



Get Ready for the 18th ANNUAL
BROOKS TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY!
(BROOKS TOWNSHIP PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY!)
SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017
from 8 a.m. – 2p.m.

WHAT: Brooks Township Clean-up Day
WHEN: Saturday, June 3, from 8am – 2pm
WHERE: Brooks Township Hall parking lot (490 Quarterline Rd.)
COST: First Car or pickup truck per property owner is free! Each additional load is \$5.00. Single axle trailer: \$10.00, Double axle trailer: \$20.00

What we will accept:

- All old appliances**
- Furniture
- Roofing Materials
- Auto parts & engines (with oil removed)
- Lawn mowers
- Lawn chairs
- Electronics
- Sheet metal**
- Old bicycles**
- Bed springs **& mattresses
- Fencing or wood
- Tires
- Plastic & vinyl siding

What we will not accept:

- No car bodies or frames
- No yard waste or brush
- No gas tanks
- No propane tanks
- No sealed containers
- No paint*
- No hazardous materials*
- No batteries*
- No concrete
- No compost
- No household garbage
- No medical waste

TIRE COST:

Tires less than 33 inch	\$ 3.00
33 inch and bigger tires	\$ 4.00
Tractor/Equipment tires	\$ 10.00

Limits on kind & number of tires may be imposed

* Newaygo County Board of Public Works will accept these items. Call 231-689-7225 (see inside newsletter for more information).

** We will have dumpsters available to recycle scrap metal. To make unloading easier, put scrap metal at the bottom of your junk pile.

Clean-up Day is intended for household refuse only. No business waste.

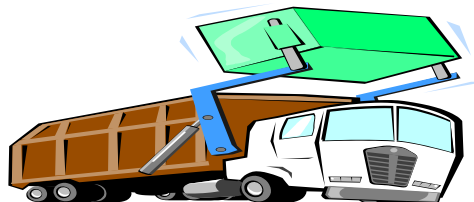
The Township has the right to reject any materials deemed unacceptable

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING WILL BE AVAILABLE!

PROOF OF PROPERTY OWNERSHIP IN BROOKS TOWNSHIP IS REQUIRED
(proof of property examples might include newsletter, tax bill, drivers license)

ALL LOOSE TRASH MUST BE BAGGED OR BOXED!!!

Please be prepared to unload your own items, if help is unavailable!



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

to be held @ the Newaygo County Road Commission

(M-20 just west of M-37)

June 3, 2017- 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you question dumping it on the ground or down your drain, we take it!

Hazardous items accepted at No Charge for Newaygo County residents!

Donations are greatly appreciated!



We are accepting tires again!

First 4 tires for FREE! \$2 for each additional tire!

Tires larger than 4 ft. or 12 inches wide will NOT! be accepted

****NEW ITEMS NOW ACCEPTED****

Televisions and old monitors - \$20.00 each

Electronics (Printers, tablets, cellphones, laptops) - Free drop off

If you have questions call the Newaygo County Board of Public Works at **689-7225**.

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ROADS AND THE TOWNSHIP BUDGET

In the township budget for 2017-2018 the board has dedicated \$238,000 for the repair and maintenance of roads this year. This includes repairing paved roads, brining and improving gravel roads. This amount represents a **decrease** of \$30,000 from last year. All monies used for roads comes out of the general fund. This is the largest expense the township has. Each year the balance in the general fund decreases. Funding for roads will continue to decrease each year without any additional money coming in.

In past newsletters there has been information regarding the possibility of Brooks Township asking residents to approve a road millage. In previous years the board has held public meetings to have residents ask questions and give their input. Brooks Township is one of 8 townships out of 24 in Newaygo County that does not have a road millage. Millage rates in those townships vary from 1-3 mills.

How much would a road millage cost a property owner?

The example below is based on a 1-mill road millage. The formula for figuring the amount is as follows: **1 mill (.001) x taxable value = road taxes. For example if your taxable value is \$50,000, your tax for the road millage would be \$50.00 per year.** All funds collected from a road millage would be kept separately from the township general fund and would only be used for road repairs. At this time, a 1 mill road millage would generate approximately **\$136,000** per year. If a road millage was approved, the township would continue to contribute money from the general fund for road repairs in their annual budget.

In the next few months there will be additional information regarding a possible road millage in newsletters and on our website. In a future newsletter we will have an **online survey** for residents to take regarding a road millage. We encourage any and all input from residents regarding this issue.

RECYCLING

You may have read in the local media, or received a letter if you are a member of Recycling for Newaygo County (RNC), that the County of Newaygo has taken over the operation of all the single stream collection sites in the county. This includes the site at Brooks Township.

