

*Chippewa Township  
Mecosta County, Michigan  
2025 Summer Tax Newsletter*

<b>Supervisor:</b> Shirley Hazen	<b>Treasurer:</b> Julie Austin	<b>Clerk:</b> Kristin Lytle
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Township Offices/Fax: 231-867-3777    Chippewa Lk. Sewer Dept. 231-867-3616    Community Bldg. Rental: 231-867-3991		
Emergency Service: 911    Animal Control: 911    Burn Permits: (866) 922-2876 or <a href="http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit">www.michigan.gov/burnpermit</a>		
The Township Board meets the 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 6:30 pm, in the Chippewa Township Community Center		
Fire Board meets the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday each month @ 6:30 pm, at the Martiny Twp. Building		

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION – 2025 SUMMER TAX INFORMATION**

**IF YOUR TAXES ARE ESCROWED A COPY OF THE 2025 SUMMER TAX BILL HAS BEEN SENT TO YOUR MORTGAGE COMPANY. BY LAW THE ORIGINAL BILL MUST BE SENT TO THE PROPERTY OWNER (MCL 211.44(1)).** If a mortgage company has requested a copy of your bill; a mortgage code will be listed in the ‘tax detail’ box of your bill.

**2025 Summer Tax Bills are due on or before 9-15-2025. POSTMARKS ARE NOT ACCEPTED AS DATE RECEIVED. ALL SUMMER PAYMENTS MUST BE IN OUR OFFICE BY 4 PM, SEPTEMBER 15 TO BE CONSIDERED ON TIME.**

The Township allows for partial payments after July 1st for summer and after December 1st for winter when tax bills are released. Appropriate interest/penalties will apply to the unpaid balance after September 15, 2025, for summer and February 15, 2026, for winter.

**Mail your payment(s) to Chippewa Township Treasurer, PO Box 26 Chippewa Lake, MI 49320-0026. Make payments Payable to Chippewa Township Treasurer.** A secure mail drop is located just to the right of the Chippewa Township Hall’s main entrance. *A self-addressed, stamped envelope is requested for the return of your paid receipt.* If making payment in “cash” please have the exact amount.

**The Township does not accept credit/debit card payments.**

**TREASURER OFFICE HOURS: (UNLESS POSTED)** Tuesday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. You may also call (231)867-3777 to make an appointment.

**EXTREMELY IMPORTANT:** Make sure you carefully check the enclosed Tax Statement(s). If you find an error, you need to contact the Treasurer **immediately** to have the statement corrected @ the July 22, 2025, Board of Review. After the July Board of Review, tax bills will not be able to be corrected until the December 2025 Board of Review meeting. The 2025 taxes are assessed to a property as it existed on 12/31/2024 (MCL 211.2). **If a property is sold during the 2025 tax year it is the responsibility of the buyer & seller or their agents to prorate the whole tax year obligation. All address changes need to be submitted in writing.** If the ownership has changed, documentation supporting the change must be submitted. The Township Treasurer's Office is not responsible for payment on wrong parcels. **Failure to receive the property tax notice does not prejudice the right to collect or enforce the payment and or/penalties, of the payment of the property tax.**

**Please note: The treasurer’s office will be closed from September 30<sup>th</sup> through October 30<sup>th</sup>.**  
**All other Township business will be handled normally.**

**Deferred Payment of 2025 Summer Tax Bills:**

Senior Citizens (age 62 and over), veterans and persons with total and permanent disabilities may qualify for deferment of 2025 summer taxes if your household resources (taxable and non-taxable income) are \$40,000 or less. The deferment application form must be filled out every year and filed with the Township Treasurer’s office before September 15, 2025. If you qualify, payment of your summer 2025 taxes may be deferred until February 15, 2026, without any penalty added. Please keep in mind that if you are granted the deferment, the summer tax amount will not be reflected on the winter tax bill. You may print the deferment application at [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org) (Under documents) or call the Chippewa Township Treasurer for the required form and/or information regarding the deferment process. You may also email [julie@chippewatwp.org](mailto:julie@chippewatwp.org)

**DISABLED VETERANS' EXEMPTION:** Governor Snyder signed law P.A. 161 of 2013 into law November 2013. Honorably discharged veterans who the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs have determined 100% disabled as a result of wartime service or their surviving unmarried spouse **may** be eligible for exemption from real property tax, for a property that is used and owned as their principal residence. Forms can be obtained by contacting the Chippewa Township Hall @ 231.867.3777 or you may print the form at [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org) (Under Veterans). You may also email [julie@chippewatwp.org](mailto:julie@chippewatwp.org)

**CHIPPEWA TOWNSHIP OFFICES:**

**WE HAVE MOVED** to 10467 – 19 Mile Road. (Corner of 19 Mile Rd and 105<sup>th</sup> Ave)! A special **THANK YOU** to our property owners, without the mileage and the ARPA funds, this would not have been possible. There is now a Township drop box as well as an election drop box that can be utilized 24 hours a day. This is a secure way to make payments, drop off correspondence and election related materials. There is 24-hour video surveillance on both drop boxes. The Chippewa Branch Library will continue to operate out of the Chippewa Township office building located 19171 - 4<sup>th</sup> St.

**BE NICE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS:**

Whether you are a full-time resident or a weekend visitor, please be courteous to the people around you. Chippewa Township is both a rural agricultural and recreational community, which we all love. **Please be respectful!**

Remember that lawn mowing and trimming need to be done on a regular basis. Do not throw your grass clippings, old flowerpots, or shrubbery onto property that you don't own.

The baseball diamond at the Chippewa Township Community building is **NOT** a dog park. There have been issues with dogs using it as a bathroom spot. **NO** dogs are allowed on the ball diamond. If you take your pets to any public places, please remember to clean up after your pet. Dogs are also **NOT** allowed at the Cemetery Park or at Mitchell's Landing!

**PLEASE** be mindful where you are parking. Emergency vehicles must be able to come down your street in order to provide services. **NO** road should ever be blocked by vehicles, overhanging trees, or structures.

Secure your belongings on and along the lake. Dock sections, large timbers with spikes, tires and a lot of other debris have been found floating in lakes and washing up on other properties. Not only is this a hazard for watercraft but also anyone using the lake. If you have items in the water that could come loose, remove them before they become a boating hazard and potentially a financial liability for you.

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:** The Mecosta County Household Hazardous Waste Collection is Thursday, August 7, 2025, from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., at the Mecosta County Fair Grounds, Big Rapids Michigan. A Pre-registration form is required if bringing over 200 lbs. to the collection site. For more information, please visit the calendar at [www.chippewatwp.org](http://www.chippewatwp.org).

*As always, please feel free to stop & visit the Township officials at the office or call 231.867.3777 if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments. We can't help if you don't ask. The Township Clerk can be reached at [Kristin@Chippewatwp.org](mailto:Kristin@Chippewatwp.org) and the Township Treasurer can be reached at [Julie@Chippewatwp.org](mailto:Julie@Chippewatwp.org)*

*Have a Safe and Wonderful Summer!*

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted, BE KIND