



# Village of New Hartford News

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Thank you,  
Mayor Donald J. Ryan



# Fire Department News

The department held its 122nd Installation of Officers Banquet earlier this year. The following officers were installed for 2023:

Chief: Thomas A. Bolanowski II  
First Assistant Chief: James H. Monahan  
Second Assistant Chief: Brian D. McCormick  
Third Assistant Chief: Richard E. Alexander Jr.  
First Captain: Kevin J. Monahan  
Second Captain: Michael J. Galligano, Jr.  
Third Captain: Steven G. Karrat  
First Lieutenant: Mark A. Turnbull II  
Second Lieutenant: Joshua C. Famolaro  
Third Lieutenant: Benjamin A. Toach  
Fourth Lieutenant: Daniel J. Deluke  
Fire Police Captain: William H. Randall  
Fire Police First Lieutenant: Charles J. Obernesser  
Fire Police Second Lieutenant: Peter L. Rebisz

In addition, the department's 2022 Benevolent Officers were also installed. The following have been installed for 2023:

President: Joseph S. Luker, who will serve his fifteenth term  
Vice President: David W. Butler  
Recording Secretary: James F. Luley  
Financial Secretary: Timothy D. Barcom  
Director for 2023– 2025 and 2025: Thomas R. Watkins

In addition, President Luker announced the appointments of Treasurer, David E. Maier; Assistant Treasurer, Trey M. Geary and Assistant Recording Secretary, James Toomey Jr.

The above elected Officers represents over 650 years of combined experience of serving our neighbors within the New Hartford Fire District.

Chief Bolanowski recapped the department's 2022 history along with recognizing several members for their outstanding service to the department and to the community. He noted that well over 24,000 volunteer hours were logged for calls, training, and other department activities.

Since 1901, 845 individuals have stepped forward and answered the call. Of that 845, 99 are current members. Combined, these 845 members have given approximately 7,000 years of service. The average length of service for past members is 8 years 6 months. The average of our **current** 99 members is: **21 years 9 months of service!**

To date, only 8 members have surpassed the 50 year milestone. Past Fire Police Captain Thomas Randall\*, 66 yrs; past Chief Ed Hanley, 65 yrs; past Chief William Freiberger III\*, 58 yrs; past Chief David Reynolds\*, 55 yrs; past Director Leslie Dean, 53 yrs, past Chief Paul Lewis, 52 yrs; past Assistant Chief Harold Lewis, 50 yrs; and past President George Glass Jr., 50 yrs.

\* Denotes member still on active status.



## **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

## **IRONMAN AWARD**

The William G. Martin" Ironman Award" is given to a deserving member of each of the town's three volunteer fire department's annually. This award, named in honor of Mr. Martin, a 40-year member of the New Hartford Volunteer Fire Department, was first presented to William Martin in 1991. The award recognizes the volunteer firefighter who is ever ready, ever willing, and ever present to serve the community. The recipient of this award has exemplified an outstanding dedication to service. The New Hartford Town Board recognizes the resolve, commitment, and genuine enthusiasm of this individual as an inspiration to all. This year's award was presented posthumously to **David M. Corr**. This is the 31st year that this award has been presented to an active and outstanding member of the department.

## **MICHAEL D. SOWICH " FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR" AWARD**

The Michael D. Sowich "Firefighter of the year" award was established in memory of a NHFD member, who had taught various state fire school classes spanning a 15 year relationship with the department. To honor his love for firefighting and his dedication to teaching others, NHFD dedicated their "Firefighter of the Year Award to honor his memory. This year's award was presented to **Matthew Bailey**.

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD**

NHFD established the William V. Kelly award in honor of a 39 year member who in 1927 established what would become today's "Emergency Medical Service (EMS) program. In his honor, NHFD annually recognizes members who go "above and beyond" the call of service to the fire department. This year's honoree is **Jonathan Montano**.

## **NHFD ROOKIE OF THE YEAR**

NHFD established the "Rookie of the Year Award" to honor a firefighter who is within the first three years of their service. Although on a probation period (which covers the first three years of active service) the firefighter is reviewed annually. This award recognizes the new member who has gone above and beyond the service expected of a rookie firefighter. This year's award was presented to **John Haggerty**.





# VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD

## 2023 Municipal Waste Collection Guidelines

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Curbside junk on 2nd Monday in May & Octo- ber. See Op- tion #1 below.	Garbage to curb by 4 am	Summer Green Waste to curb by 7 am	Recyclables to curb by 4 am	Garbage to curb by 4 am	Dumpster for junk at DPW Garage on 2nd Saturday each month excluding May and Oc- tober. See Option #2 below.

