



STORMWATER NEWS



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HOBART SANITARY/STORMWATER DISTRICT - PROVIDING ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE SERVICE

SPRING HAS FINALLY ARRIVED!



With the arrival of spring it will soon be time to mow your grass. The following tips will help save money and the environment.

Leave your grass clippings on your lawn. The clippings are 80 to 85% water and decompose rapidly when left on the lawn; which helps to maintain the moisture in the soil longer. Up to 25% of your lawn's fertilizer needs can be met if grass clippings are left on the lawn. The clippings slowly release nitrogen, potassium, and phosphorus; which saves on fertilizer use and cost.

A mowing height of between 2 1/2 - 3 inches is recommended. Lawns mowed at higher lengths have deeper roots, need less watering, and have less weed problems.

Cut grass when it is dry. Wet grass causes clumps.

Make sure the mower blower is facing back into your yard to prevent having to sweep the clippings from the street, sidewalks, and driveways. If the clippings remain on the street, sidewalks and driveways they can wash into the storm

drains and add excess nutrients to our water bodies that deplete the oxygen for the aquatic animals.

PESTICIDE FREE GARDENING

To avoid cutworms on cabbage, turnips, Brussels sprouts, mustard, broccoli and cauliflower put heavy paper rings into the ground around the plants.

Intersperse mustard greens with kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and broccoli. Beetles are attracted to the mustard greens and leave the other vegetables alone.

Stake or use tomato cages for your tomatoes. Stakes and tomato cages are an inexpensive way to support the tomato vines and they help keep the tomatoes disease and bug free. Staking and cages also help the tomatoes to ripen more evenly.

Using fewer pesticides keeps our food and environment healthier.

ORGANIC PESTICIDE RECIPES



Mix 10 - 30 ml of high-grade mineral oil with one liter of water. Stir and add to spray

bottle. This organic pesticide works well for dehydrating insects and their eggs.

To get rid of ants mix 10 drops of citrus oil with one teaspoon cayenne pepper and 1 cup warm water. Shake well and spray on the affected areas.

Easy Tips to Ensure Clean Water

Simple things to do to help keep our water supply clean and safe:

- Pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly.
- Don't litter and pick up any litter you see.
- Compost grass clippings and leaves.
- Use lawn and garden fertilizers according to the directions on bag.

Who Said It?

"Spring's greatest joy beyond a doubt is when it brings the children out."

Edgar Guest



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2024 Road Construction Projects

INDOT TRAX Project over RR on Colorado St., N of 69th Ave.: Construction began on February 26, 2024 with the street expected to be closed through June 1, 2025.

INDOT Roundabout at SR51 and SR130: Construction is expected to begin April 1, 2024. Road closures and restricted traffic will change during the 90-day construction period.

INDOT SR51 Bridge Replacement over Deep River, S of 62nd: Construction is expected to begin in March. The road will be closed for approximately 90 days.

INDOT Marcella and 61st Ave. Roundabout: Construction is expected to begin April 1, 2024 and most of the construction will be done under traffic to limit the time of the full closure which is to begin mid-June.

LaSalle Street Reconstruction from 49th Ave to 3rd St.: Construction is expected to begin in the Spring of 2024.

Wisconsin Street Bridge: Replacement project is planned to start in the Fall of 2024 and finish in the late summer of 2025 and will be a full closure for the duration of the project.

For updates: www.cityofhobart.org/123/Construction-Projects

For road closures: <http://www.hobartimprovements.com/>



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Spring Leaf Collection will be April 1st-12th, please rake leaves to the curb & you MUST call Public Works to schedule a curbside leaf pickup. Our compost bag collection begins April 15th-Nov 1st.

You can also bring compost bags anytime to our 24/7 drop off at the City yard.



Call Public Works if you have additional items out for collection. Such as extra trash bags, bins and/or large household items. A special pick-up fee begins at \$15.

- The amount to be charged is depending on the amount of trash to be collected. As for electronics items, there would be an additional \$10 fee per electronic item, or you can bring electronics in for free to our City Yard.

*In an effort to clean up the City, we will continue tagging cans with extra items out for pickup. Once tagged you will have 72 hours to call & schedule a pickup, or the items will be removed with a minimum charge of \$15. This fee will be charged to your Sanitary bill.

Spring cleanup week will be May 6th-May 10th.

More information to follow soon on your Sanitary bill and on our City website, cityofhobart.org

2024 Lake County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day will be hosted on May 18th at the City Yard from 9am-2pm.

In order to schedule a special pickup or leaf collection please call 219-942-6121 M-F 7:00AM-2:45PM