The county is working on a long-term plan to ensure recycling services will continue. While officials are looking at moving the Fremont and White Cloud sites which have trash problems, there are no plans for any changes at the remaining sites, located in Croton, Garfield, Grant, and Newaygo (Brooks Township site).

Now that the county has taken the sites over, RNC will also shut down business services May 31, and will be moving out of the warehouse behind the Brooks Township Collection site. In the meantime, they are still accepting CFL light bulbs, batteries, printer cartridges, etc., as well as electronic waste. They are also still hosting household and commercial shredding. There are charges for these if you are not a member of RNC. Their public hours are Wednesdays from Noon to 7 pm.

RNC staff will be on hand at the warehouse to accept your electronics at no charge on June 3, during Brooks Township's Household Trash Disposal Day. RNC guidelines for the disposal of electronic waste are, if it can be carried and plugs in, they can take it.

While RNC is withdrawing entirely from all waste collection and disposal, the organization will continue in its role as a 3R (reduce reuse recycle) educator, and in fact, is officially changing its name to 3R Education after the change is complete early this summer. As the nonprofit company moves out of the warehouse July 1, they will be moving into an available rental space in the Brooks Township office building. 3R Education will be announcing an open house to introduce its new mandate this summer.

BROOKS TOWNSHIP ZONING DEPARTMENT

Just a reminder that if you are considering construction of any kind please check with the zoning department to see if any permits are required. Any construction or placing of buildings 200 sq. ft. or larger requires a permit.

As a participating member of the Community Rating System (CRS) the Township is required to go through a rating verification every five years. The Township has recently completed that process which resulted in the continuation of a CRS Classification of 8. This rating affords property owners a reduction in flood insurance premiums for their properties located within a Special Flood Hazard Area. This process began in July of 2016. The next cycle verification will be in 2021.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above changes or reminders regarding construction requirements, you can go to the website, brookstownship.org, or call Joe Selzer, Zoning Administrator, at 231-652-6763, ext. 140.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

Brooks Township adopted a two-mile section of M-82 in 2000. Over the years it has become difficult to get enough volunteers to help with the cleanup. There will be 2 cleanups this summer, one on July 15 and one on September 23. Volunteers are needed! If we can't get enough help this will probably be the last year for our participation. If you would like to volunteer to help please call Chris Haynor at 231-652-6763, ext. 130. This is also a great way for high school students to get community service. If you have an organization that would like to take over this section for cleanup please call the township.

TOWNSHIP CALENDER

Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Township Hall

May 16 Twp. Board Mtg.	Aug. 15 Twp. Board Mtg.
22 Planning Comm. Mtg.	28 Planning Comm. Mtg.
29 Memorial Day (Offices Closed)	
	Sept. 4 Labor Day (Offices Closed)
June 3 Twp. Clean-up	19 Twp. Board Mtg.
20 Twp. Board Mtg.	25 Planning Comm. Mtg.
26 Planning Comm. Mtg.	
	Oct. 17 Twp. Board Mtg.
July 1 Summer tax bills mailed	23 Planning Comm. Mtg.
4 4th of July (office closed)	
18 Twp. Board Mtg.	Nov. 21 Twp. Board Mtg.
24 Planning Comm. Mtg.	23 Thanksgiving (Offices Closed)
	27 Planning Comm. Mtg.



Brooks Township Office
P.O. Box 625
490 Quarterline
Newaygo, MI 49337

Brooks Township Meeting Dates and Times

Brooks Township Board

(3rd Tuesday of the Month)

Cory Nelson, Supervisor
Jennifer Badgero, Clerk
Christina Haynor, Treasurer
Ryan Schultz, Trustee
Ken Page Jr., Trustee

Planning Commission

(4th Monday of the Month)

Ryan Schultz
Danielle Hummel
Pat Baker
Phil Knappe
Matt Arthur
Mark Pitzer
Cheryl Rosen

Zoning Board of Appeals

(Meets as needed)

Mark Pitzer
Kim Roehrig
Frank Janusz
Dave Warren
Ken Page Jr.

Brooks Township Hours: 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Phone 231-652-6763 Fax 231-652-6721

www.brookstownship.org

All meetings are held at the Township Office at 490 Quarterline, Newaygo at 7:00 p.m.

BURN PERMITS

**To obtain a burning permit go to the DNR website: [www.michigandnr.com/burn permits](http://www.michigandnr.com/burn%20permits),
or call the Cadillac Management Unit at 231-745-4651 or 1-866-922-2876.**