



The Owosso Connection

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Go Paperless ~ New E-Billing Option Available!

The city of Owosso is getting greener, and now you can too! We are pleased to offer a new fast, efficient, eco-friendly service for utilities customers: e-billing.

City of Owosso utilities customers can now sign up to receive an e-bill, which is an electronic bill that can be viewed online. E-billing replaces paper bills, which saves resources and reduces waste. Please go to the city website at www.ci.owosso.mi.us and click the "online payment information" tab. Follow the instructions to accept the city's terms and conditions and submit your form.

Owosso residents also have the opportunity to have water and sewer charges directly deducted from their checking or savings accounts. Simply log onto the city website and click on the "online payment information" tab to access the water and sewer page. Once there, please follow instructions to complete a direct payment authorization form.

City of Owosso Phone Numbers

Main Number:	989-725-0599
Building Department:	989-725-0540
City Manager:	989-725-0568
Community Development:	989-725-0544
Owosso Main Street:	989-494-3344
Public Safety:	989-725-0580
Public Service:	989-725-0550
Tax Information:	989-725-0515
Voting and Elections:	989-725-0500
Water Billing:	989-725-0520

GET OUT AND VOTE!

We want your two cents!

The city clerk's office encourages all registered city of Owosso voters to participate in the November 5, 2013 general election. Ballot items include the election of four city council members, a bond proposal to fund street and trail construction and maintenance, and a millage renewal proposal for the Owosso Public Schools sinking fund. Absentee ballots for the election will be available September 21, 2013. Those who wish to participate in the election but are not registered to vote must do so by October 7, 2013. More information on the election can be obtained by visiting the Clerk's page of the city website, visiting www.publius.org, or www.michigan.gov/vote, or by calling the clerk's office at 989-725-0500.

Welcome Aboard, Josh!

Josh Adams is the new manager for Owosso Main Street. Josh is a lifelong resident of the Owosso/Corunna area, graduating from Corunna High School. He has a degree in resource planning from the University of Michigan and believes the mission of Owosso Main Street is to actively revitalize the downtown business district.

Josh's role as the manager for Owosso Main Street is to promote an atmosphere of cooperation throughout the community and build the downtown area as a gathering place and focal point for community engagement through volunteerism. Owosso Main Street is working to promote economic development by attracting new businesses, shoppers and residents to the district and act as a resource for downtown merchants.

Please feel free to contact Josh at 989-494-3344 or by email at downtownowosso@gmail.com with questions or comments you may have or to get involved.

Hazardous Waste Collection Information



WHAT: Hazardous Waste Collection

WHEN: October 20, 2013

TIME: 8:00 a.m. to noon (earlier if trailer reaches weight capacity)

WHERE: Just north of VG's grocery store on Chippewa Trail near the Owosso wastewater treatment plant

WHO: For ANY Shiawassee County resident

QUESTIONS: Call the Shiawassee County Health Department at **989-743-2392**

COST: FREE!!!

Shiawassee County Health Department (SCHD) entered into a partnership with Shiawassee Community Development, the city of Owosso, Mid-county Sewerage District, Friends of the Shiawassee River, Michigan State University Extension Service, Venice Park Recycling and various townships to develop a household hazardous waste collection program for Shiawassee County residents. Grant money was received from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to pay for the construction of a permanent facility, disposal costs, and operation costs for two years. Thereafter, the program was to be self-sustaining for at least an additional eight years through countywide support.

What Is Household Hazardous Waste?

Household hazardous waste (HWH) is any household item that contains TOXIC, FLAMMABLE, CORROSIVE, or REACTIVE material.

What will be accepted?

An inventory or description of items being dropped off is required when scheduling an appointment. The following materials will be accepted:

- ◆ Oil-based paints and varnishes
- ◆ Wood preservatives
- ◆ Cleaning solvents
- ◆ Pesticides and weed killers
- ◆ Household batteries
- ◆ Oven cleaners
- ◆ Mothballs

- ◆ Transmission fluid and antifreeze
- ◆ Pressurized cans
- ◆ Metallic mercury (thermometers and fluorescent bulbs)
- ◆ Lead (found in shot and sinkers)

What will NOT be accepted?

Household materials will be accepted but not materials used for commercial purposes at industrial establishments, including schools, farms, and businesses. The following materials **will NOT** be accepted:

- ◆ Latex paint
- ◆ Used motor oil
- ◆ Automobile batteries
- ◆ Explosives
- ◆ Tires
- ◆ Smoke detectors
- ◆ Recyclables normally accepted at local recycling drop-off centers
- ◆ Electronics (computers, monitors, TVs, stereo equipment, etc.)

Handling and Transportation of Materials

Please put closed containers in boxes and place them in the trunk of your car. Do not mix materials. Do not carry boxes or containers in your lap. Staff will remove the material from your trunk when you arrive at the facility. You will not even need to leave your car. Licensed haulers will be contracted to transport the material to be recycled, reused, or disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner.

