



Village of Black Earth Municipal Office: 1210 Mills St, PO Box 347
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Brush vs Yard Waste - What does the Village Collect?

Brush is woody material like sticks, trimmings, and branches from trees, shrubs, and bushes. It is processed through the wood chipping machine. Brush does not have any dirt attached to it.

Yard Waste consists of grass clippings, flowers, plants, small twigs, weeds, pumpkins, etc. The Village does **NOT** collect yard waste. Yard waste can be disposed of at the Public Works shop on Blue Mounds St. behind the Shoe Box.

Brush collection is scheduled for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Monday of the month (excluding holidays & inclement weather). Place all brush with the cut end facing the street prior to 7:00 am on collection day. Call 608-767-2063 with any questions. **IMPORTANT: Contractors hired to do tree trimming or other work must dispose of any material generated. It cannot be left at the curb.**

No Grass Clippings in Streets!

Do not cause grass clippings to end up in the street! Grass harms our waterways. Mow away from the street or bag your clippings. You could receive a citation!

Tree Trimming Reminder!

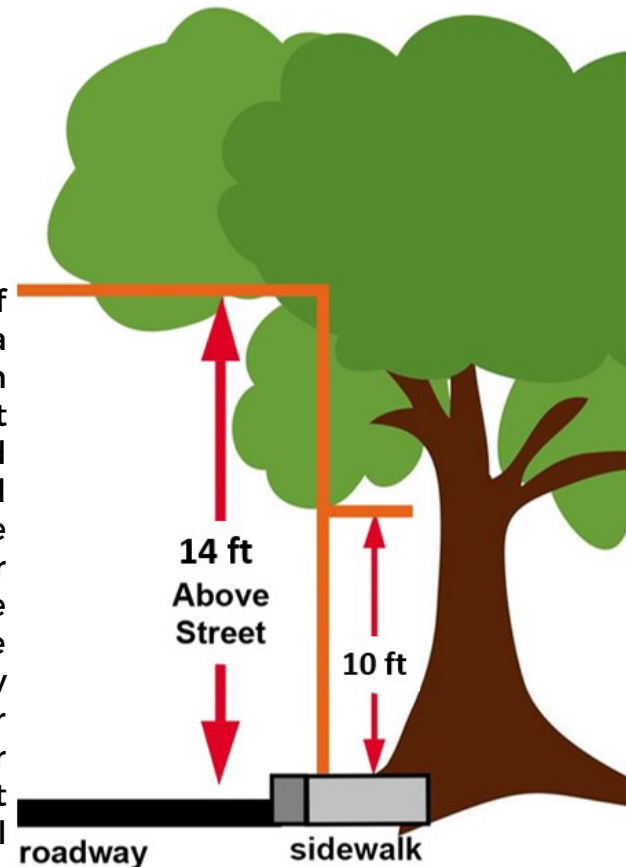
Village Ordinance 236-9 requires the lowest branch of all trees projecting over a public road to have a minimum clearance of 14', and a 10' minimum clearance over any public sidewalks. This height requirement allows for safe travel of commercial and emergency vehicles such as ambulances and firetrucks, and also keeps pedestrians safe on the sidewalk. It is the responsibility of the property owner to maintain their trees to the minimum clearance requirements. If you have any questions about tree branches, contact Public Works Director Matt Kahl by email at bepublicworks@blackearthwisconsin.com or by phone at 608-767-2063. Please also maintain your trees, shrubs, and other greenery near intersections. It is important to keep a clear line of sight at all intersections and ensure all road signs are visible.

THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING WILL BE CLOSED SEPT 4TH FOR LABOR DAY!



Leaf Collection

Do not place leaves in the street! Place them along the edge of your lawn by the curb. Alternatively, consider mulching the leaves into your lawn to provide your grass with nutrients. Read more on the Michigan State University Extension website at <https://rb.gy/tylao>



Library Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9:30am to 7:00pm

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

September Activity Grab Bag for Kids

A new bag containing activity sheets, stickers, and a craft will be available starting Friday, September 1. Stop by the library or call 608-767-4905 to have a bag set aside.

Tuesday Storytime at the Library

Sept 5, 12, 26 | 11:30am-12pm

Join us for stories, songs, and fun activities with friends. Best for babies and toddlers, but the whole family is welcome.

Tuesday Toddler Art at the Library

Sept 5, 12, 26 | 12-12:30pm

Come create, explore, and play at the library! Our art experiments for little hands are designed to encourage curiosity and build motor skills. Enjoy the process and come dressed for a mess.

Adult Craft Night Pipe Cleaner Flowers

Wednesday, Sept 27 6:00 pm

In the Village Meeting Room

Join us for our next Adult Craft Night, where we'll be making pipe cleaner flowers. We'll give you instructions on making daffodils, tulips, and grape hyacinths, but you're also welcome to make your own creations. No registration required, and all supplies will be provided.

UnBook Club

Saturday, Sept 16 | 2:30pm

Join us for UnBook Club, a book club with no required reading. Just come by, hang out, and be prepared to talk about your recent reads. In case of rain or cold weather, we'll meet at Black Earth Municipal Building at 1210 Mills Street. Join the UnBook Club Facebook group for meeting updates, lists of books discussed, and recommendations between meetings.

Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, Sept 20 | 10:30am

Join us for a discussion of the novel The Sentence by Louise Erdrich. Copies of the book, including large print and audio versions, are available at the library.

Library Closed September 2nd - 4th

The library will be closed Saturday, September 2nd through Monday, September 4th for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5th at 9:30 a.m.

Remembering Longtime Library

Patron Chuck Ducharme

Chuck Ducharme loved visiting the library almost as much as he loved to fish. Sadly, Chuck recently passed away. A memorial board has been set up in the library where you can share your favorite memories of Chuck.

2024 Village Exterior Revaluation

There will be an external revaluation of properties within the Village in 2024. This means that our municipal assessor will visit each property in the Village and take photos, take measurements, or create sketches. They will not enter your home. The assessor will have a branded vehicle, ID, and other paperwork to identify themselves. The date that the assessor will be in the village is not yet known. More details will be shared prior to their fieldwork.

Why do we need this? It is required by state law. This ensures fairness and equity in taxation so that each property owner is paying their fair share of taxes. Some property owners fear that taxes will go up if a revaluation is done. This may or may not be the case. Taxes are directly tied to the amount of money that the taxation district needs to collect. This is called the levy. If the total levy remains the same, only those properties that are not presently paying their fair share of the tax burden will pay more taxes after a revaluation. Properties presently paying more than their fair share will pay less.