



February

14 - Winter tax bills due

April

27 - Township Clean Up Day

May

18 - HHW/TV/Computer Recycling Event.

July

1 - Summer tax bills mailed.

September

14 - Summer tax bills due.

December

1 - Winter tax bills mailed.

Township meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Heath Township
3440 M-40
P.O. Box 241
Hamilton, MI 49419
Phone: 269-751-2403
Fax: 269-751-2804
info@heathtownship.net
Office hours:
Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m.—11:30 a.m.
and
12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

Heath Township Annual Newsletter

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Township Clean Up Day ****New Location****

The location for the township clean up day will be at the
Republic Recycling Station located at 3310 M-40, Hamilton
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following date:

Saturday, April 27, 2019

****You are responsible to unload what you are dumping.****

**** If you are disposing of burn barrel contents; it must be in a garbage bag.****

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT

When: May 18, 2019 9:00 a.m. ~12:00 p.m.

Where: Republic Recycling Station, 3310 M-40, Hamilton

(See Page 2 for more details.)

Acceptable Materials:

Electronic Items:

- Televisions (1 TV Limit)
- Computer Monitors
- Fax Machines
- Telephones/Cell Phones
- Copiers
- Video Gaming Units
- Scanners
- Keyboards/PC/Laptops
- DVD Players/VCR
- Radios, CD Players

Hazardous Waste:

- Oil Based Paint
- Drain Oil/Auto Fluids
- Wood Stain
- Cleaning Products
- Paint Thinner
- Adhesives
- Weed Killer
- Fertilizer
- Pest Poisons
- Pool Chemicals
- Antifreeze
- Deck Sealer
- Mercury Items
- Medical Waste Sharps

Latex Paint is Not Accepted.

HAZARDOUS WASTE/TV/ COMPUTER RECYCLE EVENT:

Allegan County Resource Recovery is hosting a Regional Household Hazardous Waste/TV/Computer Recycling Event at the Republic Recycling Station. (See date, location and time on page 1). All materials received at this event will be recycled or properly disposed of by certified vendors that strive in protecting the environment. This is a great way to responsibly clean-out the garage, pole barn or basement.

Heath Township residents can drop off acceptable materials (detailed on page 1) at this event. **Please present your Resource Recovery Card that is in with your winter tax receipt information to confirm eligibility.**

Contact Rosemary Graham at 269-686-4559 if there are questions about this event.

Heath Township Curbside Recycling

Residents can participate in a curbside recycling program through the township. Recyclables are collected by Republic Services on the first Wednesday of each month. When the regularly scheduled collection day falls on or after a holiday in that week, service will be provided one day later. **Materials must be set out the night before collection. This service is for residential homes only.**

To sign up for this valuable program, please go to the Township Hall during office hours or call Allegan County Resource Recovery at 269-686-4559. **(This service is funded by the \$36 surcharge on the winter tax bill.)**

***Missed Customers/Weather Delays:**
Please contact Resource Recovery if you were missed on the regular scheduled pick-up day. Any weather related delays will be posted to the website referenced on the bottom of this page.

The following recycling items can be comingled together: **Plastic bottles and containers, metal cans, clear and colored glass, newspapers, paper, cardboard and magazines.** Items must be clean! If your cart is not large enough to accommodate your recycling needs, remember that this material can be dropped off at the Republic Recycling Station listed below.

2019 Curbside Recycling Dates:

March 6	October 2
April 3	November 6
May 1	December 4
June 5	January 2, 2020*
July 3	February 5, 2020
August 7	March 4, 2020
September 5*	April 1, 2020

* Alternate collection day due to holiday

Republic Recycling Station:

Residents can use their Resource Recovery Card at the Republic Recycle Station, (located at 3310 M-40, Hamilton) for the following items: **Appliances, Cardboard, Household Batteries, Styrofoam, TV's/Computers, Tires and Curbside Recycling Overflow Material.** Hours of operation are from **9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.** on the **first and third Saturdays** of the month. This site is closed in January & February.

Please visit www.allegancounty.org select *Recycling* for more information.
Or contact: Allegan County Recycling Coordinator, Rosemary Graham
Phone: 269-686-4559 email : rgraham@allegancounty.org

Fire Department News

In 2018 Hamilton Fire & Rescue responded to 437 incidents, which compares to 404 incidents for the year 2017, or a 9 % increase in incident volume. In the same time frame from 2016 to 2017 there was an 8 % increase in incident volume.

