



# City of Norway

June 2020

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## CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATE

The Governor has now passed Executive Order 2020-110 which rescinds her previous stay at home EO's. Under this order, certain retailers will be able to resume operations on June 4th with restaurants and bars to reopen fully on June 8<sup>th</sup>. Certain businesses such as salons, gyms, and indoor theatres must still remain closed. Michiganders must continue to wear face coverings when in enclosed public spaces and should continue to take all reasonable precautions to protect themselves. Indoor social gatherings and events of more than 10 people are prohibited. Outdoor gatherings and events are permitted so long as people maintain six feet of distance from one another and the assemblage consists of no more than 100 people.

We are trying to evaluate the new directives and incorporate them into our public policy. One of the changes happening in June is the rubbish dumpster being delivered on June 8<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduling two Saturday drop off sessions (the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>) which will run from 8 am to 2 pm. Also, we have installed the tennis nets and opened the baseball and soccer fields. At this moment we are still not able to open the bathrooms, basketball hoops, playground equipment, or the Spring due to issues with sanitation. It still is not possible to properly sanitize these areas per the guidelines directed to us. Finally we are seeing a number of summer activities or events being cancelled but are pleased to say that unless there's a major change the fireworks are still being planned. The city does not directly organize many of the summer events and we have been working with event organizers during this stressful time. They are to be commended for their dedication and passions for the events that they manage and we will support them wherever we can.

As we move through this unique summer please respect your fellow citizens by practicing the safe distancing (6 feet), wearing masks, and keeping our hands clean. If we all do our part we can get through this time of uncertainty and try and get back to some sort of normal.

## 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19



The U.S. Census Bureau, in coordination with federal, state and local health officials, will begin a phased restart of some 2020 Census field operations in select geographic areas this week. Updates on the operations resuming by location are available at [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov). This webpage will be updated weekly as 2020 Census operations resume across the United States. The health and safety of Census Bureau staff and the public is of the utmost importance. All returning staff will receive safety training to observe social distancing protocols in the COVID-19 environment.

### SPRING DROP-OFF

DUMPSTER DAY

The City will have a dumpster available  
Monday, June 8th through Saturday June 20th

Items may be dropped off between the hours of  
7am and 3pm. Weekend hours will be:  
Saturday, June 13th and June 20th from 8am to 2pm.

A construction dumpster  
will be located at the  
DPW Building located at 400 10th Ave.

**There will be NO ROAD SIDE pick-up.**

City of Norway Residents ONLY!!!  
*Township residents should contact their Offices for  
details regarding clean-up in their area.*

### UTILITY PAYMENTS DURING COVID-19

The City of Norway Public Utilities understands the difficult issues facing many of our customers. Paying your utility bills in the short term will be difficult if not impossible. During the executive order the city has decided not to implement shut-offs or charge any late fees. This does not mean, however, that the charges will be dropped. Once we get through this pandemic and back to normal disconnects will occur. We suggest that if you are having difficulty making payment please contact us immediately to discuss arrangements. Do not wait to communicate payment plans. Program funding have been increased and we can assist in connecting you with people who can help.



## Voting Absentee/Mail

All registered voters in Michigan have the right to vote by mail. It's a safe way to vote and protect your health, and the process is secure and accurate. Absentee voting applications are being sent to voters across the state. However, people can still vote in person if they so choose.

As we approach this year's August and November elections, the coronavirus pandemic is still ongoing. An increase in absentee voting could limit traffic at polls, potentially keeping voters and poll workers safer. The Secretary of State felt that all voters should get an absentee ballot application by mail, and then use it if they so wish. It is up to each voter to decide if they want to fill out the absentee voter application. Polling locations will still be open in August and November. If you plan to vote in person, you do not have to fill out the application.

To vote by mail, fill out the application, print and sign it, and then mail, or email, Trisha Plante, City Clerk, 915 Main Street, Norway, MI 49870, [cityclerk@norwaymi.gov](mailto:cityclerk@norwaymi.gov). If you check the box to be added to the permanent absent voter list, you'll get an application mailed to you before every election. But there's no commitment.

Even if you apply to vote by mail, you can change your mind and vote in person.



## ZONING COMPLIANCE PERMIT

Reminder... BEFORE you start any outdoor projects this summer, check and see if you need a zoning compliance permit. Go to [norwaymi.gov](http://norwaymi.gov), click on "Government" tab, zoning and permits.

You can also, view the City Code of Ordinances, by selecting "Municode; Norways Code of Ordinances", and then search for what you may need.

## Fire Permits are Needed!!

**BEFORE YOU BURN! Go to...**

<http://www.dnr.state.mi.us/BurnPermits>

This includes outdoor fire pits.



## NORWAY SPRING CLOSED

Until Further Notice

**Due to Governor's Executive Order 2020-21** and to protect the public health.



## Scrap Tire Grant

Beginning May 1st through November 30th residents can drop off loose passenger tires at the Solid Waste Transfer Facility. A property tax receipt and picture ID are needed to verify residency and a signature



## NORWAY AREA COMPOST SITE

The Norway Area compost site is now open and available for both

Norway City and Township residents **only!!!**

The site is currently open on a 24/7 basis for the benefit and convenience of our residents provided the following rules are followed:

- Follow Signs and deposit in designated areas
- Grass Clippings and Leaves (NO BAGS!!)
- Brush must be under 2 inch diameter (NO Stumps)
- Residents only

Unapproved uses include the following:

- No Contractors (residential only- *this includes contractors hired by residents to remove trees and brush*).
- No Construction Material or household trash
- No brush over 2 inches in diameter, stumps, full trees, trash, and bags.

**Compost site will remain open as long as we do not have any issues with illegal dumping. If illegal dumping occurs, we will close down 24/7 access.**

As a reminder, there is NO curb side pick-up.



## Summer Residential Sewer Credit

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Residential Sewer Credit Application  
June, July & August 2020

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Name on Utility Account*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

*Physical Address*

Credit is effective June 1, 2020 and goes thru August 31, 2020. This credit is based on your average consumption for the months of September thru May. Water charges will remain as charged on your city utility bill.

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**Cut out and return to City Hall.**

