

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fremont Public Schools
Spring Break
March 28 – April 6, 2025

Fremont High School
Graduation
Sunday, May 18, 2025
@ 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade
Monday, May 26, 2025
@ 6:30 p.m.

Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
Summer Concert Series
Veterans Memorial Park
Free Concerts
Thursday evenings @ 7pm,
starting June 5th thru July 24th
Food to be sold by local non-
profits

National Baby Food Festival
Arts and Crafts Show
Veteran's Memorial Park
Saturday, July 12, 2025

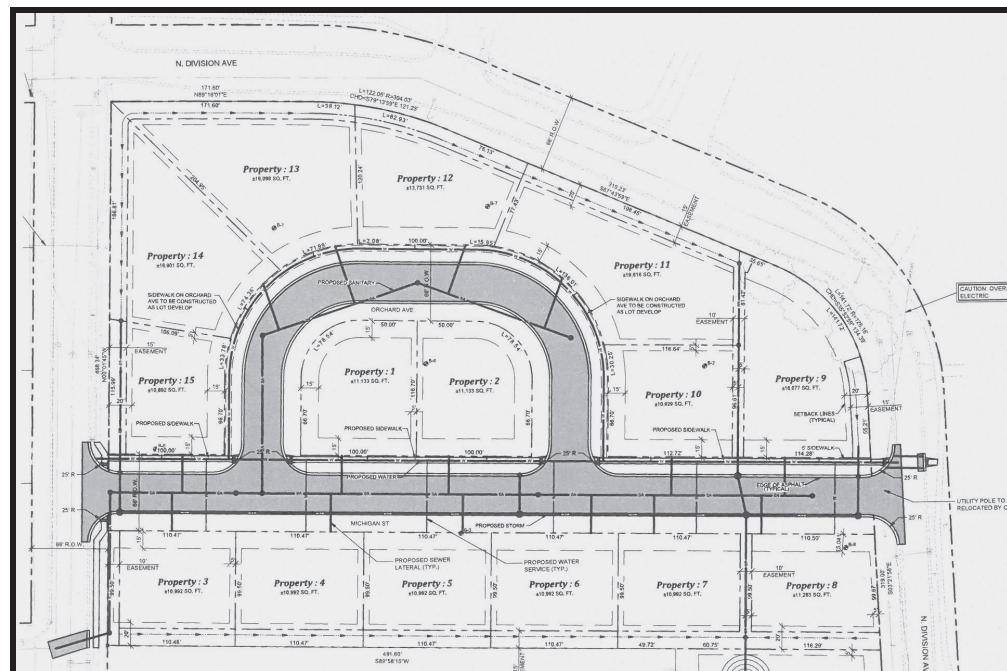
Fremont Area Chamber of
Commerce
National Baby Food Festival
July 16 – July 19



APPLE ORCHARD ESTATES HOUSING DEVELOPMENT COMING!

The City coordinated a housing analysis of the Fremont community in 2022, which identified an overwhelming need for living units in Fremont and the surrounding communities in Newaygo County (169 affordable for-sale units and 193 rental units.) Since the study the City has concentrated on creating opportunities for new housing developments in Fremont, resulting in the sale of over 8 lots for new single-family homes, 4 three-unit condos and a 2.75/acre parcel for 12 single-family units to start this spring/summer.

More recently the City has also been working on a larger housing development that will include **15 new single-family living units** on the vacant 7.2-acre parcel just south of Pathfinder Elementary. The draft Design Concept below includes construction of an extension of Michigan Street and a looped new Orchard Avenue. This Design was created from an accumulation of comments from city officials and community members, addressing some of the housing needs identified in the Housing Market Analysis. The street/public utility construction phase has been approved and will start in May with construction on homes starting in August/September.



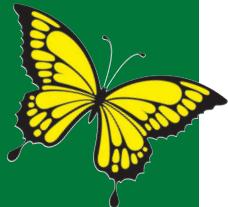
The City has also been working on plans for a rental-housing development on the previously owned Valspar site. Being a 10-acre parcel, the project could potentially provide over 100 rental units. Fremont is a growing community, so please be patient while we adjust to provide for it.

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WATER METER REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Fremont Water Department will be replacing its water systems water meters. Over the course of the next 4-5 years, City staff will be changing out water meters at all Fremont residences. The current water meters throughout the City are between 25 & 30 years old. This program will be of no cost to you as the resident/homeowner. Letters will be sent to residents when it's time to make an appointment for your changeover, so please call to set up your appointment as soon as possible.



HONORING BRIAN HETTINGER DPW SUPERINTENDENT & FIRE CHIEF



After more than 26 years of dedicated service to the City of Fremont, Brian Hettinger will be retiring from the Department of Public Works and Fire Department on April 30, 2025.

Brian began working for the City on November 9, 1998, and while supervising the DPW he has provided oversight to every public street and utility construction project that has taken place in this community during that time.

As the Fremont Fire Chief since 2010, Brian has administered the best fire department in the area, maintaining a well-trained staff, and improving departmental fire class ratings, which in turn lowers home insurance rates for the Fremont community.

A job well done! Brian plans to spend time camping during the summer months and more time with his family. Congratulations on hard-earned retirement Brian!