The MPSCS 800 radio system is being updated as new software programs are developed. Ottawa County is going to the same system, which has greatly improved the coverage area for Hamilton Fire & Rescue and northern Allegan County.

The ISO Audit went very well, and Hamilton Fire & Rescue is now rated at a "Class 6". We will continue to work for a "Class 5", which is possible, even though we do not have a fire hydrant system.

We had originally budgeted \$19,500.00 for the Live Burn Training Facility. However, with additional donations and adding Holland Fire and Clyde Fire to the partnership, Hamilton's share was reduced to \$11,500.00.

Hamilton Fire made it to the last day of FEMA Grant awards, before being eliminated. We are strongly encouraged to update our grant request for 2018 /2019 grant year, which we have done, and have resubmitted.

An area of need for our area is for "Heavy Rescue". One agency on it's own would have a difficult time in building one. In working with both Saugatuck and Graafschap Fire Departments, we have started to pool some of our rescue equipment to create a "Heavy Rescue" response truck, to be stationed in Graafschap, and is available to respond to anywhere in our area.

The reconstruction of M40 though Hamilton went well this past summer. We had very few interruptions, and MDOT and the construction people were great to work with. We are very disappointed in the fact M40 was not widened all the way to 136th Ave, which is still causing traffic issues.

We will be upgrading our computer reporting software program in January. We have had and continue to have problems with the current software system going down and no support to fix it. This problem has affected reporting to the State and Federal Gov't, which in turn affects our request for grants.

In long range planning, Rescue 860, will need to be replaced in the next 10 years. The truck is a 1998 and is 20 years old.

We at Hamilton Fire & Rescue have been blessed with a great group of people willing to serve as Firefighters/Medic's, that is not always the case in many agencies. Our response times and number of people responding is the best in the area, as noted by ISO and other fire agencies. Each year the demands place on these people continues to increase, from both call volume, nature of the incidents, and continuing education.

We continue to work with and share the support of our surrounding agencies, because more and more we realized that we can not always handle large scale incidents on our own.

Again, if you have any questions or concerns about the department, please contact us at anytime.

Respectfully,

David Haverdink
Chief
Hamilton Fire & Rescue

***Burn
Notification
Line
269-751-4444***

Can we FIND
YOU...

In an emergency, every
second counts.

Please make sure your
address number is
clearly posted and visi-
ble from the street, and
or, at your driveway.

From time to time we
will be spot checking
for address numbers. If
yours is not visible, we
will leave you a notice
to please post your ad-
dress number.

THANK YOU

Hamilton Fire & Rescue

***Remember to
check your smoke
detectors and***

change the



batteries!



E-Waste "Electronics" Recycling Guide



<p>Recycle at these locations:</p> <p>⇒ Salem Transfer Station</p> <p>⇒ Allied/Hamilton Depot Site</p> <p>⇒ Broken Arrow Recycling</p>	<p>Copiers/Scanners/Fax/Printers</p> 	<p>Radio/CD Player/iPods/MP3</p> 	<p>Cell Phones/Telephones/ Answering Machines/PDAs</p> 
<p>Laptops/Towers</p> 	<p>Monitors/Speakers/ Keyboard/Mice/Disk Drives</p> 	<p>Gaming Units</p>	

Visit www.allegancounty.org, click 'Recycling' for more information or contact Resource Recovery at (269) 686-4559.

Allegan County Resource Recovery (269) 686-4559

2018



Recycling Guide



 <p>PLACE IN RECYCLING BIN</p> <p>Clean + Dry + Loose</p>	<p>Cardboard & Paperboard</p> <p>Flatten, remove plastic & foam. Tape & Labels are OK.</p> 	<p>Paper, Magazines, & Newsprint</p>  <p>Remove plastic & rubber bands. Shred in clear bags.</p>	<p>NEW! Cartons</p> <p>Coated paper-board that held liquid: milk, juice, creamer, broth, etc.</p> <p><i>Keep Caps On!</i></p> 			
<p>Glass Bottles & Jars</p> <p>Clear & Colored; Food or Beverage</p> <p>CLEAN. Labels are OK! Remove metal lids.</p> 	<p>Plastic Bottles, Jugs, & Tubs</p> <p>Rigid plastics only. NO FOAM. Labels are OK. Rinse & keep cap on.</p> 	<p>Metal Cans & Foil</p> <p>CLEAN. Labels are OK. Aerosol cans MUST be empty!</p> 	<p>Plastic Shopping Bags</p> <p>Stuff bags inside another bag and tie shut.</p> 			
<div>DO NOT PLACE IN BIN</div> <table><tr><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Anything dirty•Anything stringy•Cords, Cables, Wires•Hoses, Tubing•Clothing</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Tarps•Chains•Hazardous Materials•Electronics•Foam</td><td><ul style="list-style-type: none">•Windows & Doors•Mirrors•Pyrex•Giftwrap</td></tr></table> 				<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Anything dirty•Anything stringy•Cords, Cables, Wires•Hoses, Tubing•Clothing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Tarps•Chains•Hazardous Materials•Electronics•Foam	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Windows & Doors•Mirrors•Pyrex•Giftwrap
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SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING + CURBSIDE CARTS/BINS + CO-MINGLED DROP-SITES