RED BARREL PROGRAM - Get Rid of Unused Prescription Medication & Drugs

Did you know that you can drop off unused prescription medication? Keeping unused or expired prescription drugs in your home poses a risk to you, your family and your community. Conveniently located red barrels are placed throughout Shiawassee County to collect unused medications and drugs. **The city of Owosso has one located within the public safety department (police and fire building) at 202 South Water Street and is open to the public every day, all day.**

What can be disposed of?

- 1) All pills, loose or in pill bottles
- 2) **NO liquids**—However, you may pour the liquid medication onto paper towels, let them air dry, seal them in a plastic bag and then they can be put into the red barrel.
- 3) **No inhalers** and **NO syringes**.





2013 LEAF, BRUSH AND BURNING REMINDERS



Leaf Collection

The city of Owosso will be picking up leaves throughout the residential neighborhoods beginning Monday, October 28. **Reminder:** Please rake leaves **into the street** for mechanical pickup no earlier than the Saturday before the scheduled collection date.

Leaf collection rules:

- Keep leaves five feet from catch basins to avoid flooding if it rains. Residents are encouraged to remove leaves and trash from catch basins whenever possible.
- **Do NOT** put leaves in bags.
- **Do NOT** mix brush or rocks in leaves.
- Leaves **will NOT** be picked up from private streets or drives of commercial establishments.

The city is divided into 16 leaf pickup sections. Look at the section map to determine the section in which you live. **Changes required due to weather will appear on cable channel 96, the city's website and Facebook page and be sent by Nixle to phones signed up for this service.**

Collection will begin at 7:00 a.m. on the following dates:

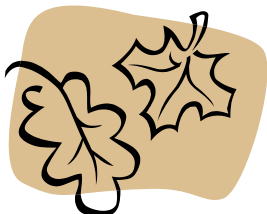
SECTIONS

- N1 and S1:** Mon, Oct 28 & Nov 11
- N2 and S2:** Tues, Oct 29 & Nov 12
- N3 and S3:** Wed, Oct 30 & Nov 13
- N4 and S4:** Thurs, Oct 31 & Nov 14
- N5 and S5:** Mon, Nov 4 & Nov 18
- N6 and S6:** Tues, Nov 5 & Nov 19
- N7 and S7:** Wed, Nov 6 & Nov 20
- N8 and S8:** Thurs, Nov 7 & Mon, Nov 25

Shiawassee Street, Main Street and Corunna Avenue residents must place leaves on the parkway and NOT in the street. **Leaves on these streets will be picked up Friday, November 8 and Tuesday November 26.**

Aiken Road drop off site:

Each Saturday during October and November, residents may take unbagged leaves to the drop off site on Aiken Road (west side, just south of Industrial Drive) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. It is illegal to drop off plastic containers or bags, metal, rocks, building materials, refuse, debris or vines.



Curbside Brush Pickup

Owosso's brush pickup is the last Wednesday of each month. Call 725-0550 or send an email to marlene.jungnitsch@ci.owosso.mi.us by noon Tuesday before pickup day, giving the address where brush is located. Calls received after deadline will result in NO PICKUP!

Brush collection rules:

- Brush must be out to the curb by 7:00 a.m. on pickup day. No brush piles are to be placed at curb before Monday of pickup week. Tickets may be issued.
- Brush must be no larger than three inches in diameter and no longer than eight feet long.
- All roots, stumps and dirt must be removed from tree trunks.
- Place brush with the biggest cut end toward the curb—neatly stacked and away from trees, sign posts, guide wires, fire hydrants and fences.
- Do NOT place brush on sidewalks or in the street.
- Do NOT place brush in alleys—it will not be picked up. Tickets may be issued.

Materials NOT collected:

- Brush cut or trimmed by tree services, lawn care services or other contractors. Persons hired by the property owners are responsible for removing materials.
- Material in boxes, bags or containers.
- Yard waste and clippings.