GREG DUNBAR PROMOTED TO DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Greg Dunbar began his career with the Department of Public Works in December of 2008 and May 1st he will be promoted to Superintendent following the retirement of Brian Hettinger.

Greg was born and raised in Fremont and lives locally with his wife Krista. Together, they have three children who love spending time by the river. Greg had this to say about his upcoming promotion, "I am honored and humbled to accept the position of DPW Superintendent. I'm eager to collaborate with this team and contribute to the continued success and betterment of the community. I'm committed to serving our residents and ensuring the efficient and effective operation of our DPW."



PROTECTING THE WATER SUPPLY – BACKFLOW PREVENTION

Backflow is where non-potable (potentially contaminated) water flows backward into the clean, potable water supply. This can occur due to a change in water pressure, such as a sudden drop in the public water supply or a rise in pressure in a private system. Backflow can lead to contamination of drinking water. To protect drinking water systems, backflow prevention devices are installed to ensure water flows in one direction, from the clean supply to homes or businesses, and not in reverse.

In homes, backflow prevention is typically installed in irrigation systems or where there is a risk of contamination from garden hoses or dishwashers. Backflow prevention devices, such as check valves or hose bibb vacuum breakers, can protect potable water sources.

For municipal water systems, backflow prevention is essential to prevent contamination from residential or commercial properties back into the public water supply. Regulations typically require periodic testing and maintenance of backflow prevention devices, especially in high-risk areas.

Backflow prevention devices are vital to protect the public water supply from contamination. Understanding the different types of devices and their appropriate applications can help ensure that water remains safe for consumption. Whether you're a homeowner or business owner it's essential to prioritize the installation, inspection, and maintenance of these systems to prevent costly and dangerous contamination events.

The State of Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy requires the City's Water Department conduct mandatory inspections of the backflow devices. If you have more questions regarding backflow prevention and would like to speak with our Water Department, please call 231-924-2101.

THE CITY ENCOURAGES CELEBRATION OF "NATIONAL ARBOR DAY"

In celebration of National Arbor Day on Friday, April 25th the City will again offer tree-purchase coupons. **The City coupons will remain at \$30** this year and they will go to the first 50 City homeowners that request them, in person, at the City Offices. Apartments and Condominiums are allowed to have 1 tree coupon per building. Coupons will be available starting April 7th till gone and must be redeemed by May 31, 2025, at Mellema Nursery. Through the City's coupon program over the last 27 years, residents have planted over 900 trees in the community. During the same time, the City planted an additional 710 trees throughout our parks, along our streets and in our cemeteries.

We'll be coordinating miscellaneous green activities that will promote sustainability, such as the City's tree planting program. We're looking for other organizations and volunteers willing to help plant trees and participate in additional green activities this spring throughout the community.

Based on "best forestry management practices," it is advisable to diversify our urban forest areas, which helps ensure not only a variety of tree species but also lessens the negative effects or spread of diseases, such as what happened with Dutch Elm Disease and the Emerald Ash Borer. Therefore, the Tree Coupon may not be used to purchase any species of Elm or Ash trees or any Conifer trees under 6'. The coupon program and other various City tree plantings and maintenance efforts have also contributed to the City's **32-year designation as a "Tree City, USA."**

Having a young tree planted to honor a special person can also be a unique way to show you care in a special and creative way. It's a living gift that gives lasting recognition to the honored person, plus adding to the renewal of forests in their community.

"HE WHO PLANTS A TREE, PLANTS HOPE!" - Lucy Larcon. ★

EAA 578 PRESENTS OUR 11th ANNUAL FREMONT AIRPORT, MI (KFFX) FLY-IN AND PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday May 24, 2025

Lions Club Breakfast (Cost: \$9/kids under 5 Free)

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00-11:00 am Breakfast served by the Fremont Lions Club at the EAA 578 Hanger

9:00 am Newaygo VFW Flag Raising Ceremony with Missing Man Formation FlyBy

9:00-12:00 pm Airplane Rides at EAA Hanger (Starting at \$40)

8:00-12:00 pm Great Family Fun and Flying Activities



If you have any questions, comments or suggestions about the Fremont City Beat, please contact the City Offices at 231-924-2101 or stop by to see us at 101 East Main St., Fremont, MI 49412

CURBSIDE BRUSH PICKUP TO RESUME THIS APRIL

Weather permitting, the City will resume with the residential curbside brush chipping/pickup program on Monday, April 7th. As a reminder, brush will be removed without charge the first Monday of each month, April through October.

The City's brush removal policy is as follows:



- Brush must be placed curbside by 7:30 AM of the first Monday morning, because the chipping crew will not revisit areas they've already been through during that week.
- To avoid neighborhood blight, brush is not to be placed at curbside any earlier than the Friday before the first month's Monday pickup day.
- Brush must be stacked with the cut end at curbside and limbs no more than three inches (3") in diameter, whereas a tangled pile will not be removed.
- The City will not remove remaining tree-top brush from a tree removed by either the owner or a private tree removal company. The program is intended for **routine pruning of trees and shrubs, and storm/wind damage of limbs, not for tree removal.**

Please follow the policy to avoid brush being left at the curbside for homeowner removal. The City will also continue to provide curbside chipping of Christmas Trees during the first two weeks of January at no additional cost to residents.

