Welcome *to your new home* in Bloomfield Township



New Resident Guide

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP 1827



Dear Neighbor,

Welcome to Bloomfield Township!

We're excited to welcome you as a new neighbor in our community. Township Administration prides itself on offering first-class service to our residents and in this Welcome Guide you'll find multiple ways to connect and utilize resources. Arriving in a new town brings a checklist of items and new routines to learn – we hope this guide helps you settle into your new home.

The Township has 13 departments working to serve you. Utilities, voting, public safety, permits for home improvement projects, taxes, community involvement, and beyond – we hope you find the answers you need here. If not, always feel free to contact the Township. We are a financially secure community with a AAA bond rating and sound fiscal management. You can find more information on our finance webpage, and don't hesitate to contact any member of Administration with questions. Phone numbers and emails are listed throughout the guide.

As a former State Representative, I have a great passion for serving in public office. It was an honor to be elected Township Supervisor in 2024 and I look forward to serving you. Feedback is always welcomed and I encourage you to say hello when visiting Township Hall or a community event.

Enjoy all this beautiful community has to offer!

Warmly,

Mike

Mike McCready - Township Supervisor

BloomfieldTwpMi.gov

Township Administration

As a charter township, Bloomfield Township is governed by a seven member Board of Trustees. The board consists of three elected full-time administrators and four part-time trustees who are elected by the community.

Board of Trustees

Mike McCready, Supervisor
Martin Brook, Clerk
Michael Schostak, Treasurer
Neal Barnett, Trustee
Valerie Murray, Trustee
Chris Kolinski, Trustee
Mark Antakli, Trustee

Board of Trustees Meetings:
2nd & 4th Monday | 6:30 p.m.

Tune In:
Comcast Channel 15
AT&T Channel 99
Bloomfield Twp Government App
bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/watchlive

Email:
mmccready@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
clerk@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
treasurer@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
nbarnett@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
vmurray@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
ckolinski@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
mantakli@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov
publiccomment@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov

Phone:
248-433-7700

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Getting your utilities set up early is one of the easiest ways to ensure a smooth transition into your new home. Before move-in day, contact your local providers to start or transfer service. Use the handy reference below and throughout this guide to get started with your move-in essentials.

Move-In Essentials

Trash/Recycling/ Yard Waste
Priority Waste
844-464-3587

Water
Township's Water Division
248-594-2800

Gas
Consumers Energy
800-477-5050

Electric
DTE
800-477-4747

Internet/Cable
Comcast
877-266-2278
AT&T (limited avail.)
1-800-288-2020
T-Fiber
1-866-620-7479

Trash Collection Schedule

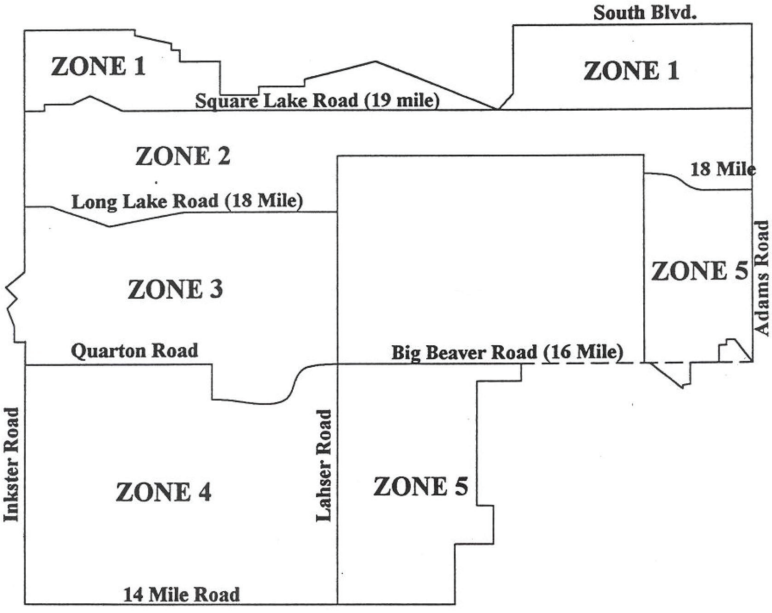
Zone 1: Monday *(Subject to change for holidays)*

Zone 2: Tuesday

Zone 3: Wednesday

Zone 4: Thursday

Zone 5: Friday



Residents benefit from a full range of solid waste services, including collection of regular trash, yard waste, large items, medical sharps, recycling, and hazardous waste disposal through our contracted service provider Priority Waste. (Autopay and extended leave options are available by contacting Priority Waste).

