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Hours of Operation:
Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays & Holidays

CITY HALL HOURS/HOLIDAY CLOSURE

City Hall will be closed to the public on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th, and office hours will be from 8 am-4:30 pm on November 10th, 12th & 13th. City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 27th & 28th.

TRICK-OR-TREATING HOURS

Trick or Treating in the city is scheduled for Friday, October 31st from 6-8 pm. The Clare Fire Department will give out hot dogs and check candy at the Clare Public Safety Building in conjunction with trick-or-treating in Clare.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

City crews shall complete the Fall Cleanup between October 16th and November 1st. Anyone owning decorations they wish to keep should remove them prior to October 15th.

RAKING OF LEAVES

Residents should never rake leaves, yard waste, brush, or blow grass while mowing into the street. The city does not have the ability to vacuum yard waste from the street gutters. Raking or blowing yard waste into City streets plugs storm sewers and the street sweeper. Paper lawn & leaf bags are available for purchase at City Hall or local hardware stores.

CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS

It is the city's responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live in. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, we kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these regulations. Compliance with city ordinances helps maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Ordinance codes are available on the city's website: www.cityofclare.gov.

Tall Grass and Weeds

Please remember the city has an ordinance that requires property owners to cut their grass and weeds. The ordinance provides the city with the authority to mow the grass and weeds and pass the mowing fee on to the property owner if the grass and weeds exceed the maximum height (8") allowed by the ordinance. We strongly encourage all property owners to mow their own grass and weeds to preclude receiving an invoice for mowing charges from the city. Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20.

Overnight Parking: No Parking on City Streets from 3 AM to 6 AM, November 15th-April 1st, Sec. 44-31

We wish to remind you of an important seasonal parking regulation that plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of our city services. To facilitate snow removal and ensure smooth operation for our Department of Public Works (DPW), it is essential that our streets remain clear during the early morning hours. This temporary restriction allows DPW crews to remove snow efficiently and safely, making our roadways safer for all residents. Starting from November 15th and continuing until April 1st, there will be no parking allowed on city streets between the hours of 3 AM to 6 AM. We encourage residents to utilize off-street parking options during the specified hours. Garages, driveways, and designated parking lots are excellent alternatives.

Vehicle Storage and Parking, Sec. 52-308

City ordinance code states: no vehicle shall be parked in any portion of a front yard within the city unless in a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surfaced material. Parked recreational vehicles must also be licensed. The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle, excluding an emergency vehicle, of more than two-ton capacity is prohibited within any residential district. Anyone who fails to comply is guilty of a civil infraction and liable for a civil fine of up to \$500.00.

Seasonal Vehicles (Campers, RVs, Watercraft, ATVs, UTVs), Sec. 52-310

All campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), all ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items, if stored upon a designated parcel must:

- Be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
- Be stored upon, or in, fully operational trailers registered and licensed under state law.
- Be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surface material and only during the period each year, between April 15th and October 31st for summer in-season use.
- If storage is in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material.
- No camper, RV, boat, trailer, or the like may be parked in a rear or side yard closer than five feet from a public sidewalk, ten feet from the curb if present, or ten feet from the edge of a roadway without a curb.
- No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.
- Total number of campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items is limited to a maximum of four in any combination.
- All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the "front" of the house is designated by the street address thereby defining the front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.

Violations of this section are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first offense, and \$500.00 for a second offense.

RESIDENTIAL TRASH, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER

All items for curbside collection should be placed at the curb before 6:00 AM on the scheduled pick-up day.

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week. Please contact City Hall at (989) 386-7541 before placing the item at the curb.
- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling tote must be broken down, tied together, and not to exceed 35 pounds. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. Per the city's receptacle ordinance (Sec.36-34), containers shall not be placed at curbside more than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up and must be retrieved from curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.
- **Garbage:** Items must be placed in the 96-gallon tote provided by GFL. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. There is a no "bag" limit, but all materials must be bagged (no "boxes" of trash). Per the city's receptacle ordinance (Sec.36-34), containers shall not be placed at curbside more than 24 hours prior to scheduled pick-up and must be retrieved from curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection will continue until November 30th, unless substantial snowfall occurs before November 30th.

Thanksgiving Holiday Trash, Recycle, Yard Waste Pick-Up: Trash & Recycle will be on Friday, November 28th. Yard Waste will be on Saturday, November 29th.

BRUSH CHIPPING is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor), time and weather permitting. Brush chipping is normally done on the first Monday of the month. The chipping crew drives down each street one time only. The brush should be placed at the curb before 7 AM on the scheduled day; be within 2 feet of the curb with the large ends facing the same direction; be no longer than 6' in length nor larger than 8" in diameter; AND not include stumps, roots, or vines. If you have a large amount of brush, please call City Hall at (989) 386-7541. **Tentative Chipping Dates are November 3rd, and December 1st, 2025.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tract-or-Treat will be held on Saturday, October 25th, from 12pm-2pm at the Emerald Isle Recreation Complex, 303 Pinecrest St. Questions regarding the event can be directed to Angie at (989) 358-0050.

The Clare Pumpkin Run/Walk will be held Saturday, November 1st at the Emerald Isle Recreation Complex. Registration forms are available at Clare City Hall, Clare Parks and Recreation Facebook page, or you can register online at: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MI/CLARE/ClarePumpkinRun>.

CITY OF CLARE PHONE NUMBERS

Airport	(989) 424-4104	Public Works	(989) 386-2182
Assessor	(989) 424-4066	Recreation	(989) 424-4074
Fire (non-emergency)	(989) 386-2151	Treasurer	(989) 424-4069
Police (non-emergency)	(989) 386-2121	Water Treatment	(989) 386-2321