CITY OF FREMONT REFUSE, RECYCLE, LEAF & BRUSH PICKUP FOR 2025

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TRASH & RECYCLING PICKUP - Must be out no later than 7:00 am Tuesday morning

If a holiday falls on Monday or Tuesday, trash and recycling will be picked up the the next business day

BULKY ITEMS PICKUP - Set out with trash on Tuesday and it will be picked up on Wednesday

IF YOU ARE SETTING OUT A MATTRESS OR BOX SPRING, IT MUST BE PUT IN A PLASTIC MATTRESS COVER OR IT WILL NOT BE PICKED UP

BRUSH PICKUP - 1st Monday of each month April - October. Must be out at curb no later than 7:30 am Monday morning

LEAF PICKUP -3rd Monday in October for 4 weeks (weather permitting). Must be out at curb no later than 7:30 am Monday morning

HOLIDAYS - OFFICE CLOSED

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP (First 2 weeks in January) Must be out no later than 7:00 am Monday morning

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

The City of Fremont will be taking applications for School Crossing Guards. The Crossing Guards are responsible for the safety of school children going to and returning from school at an assigned location. This is a part-time position and requires a commitment to be there each day. Applications will be received until the positions are filled.

Please submit Applications/Resumes to:

Fremont Police Department
101 E Main Street
Fremont, MI 49412

For additional information, please call
(231) 924-2100



FREMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT IS HIRING! FIRE FIGHTERS AND MEDICAL FIRST RESPONDERS



The Fremont Fire Department is accepting applications for paid on-call firefighters and medical first responders. The Department has well trained firemen who provide training. You don't have to be both; you can be a fire fighter or a medical first responder!

Applicants must be 18, have a valid driver's license, and live within 5-miles of the City limits. Applications for either position can be picked up at city hall. If you have any questions, please call the Fremont Fire Department at **231-924-2103**.



CHICKEN REGULATIONS IN THE CITY

The City of Fremont has had an Ordinance prohibiting chickens in town since 1972 and recently amended the ordinance last summer to permit chickens under certain conditions. Since chickens are considered a "barnyard" animal, the conditions/regulations will help maintain a buffer between someone's chicken coop and the neighboring residential dwellings. New regulating language in the City Ordinance Chapter 3 "Animals and Fowl" is as follows:

"An owner or occupant of a parcel of property $\frac{1}{2}$ acre or greater may keep a maximum combination of four (4) hen chickens and/or rabbits within a fenced enclosure in the rear yard no closer than 125 feet from any adjacent dwelling place structure and comply with zoning regulations. Roosters are prohibited."



The Zoning Ordinance considers chicken coops an "accessory structure" and regulates size and location within a resident's backyard. Questions regarding coops can be addressed by the City Zoning Officer. Please make sure you are in compliance to avoid a civil infraction, keep your coup's clean and happy egg collecting!



FREMONT COMMUNITY JOINT ZONING ORDINANCE -DID YOU KNOW?

In a residential district, no more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the front yard may be used for parking, including driveways. Vehicles may not be parked or stored upon any lawn or landscaped area within the front yard. Regulations such as this help keep neighborhoods looking attractive and maintained.

PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The City sends out property tax bills semi-annually. Summer taxes will be mailed by July 1st and due by August 10th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on August 11th. The summer tax bill includes millages for Fremont Public Schools, State Education Tax, Fremont Community Recreation Authority, Newaygo County and the City of Fremont.

Winter taxes will be mailed by December 1st and due by February 14th without penalty. A 4% late penalty will be applied to any unpaid taxes on February 16th. Winter taxes include millages for Newaygo County, Intermediated School District and Fremont Are a District Library.

Taxes can be paid online by credit card or e-check at www.fremontmi.gov, and the City can accept partial payments. For the convenience of our taxpayers, payments (check only, no cash please) may be placed in the outside drop box at the northwest exit of the City Hall parking lot at any time.

The City accepts tax payments until February 28th, thereafter; all payments must be made at the County Treasurer's Office, P.O. Box 885, White Cloud, MI 49349.



SHOP WITH A COP - 2024 -



On December 12, 2024, the Fremont Police Department hosted the 12th Annual Shop With A Cop Program. This program provides holiday assistance to Newaygo County families that are in need. Again, this year the program was an overwhelming success! We were able to partner 150 of the county's children with participating officers from the Fremont City Police, Grant City Police, Newaygo City Police, White Cloud City Police, Newaygo County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police – Hart Post, Allegan County Sheriff's Office, the Oceana County Sheriff's Office and the Fremont Fire Department. Each child was partnered with a uniformed police officer and taken on a Christmas shopping trip so that they could buy Christmas presents for themselves and their family.

We would like to thank all the sponsors who have made this day possible for the last 12 years. Without the generous support from local businesses, families, and individuals, this program would not be possible. It's great to see how much a community can come together to make a program like this happen so successfully.