Trash can be placed in a 35-, 65- or 95-gallon container. Recycling should be placed in the provided bin. Yard waste must either be in brown paper yard waste bags or a 35-gallon container with a "Compost" sticker.

Please have your items placed at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. All guidelines are at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/trash***.

Water & Sewer

Bloomfield Township purchases water from the Southeast Oakland County Water Authority (SOCWA) and is a community member of Oakland County's Evergreen-Farmington Sewage Disposal System for sewage services.

The Township is in the process of updating all residential water meters to Badger meters. These meters have leading-edge technology that will wirelessly deliver usage information and alerts via cellular towers multiple times a day. Residents can access their water usage via the Eye On Water App.

After Hours Help

To alert the Township of a public works emergency after hours, contact:

Road Division
248-433-7755 (police dispatch)

Water & Sewer Division
248-433-7730

Priority Waste
586-228-1200
Email: Bloomfield@prioritywaste.com
Website: www.prioritywaste.com



Township Clerk
Martin Brook

Voter Information

» Already registered to vote in Michigan? Update your address quickly and easily at ExpressSOS.com.

» Need to register to vote or update your registration information? Visit us in person to complete a Voter Registration Application.

» Want to track your registration status? Visit mi.gov/vote to do that and more.

Note: In order to vote in an upcoming election, a new applicant must be a resident of Michigan and the Township for at least 30 days before election day.

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Register To Vote

Visit ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/elections*** to register to vote, apply for an absentee ballot, find your polling location, become an election worker and more.

Secure Drop Boxes



Vote using any secure drop box 24/7.

Passport Services

Initial passport and renewals available by appointment.

Notary Services

No charge on first signature for residents. $3 for each additional.

Do Not Knock

Residents can sign up for the Do Not Knock list to avoid solicitors. Renew every five years.

FOIA Requests

Fulfilling Freedom of Information Act requests.

Permits/Licenses

For various types of businesses and organizations.

These services are available at the Clerk's Office in Township Hall.



Township Treasurer
Michael Schostak

Online Bill Pay

Pay anytime, anywhere, your way. With online payments you can make a one-time payment, set up recurring payments, pay over the phone, or even by text message. Plus you can access your account from any computer or mobile device, including our app. Types of payments include:

- Real and personal property taxes
- Water & Sewer fees
- Special Assessments
- Permits & Applications
- Police Department fees

Acceptable forms of payment include credit/debit card (*2.9% service fee applies*), ACH, Google Pay, or Apple Pay. Please visit ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/pay***.

Tax Due Dates

Summer Taxes
September 14

Winter Taxes
February 14

Weekends & holidays may affect due dates.

Note:You are still responsible to pay by the due date even if you don't receive the bill.

Options for paying taxes:
In-person
Drop Box
Online Bill Pay
U.S. Mail*

Payments are always due by close of business (5:30 p.m.) on the due date. **We discourage this method as postmarks are not accepted as timely payment.*

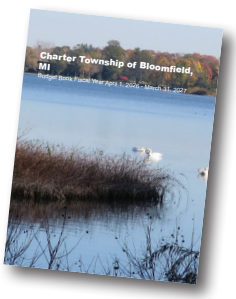
Late payments will result in interest and/or penalties.

Your Tax Dollars

The Township continues to maintain a AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor's, which is a reflection of the Township's exceptionally strong financial position and practices, and the willingness of residents to support Township government.

Budget Book

The Township's fiscal year is April 1–March 31. We welcome the community to view or download the Digital Budget Book from the Finance page on our website.



The Township's adopted plans, codes, and ordinances are designed to maintain the quality of life and safety for current and future generations. In order to uphold those standards, we ask residents to follow these guidelines:

Frequently Asked Questions

When Do I Need A Building Permit?

- Any new building construction.
- Additions, alterations or modifications to existing buildings.
- Exterior structures such as decks, sunrooms, sheds, fences, pools, retaining walls, and some play structures.
- Cutting down trees.
- Exterior changes such as window replacements, siding, roofing, driveways, and basement water management.
- Mechanical equipment, such as air conditioning units, furnace, satellite dishes, pool equipment, and generators.
- Demolition.
- All exterior changes to a home should be approved by the HOA if applicable.