### **Weekly Garbage Collection**

*Collected Tuesday and Friday morning. Have out to curb by 4 am.*

- Garbage containing recyclables will not be collected
- Garbage must be in cans or heavy-duty plastic bags. No 55 gallon barrels.
- No hot ashes allowed.
- No hazardous liquids (antifreeze, oil, cleaning products, paint). Empty, dry paint cans are allowed.
- 50 pound limit per bag or can.
- Heavy, commercial, industrial, medical and special waste will not be collected by Village crews.

### **Weekly Recyclable Collection**

*Collected Thursday morning. Have out to curb by 4 am.*

Refer to the OHSWA website at [www.ohswa.org/recycle/curbside-recycling/acceptable-material](http://www.ohswa.org/recycle/curbside-recycling/acceptable-material) for a list of acceptable recycling material.

## **Bulk Trash and Junk Disposal Options**

### **Option #1: Curbside Collection**

*Collected on the **second Monday** in May and October. Have at curb by 5 am.*

Category collected: A, B, C, D, E, F  
Collection limits for category A, B, C are limited to 4 foot wide by 8 foot long by 3 feet high each.

Collection limit for category D is one each.

- Only one collection per category per street.
- Material must be sorted and contained as specified in category description.
- No batteries, paints or liquids will be collected.

### **Option #2: Drop off at Dumpster**

*Drop off at dumpster located at DPW Garage on 2 Mill Street.*

*The **second Saturday** of April, June, July, August, September and November.*

- Open from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Categories accepted: A, B, C, D, E

*The **second Saturday** of January, February, March and December.*

- Open from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm
- Categories accepted: B, C, D, E

**An attendant will be present to aid loading and verify proof of residence.**

### **Waste must be separated as described below:**

**A) Construction and Demolition:** Wood and lumber tied in bundles not exceeding 8 feet long by 18 inches in diameter, plaster and shingles in containers, porcelain sinks and toilets, storm windows and doors.

**B) Sanitary Waste:** Clothes, mattresses, stuffed furniture, toys, televisions and rugs.

**C) Metals:** Pipe not exceeding 8 feet long, tire rims, bikes, cast tubs and sinks, washers and dryers.

**D) Appliances Containing Refrigerants:** Refrigerators, freezers, dehumidifiers, A/C units. Limited to 1 per collection.

**E) Tires:** Dismounted from rims, 16 inch or less, no tractor or heavy truck tires collected. Limited to 6 tires per collection.

**F) Hard fill:** Stones, dirt, rocks, 1 cubic yard per collection.

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## 2023 Municipal Waste Collection Guidelines

### Green Waste Guidelines

#### April 1 through May 15 & October 1 through November 15

*Due to the large volume of green waste during this period, no specific collection day can be given.*



- Each street will be collected once a week
- Loose leaves will be collected between the sidewalk and the curb.
- No leaves in plastic bags.
- If you prefer to contain waste, use cans only.
- Brush and vegetation will be collected but must be kept separate from leaf piles.
- Do not pile material in roadway.
- Limbs must be tied in bundles no more than 6 foot in length and 18 inches in diameter. Pile limbs parallel to curb.

Compost is available free of charge while supplies last and can be picked up outside the old Village brush dump located at the end of Graham Ave.

Bring a shovel and container.



This is an overview of the collection schedule for our solid waste code and is not intended to be inclusive of all sections of code. This schedule may be subject to change.

#### May 16-September 30

*Collected Wednesday.  
Have at curb by 7am.*

- Leaves, grass clippings, and hedge clippings must be in metal or plastic bins.
- No plastic bags allowed.
- Limbs must be tied in bundles no more than 6 foot in length and 18 inches in diameter. Pile limbs parallel to curb
- Individual limbs not to exceed 6 foot long or 12 inches in diameter.
- No stumps allowed.
- Do not pile in roadway.
- Tree removal contractors must remove their waste.

Christmas trees will be collected at the curb January 1st through January 31st



This flyer pertains to Village of New Hartford residents only!

It is a violation of our county and local ordinance to transport waste from one residence to another in an attempt to avoid paying for your own waste. Violation of an ordinance results in the issuance of a ticket, court date, and fine per local law.

### VILLAGE OF NEW HARTFORD

## 2023 Water Quality and Drainage Systems Control

#### Overview

Normally, our sanitary sewer system has the capacity to operate properly. However, during heavy rains and sudden snow melts, storm water can overwhelm the sanitary sewer system and cause overflow into the Mohawk River. That storm water enters the sanitary sewer system from multiple sources: deteriorated and damaged public sanitary sewers; and private property connections, such as roof leaders and sump pumps. Contact the Village of New Hartford at (315)-732-1147 to determine if your downspout falls within the legal parameters as many are unsafe and can overwhelm the sanitary sewer system.