Burning

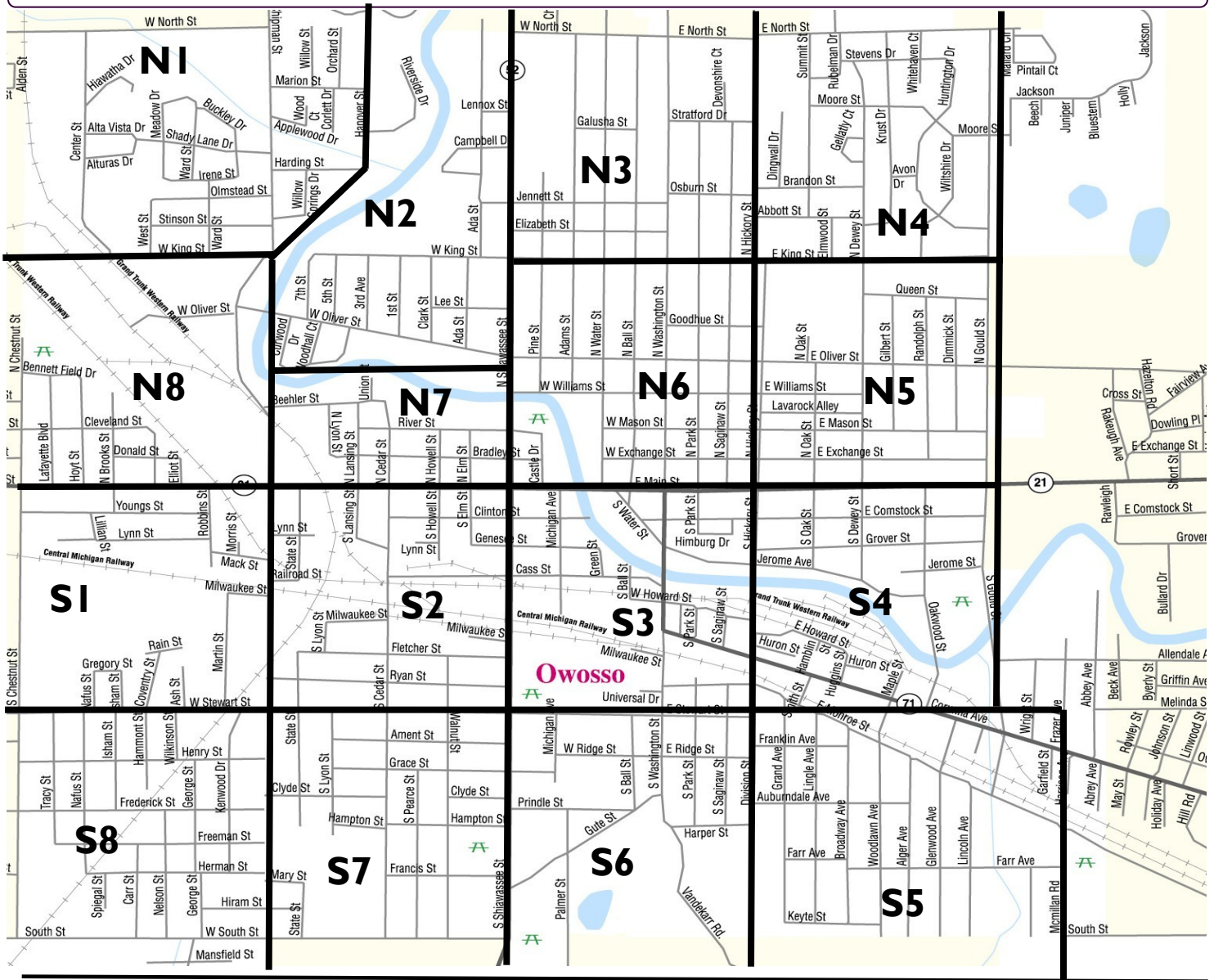
Open burning of grass clippings or leaves is prohibited. A person shall not conduct open burning of household waste that contains plastic, rubber, foam, chemically-treated wood, textiles, electronics, chemicals, or hazardous materials.

Allowable materials to burn are limited to paper and paper products (excluding diapers and cardboard) and clean, unpainted, unfinished and untreated wood and wood products (excluding particle board).

The city of Owosso **STRONGLY DISCOURAGES BURNING.** City codes regulate burning as follows:

- Allowable materials may be burned **only** on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. by a person of mature years and discretion.
- Burning shall be done in an approved container or fire pit. Barrels must have open ventilation holes free of ashes.
- Burning **shall NOT** be done within 25 feet of an existing structure or property line.
- Recreational fires are permitted between noon and 10:00 p.m. Sunday - Thursday and noon to midnight on Friday and Saturday.
- A fire extinguisher or water hose shall be connected and available at all times when a recreational fire is active.
- Burning **shall NOT** be done when wind conditions may create a danger or nuisance to anyone or any property.

2013 Leaf Pickup Section Map



REMINDER...

Snow removal

According to Section 29-226 of the city code: *“The occupant of every lot or premises adjoining any street, or the owner of such lot or premises, if same are not occupied, shall clear and keep cleared all sidewalks adjoining such lot or premises from snow, ice, filth and other obstructions.”*

Parking

No parking on the paved portion of any street within the city limits, nor on the maintained portions on any gravel street, between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day to facilitate snow removal and street cleaning, reduce congestion and provide improved access for emergency vehicles.

BIKES ARE NOT ALLOWED on sidewalks within the business districts. Too many close calls and injuries have happened. Please remember to wear safety gear and protect your head with a helmet.

Heard it on the street!

The treasurer’s office mailed out special assessment bills early in September for affected properties. Generally, these assessments are for street work done along the frontage of a property. Payments for these assessments are due by December 2, 2013.

Residents along Krust Drive received billing notices even though the work has not yet been completed. This project should be done before the December due date. The billing notices have a required amount to pay but also list a payoff amount by the due date for those who do not wish to continue paying interest on their unpaid balance.

If you were expecting a special assessment bill but did not receive one in the mail, please phone **989-725-0515**.