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Polystyrene Foam Recycling Guide



<h3>#6</h3> <p>DO NOT Place in Curbside Bin Clean + Dry in Clear Bags</p>	Food & Beverage Containers  	Food Packaging & Trays  	Product Packaging  
Coolers  	<h3 style="color: white;">We DO NOT Accept:</h3> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">   Plastic building insulation </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Packing Peanuts </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Filters </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  Upholstery </div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  STYROFOAM™ Brand Foam BLUE™ Board insulation </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  paper wrapped foam </div> </div>		

Polystyrene Styrofoam labeled #6 can be recycled if it is clean, loose and placed in a clear plastic bag.

Recycle at these locations:

- ⇒ Salem Transfer Station
- ⇒ Allied/Hamilton Depot Site
- ⇒ Broken Arrow Recycling

Visit www.allegancounty.org, click 'recycling', click 'Recycling Depots' for more information.

Allegan County Resource Recovery (269) 686-4559 2018





Household Hazardous Waste Guide



Allegan County Health Department 3255 122nd Ave. Allegan, MI Tues. & Thurs. by appointment (269) 686-4559 Drug & Lab Disposal 331 Broad St. Plainwell, MI 2nd Wednesday of Month 8:00a—11:00a No Appointment Necessary (800) 685-9824	Pesticides- Solid, Liquid, & Aerosol Herbicides, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticides 	Oil based paints- Stains Thinners Solvents Varnish 	Automotive Liquids- oil, fluids, sealers, grease, anti-freeze 
Cleaners- 	Aerosols- 	Small Compressed Gas Cylinders or propane tanks- 	⇒ Mercury Thermometers ⇒ Asbestos ⇒ Acids ⇒ Bases ⇒ CFL Bulbs ⇒ Fluorescent Bulbs

Not Accepted

- Radioactive material
- Explosives
- Ammunition
- Tires

- Asphalt
- Ceiling tiles
- Roofing shingles
- Building supplies

- Trash
- Debris
- Latex Paint
- Acrylic Paint






Visit www.allegancounty.org, click 'Recycling', click 'household hazardous waste' for more information or contact Resource Recovery at (269) 686-4559.

Allegan County Resource Recovery (269) 686-4559 2018



To read
more about
the Heath
Township
Burn
Ordinance
see the
Township
website.



Reminder that
all land owners
are responsible
for enforcing
this policy with
their renters.

Heath Township Burning Ordinance

Adopted: September 8, 2003 Effective: October 17, 2003
Amendment Adopted: August 9, 2004 Effective: August 17, 2004

No open burning shall be permitted in Sections 5 and 6 of Heath Township, Allegan County, Michigan. However, a resident in Section 5 or 6 may apply to the Hamilton Fire Chief or designated officer to obtain a special permit for open burning or campfires. This permit request must be in written form. Residents may apply for a seasonal campfire permit as long as they have an approved fire ring. In consideration of any permit, adjoining property owners must be notified by an applicant. Open burning and campfires in other sections of the Township shall be governed by the provisions of Section IV.

Section IV

Provisions for Open Burning

All open burning, as in out-of-doors burning on the ground, shall comply with the following provisions:

1. Be attended by a competent person at all times.
2. Burning to occur only after sunrise and extinguished and admitting no smoke after 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. during daylight savings time.
3. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any structure, fencing or woodpiles.
4. Burning shall occur at least fifteen feet (15') from any public or private property line.
5. No burning shall occur within a 24 hour period proceeding and during any Trick-or-Treat hours established by the Township Board.
6. No burning shall occur if it is determined by the Fire Chief that conditions are such that burning would be hazardous to health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the community.