NEWAYGO COUNTY'S "SHOP WITH A HERO" - 2024 -



On December 6th, local law enforcement and fire departments were able to participate in Newaygo County's "Shop With A Hero" event hosted by Meijer. Police and First responders partnered up with Meijer and NCRESA' Education and Activity Center to bring 47 special needs students shopping for Christmas. This was the 6th year for the program and it continues to thrive. We are thrilled to have a great partnership with these organizations and hope that it will continue for years to come.



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2024 WATER QUALITY REPORT

The City of Fremont is proud to present to you our Water Quality Report for calendar year 2024. In compliance with federal requirements, the City developed this report to provide you with valuable information about your drinking water. As summarized in this report, last year the City's water met or exceeded all federal and state government standards set for water quality and safety. We are very proud of that fact.

The federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires water utilities to annually provide detailed water quality information to its customers. The City is committed to providing you with this information about your water supply because customers who are informed are our best allies in supporting improvements necessary to maintain the highest drinking water standards.

The report is published annually in the City of Fremont newsletter, the "City Beat". Additional copies are available at the City Offices or on the City's website at www.fremontmi.gov. The public is invited to participate in the water quality reporting by making recommendations to the City Council at its regularly scheduled meetings on the 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month. Meeting dates are posted at City Hall and on the City's website.

This Water Quality Report is presented to you by the Fremont Water Department and its spokesperson, Brian Hettinger, Superintendent of Public Works. Mr. Hettinger can be contacted as follows:

- City Hall Office, 101 East Main Street, Fremont, Michigan 49412
- Phone: 924-2101
- Fax: 924-2888
- Email: dpwdir@fremontmi.gov

WATER SOURCES

The general sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

WELLS	WELLFIELD LOCATION	DEPTH	DESIGN PUMPING CAPACITY (Gallons per minute- gpm)	
# 1	Decker	Discontinued; sealed 1992		
# 2		104'	390 gpm	
# 3		Discontinued; sealed 2024		
# 4	Maple St.	Discontinued; sealed 1973		
# 5	Cherry Hill	Discontinued; sealed 2024		
# 6	Branstrom	192'	530 gpm	
# 7		244'	550 gpm	
# 8	Daisy	190'	850 gpm	
# 9		167'	1,000 gpm	
#10		148'	1,000 gpm	

The City's water is obtained exclusively from six 12"-diameter groundwater wells (see table), as opposed to surface water sources such as rivers, lakes or streams. It is possible for the six wells to pump approximately 4,320 gallons/minute (gpm) or over 6.2 million gallons/day (gpd) at maximum pumpage rates. Our highest pumping day for 2024 was September 20, 1.712 million gallons.

The MI Department of Environmental, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) have assigned a contamination vulnerability to Fremont's source water. The geologic sensitivity for "unconfined aquifers" (why is this? The ground formation above the aquifers is porous) is characterized as "high". City wells 2, 6 and 7 have been determined by the EGLE to be "highly susceptible to potential contaminants."

Fremont has established a Wellhead Protection Area Committee, which is a composite of people from the surrounding community whose intent is keeping the water you drink safe. The Committee includes representatives from the Gerber Products Company, Dayton and Sherman Townships, MSU Cooperative Extension, Fremont Area Community Foundation, EGLE, the City's water engineering firm of Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Newaygo County agricultural representatives and City leaders. The Wellhead Protection program is working with property owners in the two wellhead protection areas (located in the City and in Dayton & Sherman Townships) to:

- Identify and eliminate potential contamination hazards to our groundwater
- Prohibit uses of properties that could lead to potential groundwater contamination (e.g. no dumps, landfills, fuel depots or bulk fertilizer/chemical storage sites)
- Locate and properly plug abandoned wells on both public & private properties
- Provide educational materials & resources on groundwater protection to property owners within the protection areas.

ELEVATED STORAGE TANKS	CAPACITY	YEAR BUILT
N. Weaver	500,000 gals.	1966
N. Decker	750,000 gals.	1993
E. Main	250,000 gals.	1993

WATER STORAGE

The water system includes three elevated steel storage tanks. The Weaver & Decker tanks supply both operating & fire storage to the main part of the distribution system. The E. Main tank supplies operating storage for the high-pressure district on the east part of town. A booster pumping station in the base of the Decker tank supplies both operating & fire flows for the district and the E. Main tank.

CONTINUING WATER SYSTEM INVESTMENTS

2017 Improvements:

Pump #9 was lowered to 167'
As a follow-up to last year's inspection and work

2018 No new improvements

2019 Improvements:

Painted exteriors of East Main & Weaver Tanks and added the Fremont logo.

2020 No new improvements

2021 No new improvements

2022 Improvements:

Painted the exterior of Decker Tank
Well #5: New electrical service
Well #10: Motor repair, pump column assembly installed, cleaned & inspected

2023 Improvements:

Well #9: new gate valve

2024 Well Abandonment & Plugged – Wells 3 & 5

Replacement of outdated SR & SR II water meters

WATER QUALITY TESTING FOR CONTAMINANTS

The City of Fremont water wells and distribution system are routinely monitored at designated intervals for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. **All of our water meets or exceeds Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and EGLE standards for safe drinking water.** This report shows water quality testing results from January through December of 2024. In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. Small amounts of microbial, inorganic or organic substances, as well as radioactivity can be picked up as water travels to any groundwater wells. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline 800-426-4791 or at their website at www.epa.gov/safewater.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses & bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations & wildlife.
- Inorganic Contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and Herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm runoff and residential uses.
- Organic Chemical Contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive Contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immune compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice from their health care providers about drinking water. EPA & Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines that offer an appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the EPA sources noted in the previous paragraph.



