

This year Earth Day is April 22nd and Arbor Day is April 26th.

What is the difference between these two, Earth Day is about environmental awareness and Arbor Day is about planting trees. At the Village we like to celebrate both days. Earth Day we go around and clean up the village and try to encourage others to do so as well. And this year we will be giving out 306 trees for planting to the local elementary school in honor of Arbor Day.

The Clare County Conservation Office is having a free tree and spring craft event for all youth follow their Facebook page for more information.



To plant a tree on Arbor Day, you should follow these steps:

1. Unpack your trees, remove all packing materials, carefully untangle the roots and soak the roots in water 3 to 6 hours.
2. Dig a hole, wider than seems necessary, so the roots can grow outward without crowding.
3. Plant the tree at the same depth it stood in the nursery, with plenty of room for the roots.
4. Fill the hole with soil, tamping it down gently to eliminate air pockets.
5. Water the tree thoroughly.

Easter came early this year! If the Bunny left any new pets, be aware of Village Zoning Ordinance for keeping Chickens, rabbits and the like:
Ordinance #2019-05.pdf (villageoffarwellmi.gov)

Fire season starts now: Practice safety, check for burn:

A mild winter and last year's hot, dry conditions, Michigan DNR firefighters are preparing for an early fire season. In fact, our firefighters have already responded to several wildfires this year, and in 2023 they responded to nearly 400 wildfires. Help them reduce that number by keeping fire safety in mind and taking steps to prevent the nine out of 10 wildfires caused by people.

Check conditions!

In Michigan, a burn permit is required for open burning any time the ground is not completely covered by snow.

Before burning yard debris like brush and leaves, check [Michigan.gov/Burn Permit](http://Michigan.gov/BurnPermit) as well as your local zoning ordinance, 1993-3.pdf (villageoffarwellmi.gov) to see if conditions are safe and or allowed. A map will show by location whether burning is permitted.

There's no cost to get a burn permit, and you don't need to wait for written notice. Getting a burn permit is about taking the important step of checking local conditions before you ever light a match.

"Don't be a statistic," said DNR fire prevention specialist Paul Rogers. "The No. 1 cause of wildfire is escaped debris burns. Having a clear understanding of expected weather conditions is critically important when planning any burn."

In southern Lower Peninsula communities, burn permits are issued by local authorities. Local ordinances for campfires and open burning may be stricter than state or county rules. 1993-3.pdf (villageoffarwellmi.gov)

Put safety first.

Whether you're cozying close to a warming fire, grilling dinner over an open flame or burning yard debris, follow these tips to keep your fire where it belongs:

- Always keep a water source and metal shovel nearby.
 - Never leave a fire unattended, even for a minute.
 - Don't burn on a windy day.
- Completely put out your fire with water every time.

Remember, too, that burning trash, plastic or electronics is illegal, even when open burning is permitted. Responsibly dispose of these items by recycling or through municipal trash service.

Sincerely,



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