordinance outlining location and guidelines found here: Sec 26-126
- **Fireworks:** There are no days in October or November where fireworks are allowed to be discharged within the City under the City's Ordinance.
- **Smoke Alarm Batteries Reminder:** When daylight savings time ends in November, it is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

HOLIDAYS

- **Halloween:** Trick or Treating is not a City event. Typical hours are from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and the tornado warning sirens are used at the starting and ending times. Each resident will have to determine their desire to participate or not. For more information on how to lower risk for COVID see information at end of reminders.
- **Thanksgiving:** City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday immediately following.

YARD WASTE

- **Compost Center:** The City's Compost Center is open Monday thru Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. by appointment only. Grass clippings and leaves are the only items accepted. Please contact Customer Service to schedule an appointment at (517) 676-9155, Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. or email at info@mason.mi.us.
- **Granger Services- Yard Waste:** Granger will continue through November 20, 2020 with its Friday waste pickup for eligible property owners. You may have up to 5 paper yard waste bags or bundles each week. Detailed information including sizes, billing, and rental/leased property, may be found [here](#). For more information, please contact Granger at 517.372.2800 or www.grangernet.com/curbside-yard-waste/.
- **Leaf Collection Program:** The leaf collection program is a limited service designed to supplement yard waste collection offered by Granger. More information and an interactive map are available: [here](#)

YEAR-LONG REMINDERS

- **Building Permits:** Please see our Permit FAQ page for more information on when permits are required: mason.mi.us/PermitFAQ
- **Cemetery:** Maple Grove Cemetery is available for lot purchases for residents and non-residents. More information may be found here: www.mason.mi.us/Cemetery An interactive map of the Cemetery is also available: [here](#)
- **Community Events:** Most community events are in connection with the Mason Chamber of Commerce or posted on their website. Please go to their website for more information:

<https://www.masonchamber.org/> They may also be reached via phone at: 517.676.1046. Please note community events are still be restricted due to COVID-19.

- **Parking:** Parking on City streets is allowed most of the year and in most residential locations. Residents may be ticketed during a snow event if they do not move their vehicles off the street overnight. Please note, overnight street parking, downtown, is not allowable.
- **Parks:** Parks are open daily to the public during the following hours:
 - May – October: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
 - November – April: 8:00 a.m. to one-half hour after sunset.

Please note that all parks are on a first come, first serve availability due to Covid-19 regulations. The City will not be maintaining the restrooms and therefore they will be closed for the duration.

- **Payments:** All types of payments may be dropped off at City Hall in our Drop Box located across from the front doors of City Hall near the flag pole. Online payments may also be made for Building Department, Current Tax, and Utility Payments. Customer Service will also accept payments and are able to provide a receipt during normal business hours.
- **Report An Issue:** The City has an online tool to assist residents with reporting a variety of issues. Go to: www.mason.mi.us/ReportAnIssue to report potholes, lifting sidewalks, unauthorized signs, tall grass, streetlight outage and more! Submissions may be anonymous or you may create an account to receive updates.
- **Sewer Backup Emergencies:** In the event of a sewer back-up, please call 517.676.9155 or if after 5:00 p.m. or on weekends, please call 517.676.2458 and a Public Works staff member will be dispatched to your address.
- **Street Light Maintenance:** If you notice a streetlight flickering or not functioning, please submit a Citizen Request for action at mason.mi.us/ReportAnIssue.
- **Warning Sirens:** A monthly test of the City's warning sirens occurs on the first Saturday of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Resources:

Report an Issue: mason.mi.us/ReportAnIssue

More Questions? Please Contact our Customer Service Desk at 517.676.9155 or info@mason.mi.us.

Revised 10.19.20 (Administration)

THE ONLY THING SCARY ABOUT HALLOWEEN SHOULD BE THE COSTUMES

STAY SAFE!

The way we celebrate Halloween in Michigan will be different this year due to COVID 19. There are still many ways to celebrate safely. Here are some tips to help Michiganders stay safe this year.

Make sure to also check on and follow guidance or regulations released by the local health department.

HOMEOWNERS

- Do not hand out candy if you are sick.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose.
- Use duct tape to mark 6 foot lines in front of your home and leading to driveway/front door.
- Position a distribution table between yourself and trick or treaters.
- Distribute candy on disinfected table to eliminate direct contact.
- Wash hands often.
- Consider handing out candy in an open space where distancing is possible, rather than from the front door.
- Consider a neighborhood costume parade, it is an easy way to keep safe space between children.

PARENTS AND TRICK-OR-TREATERS

- Share with your children that this year may be different than last, but let them know some of the new ways you plan to celebrate and still have lots of fun.
- Stay home if sick.
- Talk with your children about safety and social distancing guidelines and expectations. Keep a 6 foot distance from others not in your family group.
- Trick or treat with the people you live with.
- Participate in one way trick or treating and guide children to stay to the right to ensure social distancing.
- Avoid congregating in groups around houses.
- Carry a flashlight at night and ensure your children have reflective clothing.
- Wear a face mask covering BOTH your mouth and nose
 - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask.
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask if wearing both causes difficulty breathing. Instead, consider using a Halloween themed cloth mask.
- Only go to houses with safety measures in place.
- Inspect candy.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water or use sanitizer containing at least 60 percent alcohol, especially before eating or after coughing/sneezing, and as soon as you return home.
- Check out halloween2020.org to find exciting activities and ways to celebrate Halloween this year based on levels of COVID risks in your area.

HERE ARE SOME IDEAS FOR SAFE HALLOWEEN GATHERINGS:

- Consider refraining from Halloween gatherings this year or use an online meeting platform to have a virtual party instead.
- If you choose to have a gathering:
 - Only have a few people over to limit the possibility of crowding. Indoor gatherings over 10 people are prohibited by [EO 2020 176](#).
 - Have all food and party favors set out individually to prevent cross contamination. (Avoid buffet style or shared food and drinks.)
 - Make sure there are plenty of areas with hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
 - Stay 6 feet away from others.
 - Wear a fun face mask, instead of a costume mask.

State of Michigan COVID 19 Website

Michigan.gov/Coronavirus

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Halloween Guidance:

CDC.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays

Partnership for a Safe Halloween: Halloween2020.org

