

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION FOR NEW RESIDENTS

Dear New Resident:

The Commissioners, administrators and staff of the City of Mt. Pleasant welcome you and hope you will feel at home here. Below is information we're frequently asked for. If you have other questions, give us a call at (989) 779-5302.

Solid Waste Disposal

Mt. Pleasant has a user-pay system of solid waste disposal, so residents pay only for the amount of waste they actually discard. Many items may be recycled, which takes them out of the waste stream and helps keep costs down.

Preparation for Pickup



Solid waste (with recyclables removed) should be placed in a City bag or a garbage can tagged with a City refuse tag. No more than 34 gallons of trash should be put in a can, even if it will hold more, and its weight should be kept to 50 lbs. or less. Regular 34-gallon plastic bags may also be used if their filled weight is less than 50 lbs. and they are tagged with a City tag. Over-filled containers and those weighing over 50 lbs. may not be picked up, but refuse collectors will leave the resident a card explaining the reason why.

Solid waste should be placed at the curb or in the alley no later than 7:30 a.m. on the day of pickup. To find out when solid waste is picked up in your area, call (989) 779-5401. Owners or occupants are responsible for cleanup of any waste left around the container.

Bags and Tags

City bags and tags are available at City Hall or at the service desk of most local grocery stores.

Recycling

Many items, such as glass, #1 and #2 plastics, cans, paperboard and cardboard may be recycled through the City's curbside recycling program, which will reduce the amount and thus the cost of trash disposal. See list of acceptable materials on Department of Public Works web page (click on the recycling logo in the section on refuse and recycling), or call (989)773-9631 for further information.



At one, two and three family dwellings, recyclable items should be placed in or around the blue recycling bin for pickup at curbside or at the alley trash pickup location. Larger apartment complexes may offer on-site recycling, or residents may drop off acceptable items free of charge at the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at 4208 East River Road. Materials put out without the blue bin will not be picked up.

Owners/occupants should write their address on the blue bin to identify it if it is lost or stolen. The bin may also be weighed down with a rock or brick to keep it from being carried away by the wind. Lost or stolen bins may be replaced at a cost of \$6 at the Department of Public Works, 1303 N. Franklin St.

Yard Maintenance

Yard waste (grass clippings, trimmings from small bushes, and weeds) may be dropped off at the MRF. Call (989) 773-9631 for current fees. Residents interested in composting can get “how to” information at the MRF, 4208 E. River Road or City Hall.



Brush up to 8” in diameter can be disposed of through the City at a charge of \$35 for 30 minutes of chipping. Reservations for this service may be made through the Department of Public Works, (989) 779-5401.

BRUSH - \$35.00 For Initial 30 Minutes PLUS \$16.50 For Each Additional 10 Minutes*
PLUS 10.5% Overhead

Grass and Weeds: Residents are reminded that grass and weeds must be kept shorter than 12” during the growing season. City ordinance allows lawns taller than 12” (9” at rental properties) to be cut by the City’s contractor without notice to the property owner.



Parking

Vehicles must be parked on a prepared driveway or in the street. On-street parking is only allowed between May 1 and September 1; however, permits may be obtained from the City Code Enforcement office for residents doing driveway repair or for guests. Overnight parking for downtown residents in designated City lots is by permit only. No on-street parking is allowed in the Central Business District between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. at any time. No parking is allowed at any time in yards, across sidewalks, or between the sidewalk and curb.

Animals

Residents with cats and/or dogs should know the following:

- ❁ A total of 3 dogs and/or cats is allowed in any residence in the city.
- ❁ Dogs older than six months must be licensed annually. Licenses are available at City Hall between December 1 and February 28 or any time at the Isabella County Treasurer’s office, 200 N. Main.

- 🐾 House and yard area must be kept free of animal waste.
- 🐾 Dogs may run loose in fenced yards; otherwise, they must be leashed at all times. Mt. Pleasant has a “pooper scooper” ordinance, and pet walkers should carry devices for immediate clean-up of animal waste.

Building Permits

Building permits are required for new buildings, additions, structural changes to existing buildings, decks, replacement windows, etc. Building or zoning permits are also required for roofing, siding, accessory structures (such as detached garages, storage sheds and satellite dishes), fences, pools, and demolition or moving of existing structures. Fees are based on the cost of the job.



Department of Building Safety staff are in the office from 8-10:00 a.m. and 2:30 -4:30 p.m. and welcome calls (779-5302) or visits to City Hall at 320 W. Broadway. Residents considering future building projects are urged to come in or call, so staff can answer questions and advise on current zoning ordinance and building code requirements. All plumbing, mechanical, and electrical permits are handled by the Isabella County Inspection Dept. (772-0911).

Garage Sales

Garage sales may be held no more than twice a year for up to three days at a time. They should be conducted on the owner’s property, and all signs should be placed on private property with the permission of the owner. They may not be placed in street rights-of-way (other than in front of the property where the sale is located) or on utility poles and should be removed after the close of the sale. Residents with questions are asked to call Code Enforcement at 779-5302, for clarification.

