



MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT



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Meet Your Maintenance Department

-JAMES SMITH

- 1994 graduate of Central High School
- 4 years Utilities Systems Specialist United States Air Force
- Associates in Fine Arts 3.9 GPA
- Current Commander of the Chebanse American Legion
- Began working for Village of Chebanse in July of 2009

Brush Pick Up / Yard Waste

-There is no designated day set for brush pick up. Brush will be picked up periodically on an as needed basis. Brush is defined as tree limbs or sticks that shall be placed parallel to the street not containing any yard waste or lumber. Anything other than limbs or sticks such as root balls, grass, leaves, ornamental plants and weeds shall be placed within an approved Village yard waste bag for proper disposal. **Brush shall be no longer than 8 feet in length including the size of the brush pile created.** No brush pile shall be placed within 4 feet of any obstructions such as mail boxes, utility poles, trees and structures. Proper placement of brush is necessary to ensure that Maintenance can effectively remove the brush from your premises. **If any of the above requirements are not met, you will be notified and your brush will not be picked up until you have corrected the situation.** Please note that the Village burn pile is located at the American Legion Park and is designated only for Village personnel use. Security cameras are in place and anyone dumping anything on or near the burn area will be subject to fines. If you have brush you wish to haul to the burn pile, you must contact Maintenance each time you do so for permission.



Sump Pumps / Sewer Infiltration

-Ground infiltration is defined as ground water entering the Village sewer system. It is illegal for any home or business to have sump pumps or down spouts hooked into the Village Sanitary Sewer System. When infiltration occurs we all pay the price. Currently the Village is billed per every thousand gallons of sewer sent to the Kankakee sewer treatment facility (KARMA). If a home or business owner has downspouts or sump pumps feeding into the Village sewer then we all have to pay for what is sent to the treatment plant. If you suspect your sump pump is connected or do not know where your sump pump leads to, please call to schedule an inspection by the Maintenance Department. The Maintenance department is readily equipped to detect infiltration issues with cameras, dyes and smoke testing. Avoid fines and disconnect if you are hooked up!



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Mosquito Control

-Periodically, the Maintenance department will spray for mosquitoes throughout the Village when the mosquito population becomes intolerable. In order for the spraying process to work correctly, the airborne particulates emitted by the sprayer must physically land on the mosquito in order for it to eliminate the pest. Larviciding is also an effective measure used to prevent mosquito larva from hatching in stagnant damp areas. Larvicide can be applied when the areas that hold water sit for a length of time creating a breeding home for mosquitoes. Spraying alone will **not** prevent future mosquito outbreaks. It is up to each and everyone of us to do our part to prevent mosquitoes from multiplying.

-Maintenance personnel James Smith is licensed and approved to spray for mosquitoes through the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Q: What can I do to keep mosquitoes from breeding around my home?

A: Make sure you do not have any standing water in your yard. Be sure to change the water in birdbaths every week. Dump water from any buckets, trash cans, wading pools, old tires, etc. and situate them so water cannot accumulate in them. Keep your gutters and rainspouts clear so rainwater can run freely down them. Simply keeping your grass cut can also assist in prevention. Mosquitoes love dark, damp and warm environments. Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing or slow-moving water. Weeds, tall grass, and bushes provide an excellent home for adult mosquitoes.

-Please report any possible issues you feel may result in mosquito breeding to the maintenance department so that the problem can be resolved before an outbreak happens!

Fact: Female mosquitoes lay from 100 to 300 eggs at a time, and it takes from 7 to 10 days to go from egg to adult.

Fact: A single used tire can produce up to 10,000 mosquito larva!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MOSQUITO CONTROL PLEASE VISIT THE FOLLOWING WEBSITE:

<http://dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/environmental-health-protection/structural-pest-control/mosquito-spray-faqs>