2024 WATER QUALITY DATA

Each day, our staff works to ensure the water delivered to your home meets all regulatory requirements and your expectations for safety, reliability and quality. For your protection, your drinking water is tested at designated intervals for many parameters. The State has reduced monitoring requirements for certain contaminants to less often than once per year because concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. We are proud to report there were no violations during that time. **All of the contaminants are well BELOW allowed levels.** Not listed are over 100 other contaminants, including pesticides and herbicides, for which we tested and that were not detected.

Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
REGULATED MONITORING OF THE SOURCE WATER							
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Naturally present in the environment
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.73	<.58 – .73	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits • Water additive that promotes strong teeth • Discharge from fertilizer & aluminum factories
Sodium (ppm)	N/A	N/A	9.1	<7.2 – 9.1	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits
Cyanide (ppb)	0.2	0.2	N.D.	N.D.	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge from steel & metal factories • Discharge from plastic & fertilizer factories
Nitrates	10	10	N.D.	N.D.	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Runoff from fertilizers
REGULATED MONITORING OF RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINATES IN SOURCE WATER							
Gross Alpha Emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	1.95	1.95	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium (pCi/L)	5	0	.460	ND – .460	2023	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits
Uranium (ppm)	.03	N/A	.0009	ND – .0009	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erosion of natural deposits
REGULATED MONITORING IN THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM							
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	.06	N/A	N.D.	N/A	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
TTHM – Total Trihalomethanes (ppm)	.08	N/A	N.D.	N/A	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Byproduct of drinking water disinfection • Sampled Late
R.A.A – Chlorine (PPM)	4	4	0.73	.3 – .73	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water additive used to control microbes
PER- AND POLYFLUOROALKYL SUBSTANCES (PFAS)							
Substance (units)	Allowed Level (MCL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	Max. Level Detected in Water	Range of Detection	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	3.0	N.D. – 3.0	2024	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
REGULATED MONITORING AT THE CUSTOMER'S TAP							
Substance (units)	Action Level (AL)	Health Goal (MCLG)	90% of Samples Were Less Than This Level	Range of Detection	Sample Dates	No. of Samples Above AL	Major Sources of Contaminants If Present in Drinking Water
Lead (ppb)	12	0	1.0	N.D. – 7.0	06/01/23-09/30/23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead service lines • Corrosion of household plumbing including fittings & fixtures • Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.35	N.D. – .54	06/01/23-09/30/23	0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corrosion of household plumbing systems • Erosion of natural deposits

HELPFUL DEFINITIONS OF WATER TESTING TERMS

Action Level (AL) – The concentration of a substance which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Coliform (total) – The total Coliform rule requires water systems to meet a stricter limit for Coliform bacteria. Coliform bacteria are usually harmless, but their presence in water can be an indication of disease causing bacteria. When Coliform bacteria are found, special follow-up tests are done to determine if harmful bacteria are present in the water supply. If this limit is exceeded, the water supplier must notify the public by newspaper, television or radio. The number of monthly samples taken for testing is determined by a city's population.

Copper – Copper is an essential nutrient, but some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over a relatively short amount of time could experience gastrointestinal distress. Some people who drink water containing copper in excess of the Action Level over many years could suffer liver or kidney damage. People with Wilson's disease should consult their personal physician.

Fluoride – Sources: erosion of natural deposits; discharge from fertilizer/aluminum factories; & is a water additive that promotes strong teeth. Some people who drink water containing fluoride in excess of the MCL over many years could get bone disease, including pain and tenderness of the bones, and children may get mottled teeth. Fremont has added fluoride to its water since the early 1970's; we are the only community in Newaygo County to do so. The EGLE has set 1.1 ppm (or mg/l) as an ideal level of fluoride for teeth. We try to achieve this level, although natural fluoride present in our groundwater may vary.

Nitrates – Are caused by run-off from fertilizer use: leaking from septic tanks; sewage; or erosion of natural deposits. Infants below the age of six months, who drink water containing nitrates in excess of the MCL could become seriously ill and if untreated may die. Symptoms include shortness of breath and blue baby syndrome. The level of nitrates in this table should not cause concern.

Lead – Lead can cause serious health effects in people of all ages, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and parts used in service lines and in home plumbing. The City of Fremont is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes but cannot control the variety of materials used in the plumbing in your home. Because lead levels may vary over time, lead exposure is possible even when your tap sampling results do not detect lead at one point in time. You can help protect yourself and your family by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk. Using a filter, certified by an American National Standards Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead, is effective in reducing lead exposures. Follow the instructions provided with the filter to ensure the filter is used properly. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula. Boiling water does not remove lead from water. Before using tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula, flush your pipes for several minutes. You can do this by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. If you have a lead service line or galvanized requiring replacement service line, you may need to flush your pipes for at least 5 minutes to flush water from both your home plumbing and the lead service line. If you are concerned about lead in your water and wish to have your water tested, contact the City of Fremont at 231-924-2101. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <https://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Our water supply has 0 lead service lines and 165 service lines of unknown material out of a total 1542 service lines. Monitoring and reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL's) – The highest level of a substance that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG (see below) as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) – The level of a substance in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant (such as chlorine) is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) – The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to human health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Non-Detects (ND) – Laboratory analysis indicates that the substance is not present.

Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813,000 gallons or one second in 32 years or one penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) – The equivalent of one ounce in 7,813 gallons or one minute in two years or one penny in \$10,000.

Parts per trillion (ppt) or Nanograms per liter (ng/l)

Pico curies per liter (pCi/L) – A measure of radioactivity in water.

RAA – Running Annual Average – Is the average of free chlorine in the distribution system over a one year period.

Reporting Limit (RL) - The lowest level of detection that can be measured.

Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) – A by-product of chlorine, which is a water disinfection additive used to control microbes.

Treatment Technique (TT) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a substance in water below Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL's).

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that this water supply has fully complied with the public notification regulations in the MI Safe Drinking Water Act, 1976 PA 399, as amended, and the administrative rules.

Signature: 
Jeremy Stariha, Water Supervisor

WSSN: 2490

Date Distributed: March 27, 2025



GARAGE SALES: A Fun and Thrifty Summer Pastime

The City will be enforcing its' regulations on garage sale signs again this summer. While many are thankful the City is doing so; others do not appreciate the effort.

The regulations are being enforced because 1) the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) does not allow signs in their right-of-way, and many of the signs are placed along Main Street and Stewart Avenue in the MDOT right-of-way; 2) for safety reasons, signs should not be attached to utility poles; and 3) the signs are unattractive and often the signs are not taken down after the sale. Everyone has worked hard to have Fremont looking neat, clean and beautiful for all to enjoy, so ridding the City of unnecessary signs is part of that effort.

The City understands that garage sales are important to many people, so as a result, the City organizes community garage sales in May and August. The more people that participate in the community garage sale, the more energy the event will create. This results in more people attending the various garage sales, which include having visitors from outside the community take part; visitors who are good for local business. The community garage sales could have a positive economic impact not only for the individual homeowner but for the community at-large.



FREMONT'S ANNUAL COMMUNITY YARD SALE

It's time to get ready for Fremont's Annual Community Yard Sales. The dates for this year's events are:

May 15th - 17th, 2025

and

August 7th - 9th 2025

To participate, all you have to do is call or come into the Fremont City Office, give us your name, address and phone number, and you're on the list! You can sign up for all 3 days, or just 1 day. Offices are open Monday thru Thursday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and Friday 8:00 am to 12 noon. If you have any questions, please call us at **924-2101**.

CLERKS RECEIVE CERTIFICATION IN 1971

The International Institute of Municipal Clerks instituted a three-year certification program to advance the level of professionalism and education of municipal clerks. Among the first group of certified Municipal Clerks (CMC) in the United States and Canada were Oak Park City Clerk Kathleen M. Colleen and Fremont City Clerk Fred Dawe.



The first Certified Municipal Clerks.

Fremont City Beat



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Location: Newaygo County Road Commission 935 E 1 Mile Rd, White Cloud

May 31, 2025 from 8 a.m. to Noon

It is illegal to transport more than 15 gallons or 125 pounds of HHW per trip

Volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated to help keep this event going!

Acceptable Materials

These items are examples of materials accepted for FREE



- Paint
- Paint thinner
- Epoxy
- Adhesives
- Wood Stain
- Shellacs
- Resins
- Caulking
- Varnishes
- Wood preservative

Latex Paint: Open can and dry out, and then you can landfill it.



- Used Oil & Filters
- Gasoline & Diesel
- Lighter Fluid
- Brake Fluid
- Antifreeze
- Automotive chemicals
- Kerosene lamp oil
- Transmission fluid



- Batteries
- Smoke detectors
- Cooking Oil
- Fluorescent tubes
- Bulbs
- Mercury devices
- Light Ballasts



- Pesticides
- Poisons
- Moth balls
- Flea powder
- Herbicides
- Fertilizer
- Garden chemicals
- BBQ Propane Tanks



- Cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Drain openers
- Disinfectants
- Cosmetic Chemicals
- Pool Chemicals
- Laundry Chemicals
- Degreasers



- Needles
- Sharps
- Unused Medication (except controlled substances)

Protect our volunteers. Sharps must be in sealed hard plastic containers. NO loose sharps!

Unacceptable Materials

These services are for residential use only. Photo documentation may be required for excessive or suspected non-residential loads. The following waste **CANNOT** be accepted:

- Ammunition and Explosives
- Business, Real Estate, Non-Profit Organization, or Out-of-County Waste
- Compressed Gas Cylinders greater than 40 pounds
- Asbestos
- Trash (Including furniture)
- Containers larger than five gallons or weighing more than 50 pounds
- Controlled Substances/Infectious Waste (except sharps)
- Remediation or Radioactive Waste (except smoke detectors)

We will **NOT** be accepting tires at this event. Tire collection day will set for a different date and time.