Enforcement and Penalties

The enforcement of this ordinance and regulations established by the Township Board shall be performed by such person or persons as the Township Board designate by resolution. Any person, partnership, firm, association or corporation who shall fail to comply with the rules as defined and set forth in this ordinance, shall be deemed responsible for the municipal civil infraction as defined by Michigan Statue which shall be punishable by a civil fine determined in accordance with the following schedule:

1st Offense within 2 year period*	\$100.00
2nd Offense within 2 year period*	\$250.00
3rd Offense within 2 year period *	\$500.00

*Determined on the basis of the date of commission of the offense(s).

Campfire Permit Residential (Sections 5 & 6)

Date Issued: _____

NOTE: All campfire permits EXPIRE on December 31 of each year

This can also be found
on the Township
website under the Fire
Department tab or
stop in to the
township office during
office hours and pick
one up.

Location of the campfire:

Name _____

Address _____

Home Telephone # _____

Cell Telephone # _____

Description of the campfire pit: _____

Known Hazards: _____

Names and Addresses of adjoining property owners:

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Home Telephone # _____

Home Telephone # _____

Cell Telephone # _____

Cell Telephone # _____

Name _____

Name _____

Address _____

Address _____

Home Telephone # _____

Home Telephone # _____

Cell Telephone # _____

Cell Telephone # _____

Has each owner been contacted about the campfire? YES _____ NO _____, if so then by whom:

_____ Telephone Number _____

Approved by: _____ Date: _____

Hamilton Fire & Rescue
P.O. Box 274, Hamilton, MI 49419



Assessment News

Property Assessment

You should have received your Notice of Assessment in February. If you did not, please contact the office to check that we have your correct mailing address. If you find an error in your assessment, corrections for the 2019 tax year can be made to the Board of Review. Please contact Assessor Lisa Freeman if you have questions about your assessment.

Routine field inspections to comply with the State Tax Commission's recommended 20% will continue this summer. Owners of properties to be inspected will receive a letter prior to the inspection.

Building permits are required for new construction. Please submit a permit application to Professional Code Inspectors. A special use permit is required for barns on agricultural property.

Lisa Freeman, Assessor

Office Hours: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Do you need a building permit or have building and zoning questions???

Please call:

Professional Code Inspections (PCI)

1575—142nd Street

Dorr, MI 49323

(616) 877-2000 Or 1-800-628-3335

2019 Road Work



The following road work has been approved for Heath Township:

- 41st St. from 134th to 136, 1.33 miles
- On Pine Trail, 41st St. East to dead end, .20 miles
- 126th Ave., 43rd St. to M-40, .90 miles.
- Various roads will receive gravel.

Election News

There will be no elections in 2019!



We had an incredible 63% turnout in the November 2018 election. A huge thank you to our dedicated election inspectors of Ardella Boeve-Gates, Ann Eding, Kathi Eding, Missy Harvey and Diane VanderKooi.

We will be gearing up for some major elections in 2020!



Heath Township residents in sections 5 and 6*:

This coming fall we will resume the leaf pick up service. We ask that you do not burn your leaves. This is for the health and safety reasons in these heavily populated areas. We ask that you put your leaves by the roadside, on your lawn, and we will have them picked up weekly by Straight Line Lawn Care.

Sorry, we cannot accept branches or brush.



HEATH TOWNSHIP OFFICES
3440 M-40
P.O. BOX 241
HAMILTON, MI 49419

Parks

Township Parks

Come enjoy the Heath Township Parks. The picnic pavilions have tables and grills! The parks are for everyone to enjoy! Whether you want to enjoy the skate park, playground, have a picnic or just sit on the fishing/observing deck down by Schutmaat Park.

Schutmaat Park on Rabbit River and

Heath Township Park by the Township Office.



Outdoor Discovery Center Nature Preserve

New in Heath Township!

The Rabbit River Preserve, located in Hamilton at 135th Avenue and 44th Street, is a 65 acre extension of the ODC Nature Preserve with a research and observational focus on riparian systems and forest ecology. This trail system is a wonderful site for viewing spring wildflowers, which will stay in bloom throughout the summer months. During daylight hours, it is a great location for running, walking, and hiking with a view. Motorized vehicles and horses are not permitted in the preserve. Please respect this unique ecosystem by staying on the designated trails and leaving the wildlife you find alone. We fully encourage you to visit the preserve to take in your surroundings and take some pictures of the beautiful wildflowers. While on your hike, you can also admire various species of songbirds and ducks.