When Do I Need to Seek ZBA Approval?

- Dog containment fencing.
- All accessory structures in the yard, such as sheds, pergolas, gazebos and detached garages.

Are Permits Required for Garage Sales?

- No permit is required for a garage sale. Signs are to be placed on premises only.

What Permits Can I Apply For Online?

- Roof, siding, and window permits.
- All trade permits for larger construction projects.
- BS&A account required.

When are In-Person Applications Needed?

- All building permits for structures. Three (3) copies of plans and specs are required.

More information at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/permit***.

Road Maintenance

Bloomfield Township is the *only* township in the State of Michigan to offer its residents the services of a sophisticated Road Division. However, our Road Division only maintains the subdivision roads. Major roads like Telegraph, Woodward, Square Lake, Maple, Quarton, and Franklin are maintained by the Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC).

For maintenance concerns, please contact us at ***road@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov***.

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Home Improvements

Before starting renovation projects, it is important to learn when a permit or board approval is required. If you need additional assistance beyond these FAQs, we are happy to help.

Planning (248) 433-7795
Building (248) 433-7715
Ordinance (248) 594-2845

Residential Property Maintenance

Grass - must be mowed and no higher than 8 inches tall

Yard - must be well-kept, clean and free from loose trash and debris.

Parking - all vehicles must be parked on an approved surface (not grass). Vehicle "for sale" signs are not permitted.

Vehicles - must be in working condition, fully assembled and have current license and registration information.

Trash - May not be set out at the curb earlier than 12:00 p.m. the day before collection, and must be removed from the curb within 12 hours of service. Store out of public view.

Safety Paths

The Township's Safety Path Program consists of constructing concrete safety paths throughout the Township to provide pedestrians, joggers, and bikers with safe passage from local neighborhoods to schools, shopping areas, and other local points of interest.

For maintenance concerns, please contact us at ***safetypath@bloomfieldtwpmi.gov***.

Home Security

Residents of Bloomfield Township can have peace of mind that they live in one of the safest communities in Michigan. Call the non-emergency line to learn some proactive things you can do to keep yourself safe, such as:

- Alarm System Registration
- Vacation House Checks
- Premises Survey
- Safe Exchange Zone
- Extra Eyes Program

Community Outreach

- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Evaluations
- School Resource Officers
- Charitable Donations
- K9 Demonstrations
- Police Station Tours
- Women's Self Defense Classes



Dogs must be on a leash and under control at all times. Pick up and properly dispose of dog waste.

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Own A Dog?

Dogs in Bloomfield Township require a license. Register your dog through Oakland County's DocuPet program at ***oaklandmich.docupet.com***.

And if Fido ever goes missing, use our Lost & Found portal to post the details:

bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/pets

Animal Welfare

We have an animal shelter which provides temporary housing of lost/found pets.

We respond to wildlife emergencies.

9-1-1 Dispatch Center

Handles all emergency and non-emergency calls for service for Police, Fire and EMS in the township. The Center is equipped with an enhanced 9-1-1 system and staffed by highly trained professionals ready to answer your call or text 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Fire Stations and Apparatus

- 4 Stations
- 5 Paramedic Engines
- 1 Paramedic Ladder
- 5 ALS Rescue Vehicles (Ambulances)
- 1 Heavy Rescue (Squad)
- 1 Truck Tower (100 ft.)
- 1 Boat
- 2 Utility Pick-ups

CPR Training

The Bloomfield Township Fire Department EMS Division offers CPR/AED classes that include instruction in adult, child and infant CPR to Bloomfield Township residents, Bloomfield Township community organizations and employees of Bloomfield Township businesses.

The classes are offered several times per year at Central Fire Station (1155 Exeter) and last approximately two hours. Call 248-433-7745 for dates and registration.

Car Seat Safety

Free, educational car seat installation checks are available to anyone (expecting parents, grandparents, caretakers, etc.) who would like to practice installing their car seat while learning valuable recommendations and safety guidelines from a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. These classes are held on the 2nd Monday of every month at Central Fire Station, 1155 Exeter Rd. by appointment only, in partnership with Ascension Providence Hospital's Trauma Prevention Services and Safe Kids Oakland County.

IN AN EMERGENCY, CALL OR TEXT 911

Police non-emergency: 248-433-7755

Fire non-emergency: 248-433-7745

When in doubt, call us out!