Latex paint will not be accepted. Paint cans can be opened, dried, and sent to a landfill.



Reasonable Quantities of Electronics Accepted:

TVs, monitors, printers, tablets, cellphones

laptops, & small household appliances.

Free—donations accepted. Once our limit is reached, we will cease collecting.

Transportation Checklist

- Label containers to identify contents or keep in original container
- Remove all valuables from trunk
- Transport waste in a box placed in the trunk of your car or in the bed of your truck. (keep items away from passengers)
- Secure leaky containers and loose loads
- Follow directions once you reach the HHW collection site.

Do the Right Thing... Reduce Hazardous Waste

Buy Smart

Purchase non-toxic or less hazardous products in only the amount you need. Look for alternative products that don't contain hazardous ingredients.

Store Properly

Toxic products are poisonous. Don't put your family's health and safety at risk! Keep products out of reach of children and pets.

Use It Up

Finish all unused products and recycle the empty containers or share with friends and neighbors.

Protect Our Communities

NEVER throw HHW into your household garbage, toilets or sinks; never dump on the ground or pour down the storm drain. It is illegal and HHW can seep into the groundwater, waterways, lakes, and rivers, causing contamination of our drinking water, beach closures and health hazards to swimmers.

Dispose Properly

Dispose of HHW properly at the free Newaygo County HHW day!

Any questions regarding Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day and/or volunteering please contact the Newaygo County Drain Office M-F 7:30am to 4pm at 231-689-7213

PHARMACEUTICAL DRUG COLLECTION DROP-BOX

The Fremont Police Department has installed a secure pharmaceutical drug collection drop-box located in the front lobby of the Police Department.

Medications in standard containers may be deposited in those containers. Loose medication can be put into plastic bags and then deposited. We do NOT accept: Syringes/Needles, lotions or liquids, inhalers, aerosol care, thermometers, or hydrogen peroxide.

If you need to dispose of needles, please call the Newaygo County Health Department at 231-689-7300 for further directions. Once collected, staff will ensure the medication is disposed of according to State and Federal laws.



2025 FREMONT FARMERS' MARKET SCHEDULE



Dates and Times

Saturdays: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Starting: June 14, 2025

Ending: October 25, 2025

Location: The Fremont Farmers' Market is located downtown Fremont in the northeast public parking lot north of Main Street between Merchant Avenue and Division.

Community Information Booth: At the Farmers' Market in the middle of the pavilion, there will be an information center/promotion area for businesses located in the City. A different retail establishment each market day will promote its business at the booth by displaying its goods. Any Fremont retail establishment will be able to display promotional information at this booth throughout the season.

For more information on the Fremont Farmers' Market, please contact the Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce at 924-0770.

REMAIN SECURITY CONSCIOUS

In these economic times, it is important to remain security conscious and to be aware of your surroundings. Keep your homes and garages locked when you are away, and be sure to remove your keys from the ignition, and lock your vehicles whether your car is in your driveway at home, in store parking lots, or at school. Leave only those items in your yard that you can afford to lose, especially overnight. Finally, be respectful of your neighbors, watch out for each other and each other's property. If you have elderly neighbors, please check on them occasionally. Working together will keep the City of Fremont a great place to live, work and play.





RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE REFUSE & RECYCLING SERVICE

Each residential dwelling may choose to use a 65 or 95-gallon rollout cart (garbage container with wheels- see picture) or buy special bags with the Republic Services logo. Cart lids must be within 15" of being closed, otherwise no overloaded carts will be emptied. Any additional garbage placed at the curbside that will not fit into the 65/95-gallon cart, must be placed in the specially purchased Republic Mixed-Refuse Bags and placed by your cart.



The rate for the mixed-refuse bags is \$3.15 per bag or \$31.50 for a roll of 10 bags. The bulky item and appliance tags are \$15.75 per tag and the mattress bags are \$7.00 per bag.



BE CONSIDERATE

Although rates for a 65-gallon rollout cart is \$37.20/quarter and the 95-gallon rollout cart is \$43.50/quarter, rates may increase April 1st to reflect an annual CPI inflationary increase (typically 3-5%).

Trash carts and recycle bins need to be at least 2 feet apart and must always be accessible for easy collection by the hauling trucks and personnel. When they are too close together, the garbage hauler's mechanical pickup arms may not have sufficient room for placement back at the curb. Please remember there are two separate companies that collect refuse and recycling, with different pickup processes.

To keep our street-sides clean, empty carts and recycling bins must be removed from the curbside and placed in garages or side yards by 12:00 PM (noon) of the day after the scheduled pickup.

Except for new residents, the City only permits residents to stop and start their refuse service during the first two weeks of January and July of each year, whereas the property owner of the collection address may elect to change service from a roll-out cart to mixed-refuse bags or vice-versa by notifying the City Offices. **Changes are only allowed during these 2 two-week periods.**

RECYCLING RULES

If items are left in your recycle bin, please see below to learn how to prepare your items correctly for acceptance.

