



Clare CITY NEWSLETTER

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This edition of your city newsletter contains updates and reminders for city ordinances and more.

City Ordinance Reminders

Dear City of Clare Residents: It is our responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, we have city ordinances regarding seasonal vehicles and waste receptacles. 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.

Summer Seasonal Vehicles (Campers, RVs, Watercraft, ATVs, UTVs)

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

1. Be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
2. Be stored upon, or in, fully operational trailers that are registered and licensed under state law.
3. 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 through October 31st each year for summer in-season use.
4. If storage is located in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material.
5. 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.
6. No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.
7. 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.
8. All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the "front" of the house is designated by the street address of the house thereby defining front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.
9. 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.

Here are key points to remember:

1. **Time Frame:** April 15th through October 31st, all campers, RVs, watercraft, ATVs, UTVs, and similar items may be stored at a residence for summer seasonal use.
2. **Seasonal Vehicles:** Must be operational, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required; if stored upon a trailer, the trailer must be fully operational, registered and licensed under state law.
3. **Storage:** Be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area made of hard-surface material. This includes the storage area located in the front yard of the residence.
4. **Parking:** Seasonal vehicles cannot be parked/stored closer than 5 feet from a public sidewalk, 10 feet from the curb (if present), or 10 feet from the edge of a roadway without a curb.
5. **Vacant Lots:** No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.

Consequences of Non-Compliance: Violations of the ordinance are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first offense, and \$500.00 for a second offense.

City Ordinance Reminders (continued)

Waste Receptacles (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste)

Waste receptacles shall not be placed curbside more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled pick-up day, and the receptacles must be retrieved from curbside within 24 hours after the scheduled pick-up. We would like to remind all residents that instances of waste receptacles not being properly placed or retrieved in a timely manner is a violation of the city ordinance.

Here are key points to remember:

1. **Placement of Receptacles:** Containers cannot be placed curbside more than 24 hours prior the scheduled pick-up day.
2. **Retrieval of Receptacles:** Containers must be retrieved from curbside within 24 hours after pick-up.

Consequences of Non-Compliance: Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in penalties, fines, or other enforcement actions. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in ensuring our city remains safe, clean, and an attractive place to live.

Residential Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste Collection Reminder

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

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week, please notify the City Utilities Clerk at (989) 424-4071 prior to placing the item at the curb.
- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling bin must be broken down, tied together and not to exceed 35 pounds.
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection began April 5th and will continue until November 30th, unless substantial snowfall occurs prior to November 30th.

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. For vacant lots, or if you have a large amount of brush, please call (989) 424-4071. **Tentative Chipping Dates: May 6th and June 3rd, 2024.**

Consumers Energy Tree Grant

Each year, the City of Clare applies for a Consumers Energy tree grant. Awarded tree grants allow the City to plant trees in the City's Right-of-Way around late summer/early fall. If you are interested in having a tree planted near your residence or would like more information regarding the tree grant, please contact Mary Warner at (989) 424-4071.