#### Use a Rain Barrel to Catch Runoff Water

Capture the water that used to drain into the sewer system from your roof by using a rain barrel and then repurpose it in your gardens or other outdoor jobs.

- Position the barrel directly under the downspout. Make sure it is level.
- Use a hacksaw to cut your downspout
- If needed, add a converter to direct the downspout to the screened opening on top of the barrel.



#### DO NOT FLUSH....

- Baby wipes
- Hazardous waste (i.e. paint, gas, cleansers, or chemically laden products)
- Rubber or latex
- Prescription drugs
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases



#### How to dispose of Fats, Oils and Greases

- Pour warm (not hot) liquid into jar, can or container.
- Wait for liquid to cool
- Dispose of waste into trash or drop off at Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority's Residential Convenience Station on Leland Ave in Utica. If you have additional questions, contact OHSWA at 315-733-1224.

#### Common Sources of Fats, Oils and Greases

- |                      |                                       |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| • Cooking Oils       | • Fatty or greasy food scraps         |
| • Meat fats          | • Baked goods or pastries             |
| • Dairy products     | • Salad dressing or mayonnaise        |
| • Cream based sauces | • Lard, shortening, butter, margarine |



SUMP PUMPS CONNECTED TO THE SANITARY SEWER ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE VILLAGE CODE. STORM WATER SHOULD NEVER BE DIRECTED TO SANITARY SEWERS.



# Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (aka MS4)

## What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is water from rain or melting snow that doesn't soak into the ground but runs off into waterways. As the runoff flows over the land or impervious surfaces (such as paved streets, parking lots, and building rooftops), it may accumulate debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality in the receiving water body.

Polluted runoff may impact lakes, rivers, wetland and other waterways in a variety of ways. For example, transported soil may cloud the waterway and interfere with the habitat of fish and plant life. Nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen (that are often found in fertilizer) can promote the overgrowth of algae, deplete oxygen in the waterway and be harmful to other aquatic life. Toxic chemicals from automobiles, sediment from construction activities and careless application of pesticides and herbicides threaten the health of the receiving waterway and can kill fish and other aquatic life. Bacteria from human and animal wastes can make nearby lakes and streams unsafe for wading, swimming and the propagation of edible fish.

According to an inventory conducted by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), half of the impaired waterways studied are affected by stormwater runoff originating in urban/suburban areas and construction sites. Stormwater management, especially in urban areas, is the focus for seeking further reductions in pollution in waterways.



The Village of New Hartford is implementing the components of our Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) as mandated by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. The SWMP is required in our community because the Village is considered a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Operator (MS4). The MS4 regulations require our Village to ensure that the discharge from our stormwater system into the waters of the State of New York meet water quality standards and doesn't contribute to, or cause, a water quality violation.

Stormwater runoff from your facility which is located within the Village may be directly connected via a privately owned collection system on your property or gravity drain from your property into the Village's stormwater system.

The Village is required to inform businesses of the following best management examples that, if followed, will ensure the stormwater runoff from your property or business will protect and improve water quality and will prevent an illicit discharge violation. The Village is also required to perform inspections on commercial properties to detect and prevent illicit discharges into the Village stormwater system.

Examples of best management practices your business is required to follow:

- Develop a "Spill Response Plan" and train your employees on the proper procedure to follow in the event you have an accidental spill or discharge.
- Post emergency phone numbers and report spills to the Fire Department at 315-732-1710 and the DEC Hazardous Spill Reporting Hotline at 1-800-457-7362.
- Wash and degrease your vehicles at a proper facility that disposes waste water properly.
- Never wash spilled chemicals, trash, or grease into a parking lot or into a storm drain inlet.
- Keep trash areas clean and the lids on dumpsters and garbage containers closed.
- Clean litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways, and parking lots, especially around storm drains. Dirt, oil, and debris that collect in these areas can be washed into the storm sewer and eventually will enter the Sauquoit Creek.
- Lawn care fertilizers and pesticides applied to your landscape can ultimately run off into the stormwater system. Don't apply before a heavy rain and follow label instructions carefully to prevent over-application.
- Make sure landscaping wastes such as grass clippings and leaves are not deposited in the roadway as debris can plug storm drains and cause localized flooding as well as environmental concerns and violations.

**Thank you for helping keep the stormwater runoff from the Village free from pollutants.**

Should you need further information regarding stormwater regulations or wish to send a representative from your business to a stormwater training meeting, please contact the Public Works Garage at 315-724-0379 and the Village will sponsor a training session.

You may also visit the Village website and click on the Stormwater Management link for more information. [www.villageofnewhartford.com](http://www.villageofnewhartford.com). For more information on the "Ripple Effect" and the Oneida County Sewer District Initiative visit: <https://rippleeffectocsd.org>.

# Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems (aka MS4) continued...



**What goes in here.....**



**Ends up here!**

**The Village of New Hartford DPW is committed to stormwater management and promoting awareness on stormwater drainage. The Village of New Hartford is trying to stop this pollution from happening and is currently a voting member of the Sauquoit Creek Intermunicipal Commission, working to reduce this type of pollution from occurring.**

**The DPW also submits an annual MS4 permit. The MS4 aka the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System is a permit that must be completed and its purpose is to instill the NYS requirements for protecting its waters. These applications and more information on stormwater can be found under the Stormwater Management section of our website at: [www.villageofnewhartford.com](http://www.villageofnewhartford.com).**

## **Celebrating 40 Years as Tree City USA!**

**We are honored to be selected as a Tree City USA by Arbor Day for the 40th year in a row. This program celebrates the importance of an urban tree canopy and the improved care of vital village trees.**

**The Village of New Hartford achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.**

Where would we be without trees? These noble protectors give us so much and ask for so little. Their list of good deeds is long and generous: from cleaning our air and water, to keeping us nourished and healthy, to offering us an outdoor space that improves our mood, our health, and overall well-being.

### **Trees Improve Water Quality By:**

- Absorbing 25 to 35 percent of rainfall and controlling flooding better than a manmade system
- Restricting stormwater runoff from reaching our waterways
- Filtering heavy metals and other pollutants

### **Trees Enhance Air Quality By:**

- Lowering outdoor temperatures, which reduces energy consumption and the pollution it creates
- Capturing carbon emissions that lead to climate change. A single tree removes 22 lbs of carbon per year.
- Absorbing hundreds of thousands of metric tons of air pollution a year and replacing it with oxygen.

### **Trees Build Vibrant Neighborhoods By:**

- Inviting neighbors to go outdoors and connect with one another
- Reducing instances of vandalism, graffiti and littering
- Lowering crime rates and acts of aggression
- Growing a sense of community

Trees are truly amazing. We are proud to join the mission of uplifting our community through tree-plantings that engage and excite residents.



**TREE CITY USA®**

An Arbor Day Foundation Program

**Join us and our local elementary students at our Tree City USA ceremony on June 14, 2023 at 10 am on the Village Green**

More information on the program is available at [arborday.org/TreeCityUSA](http://arborday.org/TreeCityUSA)

# CODES DEPARTMENT

## Quick Code Reminders on Property Maintenance

• Cutting of Weeds and Grass: The owners, tenants, and occupants of lots and premises in the Village shall cut and trim grass and weeds and shall remove all accumulations of rubbish or other matter injurious to the use and appearance; and shall in any event cut all noxious weeds, long grass and other rank growth at least once in each month from May to October.



• Garbage Removal: An occupant of a premise shall be responsible for compliance with Village Law in regard to the following: Disposal of garbage and refuse into appropriate facilities in a clean and sanitary manner. Adequate sanitary facilities and methods shall be used for the collection, storage, handling

 and disposal of garbage and refuse in accordance with the provisions of Village of New Hartford codes. Each owner of any building from which garbage, rubbish, mixed refuse, ashes or other wastes are collected shall provide refuse containers sufficient in numbers to hold all collectible wastes which may accumulate.

• Exterior Building Maintenance: Exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences, shall be maintained in good condition. Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay-resistant woods, shall be protected from elements and decay by painting or other protective covering or treatment.



## TAX BILLS AVAILABLE ONLINE

All tax bills are now available on our Village of New Hartford website.

Go to [www.villageofnewhartford.com](http://www.villageofnewhartford.com) and click on Pay Here on bottom of home page.

Select your tax year. Put in **ONE** of the following to get bill: name, address, or bill number. Tax information will come up with date paid, etc.

If you have any questions, please call the Village office at 315-732-1147.



**JOIN US ON THE VILLAGE  
GREEN THIS SUMMER FOR A  
FARMER'S MARKET!**

CONTACT THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT  
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MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE  
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**Village Meeting  
Schedule**

**Village Board of Trustees**

- 2nd Monday of each month at 7 pm

**Planning Board**

- 1st Tuesday of each month at 5 pm

**Zoning Board of Appeals**

- Meets as requested

**Summer Concerts  
on the Green**

PACK UP YOUR CHAIR AND COOLER!  
ONCE AGAIN, THE NEW HARTFORD  
CITIZEN'S BAND WILL BE PERFORMING  
ON THE VILLAGE GREEN.

STOP DOWN TO ENJOY THE MUSIC  
EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FROM  
JUNE 28TH THROUGH JULY 26TH .

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO REGARD-  
ING THE UPCOMING SUMMER BAND  
FESTIVAL IN AUGUST!

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