- Plastic films and bags are no longer recyclable under this program. If any plastic bags or films are present in your bin all your items will be left. Please remove any plastic bags or films for the next week's pickup.
- Anything secured in bags are not accepted.
- Garbage bags are not allowed.
- Styrofoam is not recyclable in this program.
- Shredded paper is no longer accepted in this program.
- Items should be clean without food waste.
- Cardboard boxes of any size should be empty and flattened.
- Hazardous materials like batteries, medical waste, or propane tanks are not accepted.
- Hangers are not accepted.
- Paper plates, napkins, toilet paper, paper toweling and plastic cutlery is not accepted.
- Straws are not accepted.

Learn more at www.americanclassic.us

RECYCLING – SINGLE STREAM

Curbside recycling is a single-stream process, whereas all recyclables can be co-mingled in the blue recycling container. Make sure you place paper products at the bottom of the bin to prevent them from blowing out.

Curbside recycling rates are currently at \$15.30/quarter, but may experience an annual CPI inflationary rate effective April 1st. Residents on refuse bag service who receive a quarterly bill for only recycling services are welcome to pay for their recycling services in advance on an annual basis to avoid writing a check for such a small amount each quarter. Because rate adjustments are done in April, paying ahead could affect your first billing; after the credits have been used, you may receive a bill for the small difference. Paying ahead can also save on the City's printing and mailing costs, thus allowing us to maintain our current low rates.



2025 UPCOMING CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Every year the City strives to maintain and improve its streets and utilities systems, so during construction drivers may experience some short-term inconvenient detours. But rest assured the final product will be beneficial to the community. The following projects are expected to take place during the 2025 construction season:

Street Milling & Resurfacing:

- M-82: Warner/Stewart from 56th Street north to Main and Main Street from Merchant west to Green Avenue will be milled/resurfaced by MI Dept of Transportation (June through August)



New Construction:

- Michigan Street Extension: Division to Weaver: to accommodate new residential development (May-August)

NEW CREDIT CARD FEES



Fee Schedule:

Credit Cards:

\$.50 plus 2.80% on Tax Payments

\$.50 plus 2.95% on Utility Bill & other payments

E-checks:

Flat fee of \$3.00, up to \$1,000

Flat fee of \$6.00, \$1,001 - \$5,000

Flat fee of \$12.00, \$5,001+

PAYMENTS CAN ALSO BE MADE ONLINE AT:

WWW.FREMONTMI.GOV



MICHIGAN LAW



PASS SAFE, SAVE LIVES

SAFE PASSING LAW

Michigan Law says drivers must provide a minimum of 3-feet of room while passing bicyclists on the road. The "Safe Passing" law went into effect Sept. 27, 2018 statewide. Law violations will result in a fine and three points on the driver's record.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

The City Water Department will be conducting the semi-annual Watermain Flushing Program on Friday evening, April 25th and continue through the evening until finished. Some discoloration of water may occur throughout Saturday, so let your water run for a short period until clear. While the water will continue to be safe to drink, residents are urged not to or do any laundry during this time.



Reminder of Regulation of skateboards and bikes...

As a reminder, the city of Fremont does not allow skateboards or bicycles on sidewalks in the downtown district. If you have any questions concerning this please call the City Offices @ 924-2101, Monday - Friday, between 8am & 5pm.



Fremont City Beat

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Fremont, MI 49412

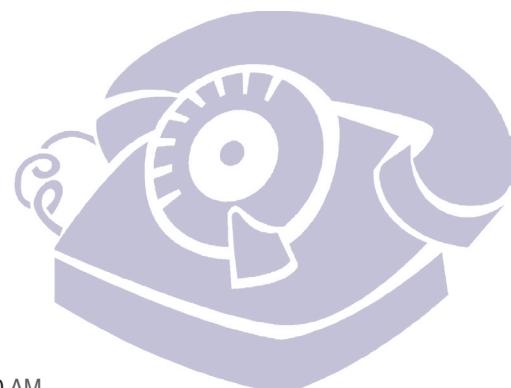
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Important Numbers

City of Fremont – Administration	(231) 924-2101
– Police Department	(231) 924-2100
– Fire Department	(231) 924-2103
– Cemetery	(231) 924-2330
– Municipal Airport	(231) 924-7080
Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce	(231) 924-0770
Fremont Area District Library	(231) 924-3480
Corewell Health Gerber Memorial Hospital	(231) 924-3300
Fremont Public Schools	(231) 924-2350
Dogwood Center for Performing Arts	(231) 924-8885
Newaygo County Sheriff Department	(231) 689-7303
Fremont Community Recreation Center	(231) 924-3750

Emergency – Fire – Police – Ambulance Call **911**



Refuse & Recycling Pick-up – Place curbide every Tuesday by 7:00 AM

Leaf Pick-up – Begins 3rd Monday in October; continuous for four weeks, weather permitting

Brush Pick-up – Place curbside by 7:30 AM on the 1st Monday of each month, April - October

Watermain Flushing – April and October

Winter Street Parking Ban (2:00 AM to 6:00 AM) – From December 1st - April 1st

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Google or search for "City of Fremont, Michigan" and you can keep up on City events and other announcements.

NEW OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY THRU THURSDAY: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
FRIDAY: 8:00 am to 12 noon