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Mark Your Calendar

There are many ways to get involved in your new community. Meet your new neighbors at a social activity, volunteering, or by serving on a board. Sync your calendar with ours at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/calendar.***



Annual Events

Open House Held each fall on the Township campus, our signature event is a free, family-friendly day of fun. Staff from each department offer giveaways, food, activities, vehicle rides, entertainment, displays, touch-a-truck and more!

Food Trucks Select Wednesdays in summer.

Clean Sweep Weekend Community clean-up each April.

Electronic Waste Day Free drop-off for electronics and paper shredding each May.

Household Hazardous Waste Day Free drop-off for household chemicals each October.

Learn more at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/events***.

Boards & Committees

Design Review Board 1st & 3rd Wednesday | 2:00 p.m.
Planning Commission 1st & 3rd Monday | 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals 2nd Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.
Road Advisory Committee Every other Wednesday | 4:30 p.m.
Lake Boards & Financial Sustainability Committee

Contact the Supervisor's Office if you are interested in serving or use our online form at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/boards***.

Senior Center

Lifelong learning, interactive opportunities, and supportive services for residents age 50+.

Social Events
- Entertainment
- Unique Topic Presentations
- Classes & Workshops
- Lunch & Learn
- Resource Fairs

Fitness
- Group Land & Aqua Classes
- Televised Fitness
- Fitness Center
- Walking Track
- Personal Training
- Stretch Cage
- Balance Assessment

Day Trips
- Local Destinations
- Senior Housing Tours

Supportive Services
- Home Delivered Meals
- Adult Day Service
- Dementia Support
- Minor Home Repair
- Transportation Services
- Chore Program
- Medical Screenings

Drop-in Games & Clubs
- Billiards
- Bridge
- Mah-Jong
- Poker
- Craft Circle
- Book Club



Online



Mobile App–Get the latest Township news, receive notifications, report issues through "Click & Report", browse events, watch BCTV, listen to podcasts, and access Township services anytime, anywhere. Available in Apple and Google Play stores.



Digital Newsletters–Choose the topics that matter most to you. Bloomfield Township's digital newsletters deliver news, events, programs, public safety updates, and community information straight to your inbox. Subscribe for free at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/enews***.

Broadcast Services–At Bloomfield Community Television (BCTV) we produce over 700 programs per year. Tune in to public meetings, community events, interviews with local leaders, and shows hosted by community producers.

Comcast *Channel 15*
AT&T *Channel 99*
YouTube *@BloomfieldCommunityTV*
Vimeo *@bloomfieldtwp*
PodBean *@BloomfieldCommunityTelevision*



Social Media–Join the community conversation on one of our social media channels.

Facebook *@BloomfieldTwpGov*
Instagram *@bloomfieldtwpgov*
X *@BloomfieldGov*
Nextdoor *@Charter Township of Bloomfield*

In Your Mailbox



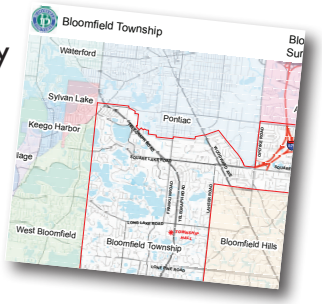
Living In Bloomfield, the official Township newsletter is published four times a year and mailed to every address within the Township.

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Connect With Us!

We offer many ways to stay up-to-date on current events in the Township. From podcasts, digital newsletters, a mobile app, social media channels, and more, we're sure you will find a favorite or two! Learn about your options at ***bloomfieldtwpmi.gov/connect***

In Your Community



Maps to help you get familiar with the community are available on our website. Find schools, safety path routes, voting precincts, polling locations, streets, fire departments, zip codes, and more! Scan this QR code to get started.

Township Directory

Administration	248.433.7700
Accounting	248.433.7712
Assessor's Office	248.433.7710
Building Division	248.433.7715
Clerk's Office	248.433.7702
Community Affairs	248.433.7790
Engineering & Environmental	248.594.2800
Fire Non-Emergency	248.433.7745
Ordinance Division	248.594.2845
Planning Division	248.433.7795
Police Non-Emergency	248.433.7755
Senior Services	248.723.3500
Treasurer's Office	248.433.7705
Water & Sewer	248.594.2800
Water/Sewer Emergency	248.433.7730

Township Hall
4200 Telegraph Road
Bloomfield Twp, MI 48302
248-433-7700

Office Hours:
M–Th 7 a.m. –5:30 p.m.
Closed Fridays
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