

Trotwood Fire & Rescue Summer Safety Tips



Protect your skin from sunburn. Apply a sunscreen with broad-spectrum protection against UVA and UVB rays and sun protection factor (SPF) values of 30 or higher. Or, if you're going to be out in the sun, protect your skin by wearing loose clothing with long sleeves and long pants.

Also, cover your head with a hat since your scalp can get sunburned, too.

Keep hydrated when temperatures soar. Don't ignore the signs of dehydration a dry sticky mouth, lethargy, headaches, muscle cramps, and dizziness.

Stop the insects from biting. Wear insect repellent to protect against mosquito, tick, and other insect bites. Cover exposed skin when walking in grassy or wooded areas. Avoid wearing perfumes or other fragranced products which attract bugs.

Obey pool/water safety rules. Never swim alone. Wear a lifejacket if you don't know how to swim or when boating. Swim in designated areas. Don't dive or jump into unknown water. Never swim while intoxicated.

Under no circumstances leave your children or pets in an unattended, parked car in hot weather, even for just a few minutes. Even on a mild, 80-degree day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 102 degrees Fahrenheit or higher within 15 minutes. Children and pets are vulnerable to hot temperatures, leading to dehydration, heatstroke, seizures, and even death.

Wear a helmet for biking and other wheeled sports. It is the single most effective safety device available to reduce head injury and death from bike crashes. Kids should wear a helmet when riding a scooter, skating, skateboarding, or biking.

Set up your grill with safety in mind. Before the season's first barbecue, check the gas tank hose for leaks by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a propane leak, the solution will bubble. Other signs of a propane leak include the smell of gas near the barbecue or a flame that won't light. Never leave your grill unattended while cooking. Use long-handled grilling tools, position your grill well away from siding, deck railings, and overhanging branches while keeping a safe distance from play areas and foot traffic. Periodically clean your grill to remove grease or fat buildup in trays below the grill so it cannot be ignited by heat.



Congratulations

Trotwood

Class of 2021

City Parks & Recreation Events

- ◆ **Communitywide Garage Sale**
June 10 –13
- ◆ **Community Beautification Contest**
Application Deadline August 6
- ◆ **Electronic Waste Week**
August 16—21
- ◆ **Shred Day**
August 21

For current information regarding events and facility / park rentals please check the City Website and Facebook page.

Residents Stay Connected with Information Notification System

Sign up is easy by texting "alerts" to 937-563-4666

or

by going to the Cities website; click on the pop-up "Receive Emergency Alerts"

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THANK YOU

Trotwood Residents For Voting

YES ON 10

The passing of Issue 10 (5.75 MIL operating renewal levy) means NO NEW TAXES and maintains city services such as Planning & Development, Infrastructure Improvements, Snow Removal, Paving of Roadways, Police Protection, Emergency Management, Leaf Pickup, Building Administration, Code Enforcement, Parks & Recreation, Public Education, and Maintain all City Buildings & Equipment.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION SUMMER 2021

City of TROTWOOD

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Message From the Mayor, Mary A. McDonald

Hello, Trotwood Family.

It is that time of the year to put away our winter essentials and tidy up our homes and community with some spring cleaning. Therefore, I want to make you aware of our citywide anti-litter campaign. We are determined to address the uptick in litter on our streets and in our parks. Trotwood is a beautiful place to live, work, and play, and we have "zero tolerance" for individuals throwing litter in our community. Litter not only tarnishes the aesthetics of the city, but it clogs our stormwater and inlet systems, which contributes to high water and flooding in certain areas of the city during rainstorms.

Our anti-litter campaign will also target illegal dumping. The City will be working with the Montgomery County Environmental Crimes Task Force to prosecute offenders to the fullest extent of the law. If you see someone littering or dumping, please call the Trotwood Police Department at **(937) 837-7777 option 2, then option 1 or (937) 225-HELP (4357)**. Pictures, descriptions of offenders, and/or license plate numbers may help officers with their investigation. If you wish, you can remain anonymous.

City Council Members will be spearheading community cleanup events in each of their geographic wards. However, in order to make our City shine, this initiative will require a concerted effort. Therefore, we are asking you to encourage people not to litter and for everyone to participate in our community cleanup events. Furthermore, additional personnel will be deployed during the summer months to address litter and illegal dumping.

The reality is trash is a blight that impacts how residents feel about our community. I know you love our community as much as I do. I am asking you to join me in this fight against litter and dumping in our community.

Mayor Mary McDonald

City of Trotwood, Ohio



2021 City Council Meetings

City Council meetings are held on the **FIRST** Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19, meetings are held virtually; therefore, please check the City's website each month to register and join through the City's LIVE STREAMING PLATFORM GoToWebinar®

Message From the City Manager, Quincy E. Pope Sr.



