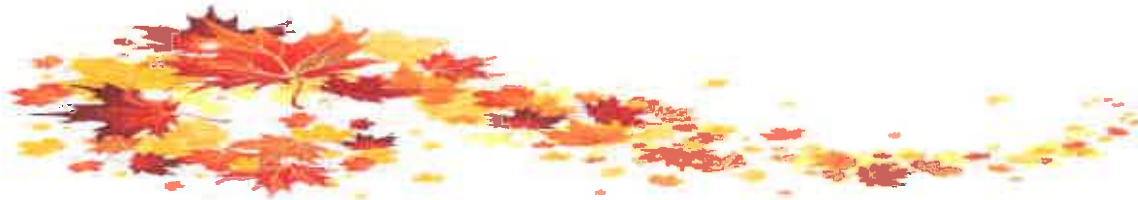
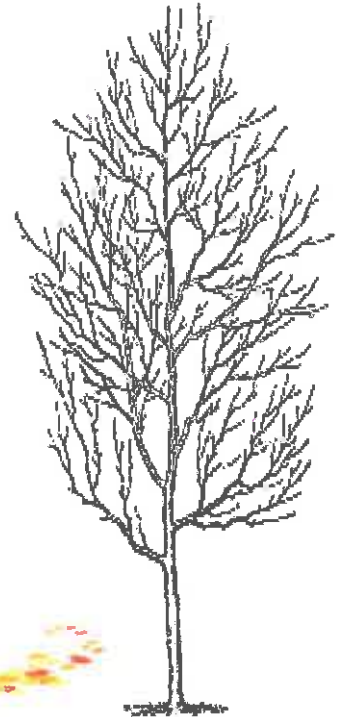


Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

- November 10 -Veterans Day-City Offices Closed
- November 23 & 24 -Thanksgiving Holiday– City Offices Closed
- December 1 - Dog Licenses on Sale at the City Hall
- December 2 -Christmas in the Park, 4:00 pm—9:00 pm
- December 22 & 25-Christmas Holiday-City Offices Closed
- December 29 & January 1-New Year’s Holiday-City Offices Closed
- January 15 - MLK Day, City Hall will be closed
- February 19 - Presidents’ Day, City Hall Closed



Volunteers Needed!

Do you have 2-6 hours a year to donate your time? If the answer is yes, then we are looking for you! Currently we have openings on the City Beautiful Committee and the Pool Board. If you have lived in the City for a year or longer and would be interested in serving on a City Board, please contact the City Office at 855.7255 or send a letter of interest to 75 North Walnut Street, Germantown.



Rumpke Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving Day

November 23-Delayed 1 day

Christmas Day

December 25-Delayed 1 day

New Year’s Day

January 1-Delayed 1 Day



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Dog License 2018

December 1-January 31

You may purchase your 2018 dog license at the City Building, 75 North Walnut Street, Second Floor, Monday–Friday 8:00—4:30. For more information please call 855-7270.

Fall Home Maintenance Checklist

As cold weather approaches, it is time to begin preparing your home for fall and winter. The following tips may help save money on heating bills and keep you cozy during the winter months. While protecting the value of your home.

- ◆ Trim trees, hedges and bushes to improve the appearance of the property and prevent any safety hazards. Tree limbs should be at least 8 feet above the sidewalk and 14 feet above road surfaces.
- ◆ Rake leaves around the house to prevent rodents from entering or nesting.
- ◆ Seal up all gaps and cracks by applying caulk and weather stripping.
- ◆ Inspect the roof for any minor damage such as missing, cracked or curling shingles. Make the necessary repairs to prevent moisture damage.
- ◆ Clean out gutters and make any repairs. Clogged gutters can cause numerous problems with water damage during the winter.

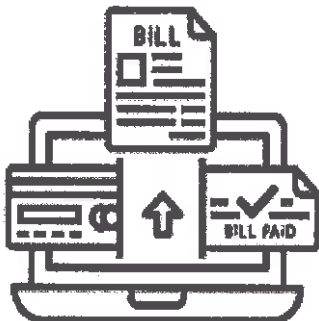
Storm Water Tips For "Fall"ing into Winter

Fall is just around the corner and Winter is in sight! As you button up your yard before Winter comes, are your Fall yard practices protecting our rivers and streams? They are if you:

- ◆ **Keep your leaves and grass clippings out of the streets and storm drains.** Yard plants that get into our waterways will rob aquatic life of oxygen as they decompose.
- ◆ **Direct your down spouts away from hard surfaces.** Rainwater leaving your roof has collected pollutants that can be safely captured by your lawn. If it travels across hard surfaces and into the storm drains instead, the run-off goes directly in our waterways without any treatment.
- ◆ **Remember that Fall is the best time for your lawn to be de-thatched, aerated, seeded, and fertilized (use phosphorous-free fertilizers at the correct rate!).** Maintaining a healthy lawn reduces your need to use chemicals that can leave your lawn and enter our waterways where they harm aquatic life.



IT'S HERE! Enhanced Online Bill Pay Service for Utility Bills



The City of Germantown is excited to announce we have partnered with Invoice Cloud, a web-based, electronic invoice presentment and payment company, to provide faster, more convenient billing services to our customers. This online payment and e-bill service offers more flexibility in paying utility bills, including pay by phone. The system is easy to use and allows residents to pay bills with either a bank account or credit/debit card. No registration is required to view an online replica of paper bills or to pay a bill. Go to: www.germantown.oh.us or, to pay by phone call (844)233-6148.



Winter Heating Safety Tips

Winter and cold weather are rapidly approaching Germantown Fire-EMS offers these suggestions to keep your home safe:

- ◆ Have furnaces, fireplaces and chimneys inspected by qualified service professionals.
- ◆ Fireplaces should have a sturdy screen to keep sparks from escaping into the room.
- ◆ Ashes should be cool and placed in a metal container kept a safe distance outside the home.
- ◆ Portable space heaters require lots of room—at least three feet away from anything that may burn—keep children and pets away from the heater and always turn off before leaving the room or going to bed. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper usage.
- ◆ Be certain to check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms for proper operation on a monthly basis. Families should practice home fire safety drills to ensure that all occupants know two ways out.



Christmas in the Park 2017

Santa and Mrs. Claus will be visiting Veterans Park to celebrate the annual Christmas in the Park event on December 2 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Join us at 6:00 p.m. as Santa lights the Christmas Tree at the Gazebo. Enjoy treats and fun as you walk through the winter wonderland created in our hometown!



2017 Tax Information

The City has contracted CCA-Division of Taxation to handle tax collection for the City of Germantown. Contact them by phoning 1-800-223-6317 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on their website at: www.ccatax.ci.cleveland.oh.us. Answers to your questions can be answered by CCA and forms can be found on their website. Reminder!!! The City of Germantown has a mandatory filing requirement.

North Pole Mailbox Available at City Hall



Would your child like to get a letter from Santa? If so, have them write a letter to Santa and place it in his mailbox at City Hall. Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope. He will be accepting them from November 20 through December 15.