Like many other mid-sized cities across the country, Trotwood is still recovering from the Great Recession, which left a legacy of concentration of pockets of blight and property maintenance issues in some of our older neighborhoods. And, like many other cities and towns, our elected officials' and city manager's offices are inundated by calls demanding that we address decade-old issues of abandonment, deferred maintenance, and neglect.

Determined to address these needs, the Trotwood Community Improvement Corporation, the Mayor, City Council, and Staff continue returning blighted residential structures to the tax rolls that have been vacant for years. We are enforcing housing codes on absent landlords or "zombie properties" and taking violators to court for non-compliance. We have adopted aggressive demolition policies using federal dollars to turn these areas into green space. We have deliberately begun an aggressive neighborhood street resurfacing program to upgrade our infrastructure. We know we can't address every street at the same time, but each year, we are making progress in our neighborhoods. This year alone, the city is spending over a half million dollars on neighborhood streets and upgrading curbs to become compliant with the American Disabilities Act (ADA). All of this takes time, but we want you to know how committed we are to correcting these concerns as quickly as we can, with consideration to budgeting and legal constraints.

Finally, I know it seems like a slow transformation for some, but I want to remind you of our community's resilience through the Great Recession, the Memorial Day Tornadoes of 2019, that we are still recovering from, and the current Coronavirus pandemic. The magnitude of these disasters individually have recovery periods of seven to ten years associated with them. People who work globally in crisis management/response have been amazed at our community's response rate. So, remember we are still in recovery mode and will continue working with property owners to ensure proper maintenance.

It is vitally important that each and every resident of the City of Trotwood know that your Mayor, City Council, and City Administration are working hard on your behalf to address your concerns and make Trotwood a preeminent suburb to live, work, and play.

Sincerely,

**Quincy E. Pope Sr., M.P.A.,
C.P.M., ICMA-CM, CLEE
Trotwood City Manager**



Property Maintenance Equals Property Value

Regular property maintenance is an important factor to maintain property values. Active property maintenance code enforcement by the city helps to maintain welcoming neighborhoods and keep property values high.

Every resident in the city can help by looking at their property for potential issues. Common problems include overgrown grass (exceeding a height of eight inches), trash and debris stored on the property, piles of brush, overgrown bushes, weeds in flower beds, trash cans stored in front of a property (all trash cans are prohibited from being stored in front of your home), dead trees, peeling paint on the house, shed or fence, missing downspouts or broken windows. If you notice an issue in your neighborhood, please contact **Code Enforcement at 1-800-748-7704 or 937-854-7222**

In 2020, the city issued 1,421 violations for property maintenance issues. If you receive a notice, please address the issue in a timely manner or contact the city offices to make special arrangements with city staff, as we have resources that can help. Your home is most likely the greatest investment you have and maintaining it ensures a good return on your investment.

Illegal dumping and littering are against the law.

The City of Trotwood views illegal dumping as an inexcusable crime that pollutes our land and violates the rights of others. There are penalties and imprisonment of up to six months for illegal dumping. This unhealthy and unsightly crime harms our community.

Here's how you can help:

- Communicate with your neighborhood association or other organization about nearby problems.
- Participate in neighborhood clean-ups.
- Put litter in approved receptacles.
- Utilize free recycling opportunities.
- Take advantage of free services provided by Montgomery County Solid Waste District
- Adopt a block, street, park or recruit volunteers; set one hour, one day each month to clean up any litter.
- Report illegal dumping; individuals may not be directly dumping on your property, but they are dumping in your community where you and your family live, work, play and gather.
- Schedule a Bulk Waste Pick-Up to avoid getting a ticket (items are to be set out only 24 hours before pick-up day).
- Call Environmental Management at 937-333-3796 to report suspicious substances that could contaminate waterways.

There are many resources available to properly dispose of solid waste.



Licensed Disposal Facilities

*Montgomery County Solid Waste 937-225-4999 *Broadway Sand & Gravel 937-299-1166 or 937-299-8901

*Steve R. Rauch, Inc. 937-263-2676

*Stony Hollow RDF 937-268-1133

*Taylorsville Road Hard Fill 937-233-7500

*Vance Environmental, Inc. 937-263-1001

Grass Season is Here. Mow your grass regularly.

Property Owners within the City of Trotwood are required to maintain their property in good order. Specific City Code requirements are contained in Chapter 905.03 of the Trotwood Codified Ordinance.

- **Keep grass, weeds, and other noxious vegetation cut below 8 inches in height**
- **Trim trees that hang over sidewalks; branches & limbs should be above 12 feet**
- **Remove weeds and debris regularly from the property**

Grass season starts April 1 through October 31 each year. **Any parcel found in violation will be cut by the City and subject to a fine of \$300.00.**

Direct questions, comments, violations to the **Code Enforcement Department at 1-800-748-7704 or 937-854-7222.**



PROPER MAINTENANCE

**Keep Trotwood
Beautiful!**

**IMPROPER MAINTENANCE
(Weeds need to be cleared)**

