

2025-2026 FALL / WINTER DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

Construction and maintenance activities in the City of Inkster will wind down during the fall and winter seasons. The Department of Public Services (DPS) will perform maintenance activities in the fall and early winter. Some of the construction projects will continue throughout the winter at a slower pace. Below is a summary and map of planned activities.

Construction Projects

1 Water Main & Lead Service Replacements

Aging and substandard water mains and known lead water service lines continue to be replaced at the following locations:

Riverview, Justine, St. Michael, Harrison, Harriet, Isabelle, Springhill - from Michigan north to end.

Henry - From Cherry St. to Annapolis

Moore - From Cherry St. to Lehigh

Beech Daly - From Cherry Hill Rd St. to Cherry Lane

Colonial - From Avondale St. to Inkster

2 Eastern Outfalls Storm and Combined Sewers

New storm and combined sewers that will eliminate overflows to the Rouge River during high intensity rain events are being installed in the following locations:

Carlisle - From Princess to Beech Daly

Meadowdale - From Carlisle to Colgate

Beech Daly - From Princeton to 600 feet north

Beech Daly - From Carlisle to Kitch

3 Carlisle Pump Station Upgrade

The existing pump station at the southwest corner of John Daly and Carlisle is being replaced as part of the Eastern Outfalls Storm and Combined Sewer Project to eliminate overflows to the Rouge River.

4 N. River Park Drive Road Reconstruction

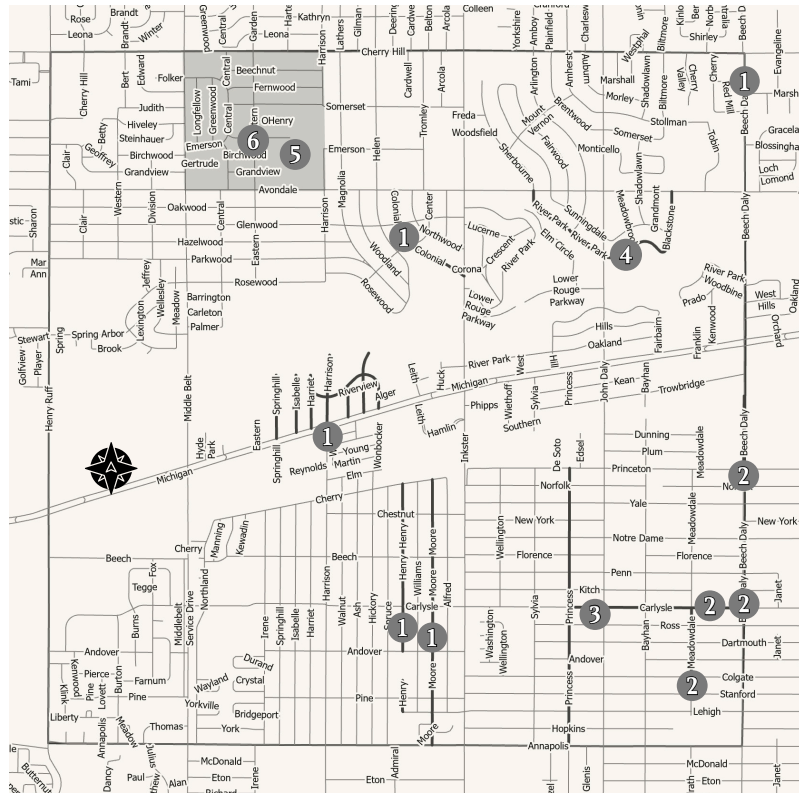
Complete replacement of the pavement and drainage improvements from Avondale to Sunningdale.

5 Sidewalk Replacement Program

On-going repairs and replacement of sidewalks in the area bounded by Cherry Hill, Middle Belt, Avondale and Harrison.

6 Eastern Ave. Sewer Replacement

Eastern from O'Henry to Emerson. Replacement of failed sanitary and storm sewers.



City of Inkster Construction Map

City Wide Activities

Water Meter Replacement - Residents will be contacted to schedule the replacement of their water meter. Contact DPS at 313-520-9662 or email at watermeter@cityofinkster.com if your water meter hasn't been replaced.

Hydrant Flowing - As part of the City's annual maintenance program fire hydrants will be flowed. This may cause your to experience discolored water. See the other side of this letter for more information.

Lead Water Service Investigations - The investigation of residential water service lines with unknown material will occur throughout the fall and winter. This work includes excavation at the water shutoff located in front of most homes to expose the water service pipe for visual confirmation of the material.



If you aren't sure if you have a lead water service visit <https://cityofinkster.com/673/CDSMI-Reporting> to check the City's inventory of water service line materials by address. Or, call Maya at 313-563-9774.

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL WHAT IS A CROSS-CONNECTION?

A cross-connection is any existing or possible interconnection between a public water system and any other system containing substances of unknown or uncertain quality. A cross connection is described as a link that can bring the two systems together.

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy has mandated that the City of Inkster establish a Cross-Connection Control Program for all residential customers.

The areas of most concern are underground sprinkler systems, automatic fill systems on pools, spas or hot tubs, water powered sump pumps and boiler heating systems. All these items are subject to backflow protection.

Backflow protection can be achieved with different types of devices. For example, an underground sprinkler system is protected with a device called a pressure vacuum breaker and is typically located outside of your house. A device intended to protect water activated sump pumps, boilers with corrosion control, or auto fill spas or pools would be called a reduced pressure zone device.

These devices are required to be tested by a licensed plumber certified by the American Society of Sanitary Engineering (ASSE) once a year to make sure they are operable and in compliance with the law. Documentation of tests should be provided to the City Department of Public Services.

EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE DEVICES MENTIONED, YOU CAN AVOID CROSS CONTAMINATION...

AVOID SUBMERGING HOSES. Never submerge the end of a hose in any non-potable liquid such as a bucket, pool or sink.

USE AIR GAPS wherever possible. Provide a physical space between the water source and the flood level of any receiving vessel. For example, a dishwasher should be installed with a proper air gap.

INSTALL VACUUM BREAKERS on all threaded faucets, such as outdoor faucets or hose bibs, to prevent back-siphonage as shown in the photo.








Do Your Part to Reduce Pollution in the Rouge River Watershed



Dispose of fats, oils and grease properly

Excessive fats, oils and grease in sewer pipes, referred to as FOG, blocks pipes and can create pollution problems. FOG enters sewer pipes through restaurant, residential and commercial sink drains. Once in the sewer, FOG sticks to the pipe, thickens, and can eventually block the entire pipe. Blockages in sewer pipes can send sewage backward up floor drains in homes and or out of manholes into streets and rivers.

-  Pour or scrape greasy or oily food waste into a container or jar.
-  Allow grease to cool or solidify in the container before throwing in the trash.
-  Use a paper towel or a scraper to remove residual grease from dishes and pans prior to washing.
-  Mix liquid vegetable oil with absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a seal-able container before throwing it in the trash.
-  Keep drains clean by pouring 1/2 cup of baking soda down the drain followed by 1/2 cup of vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

IF YOU EXPERIENCE DISCOLORED WATER...

During the City's fire hydrant maintenance program in October through December you may experience discolored water. This is a result of debris that can build up over time in metal pipelines that becomes dislodged or stirred up when the maintenance of hydrants occurs. Flowing hydrants can cause reversals in water flows or changes in pressures.

If you experience discolored or cloudy water, it is recommended that you do not use your water for cooking or drinking. Use an alternative source of water during this time. It is also recommended that you do not use your dishwasher, wash clothes, take a shower or bath until your water runs clear. This will help prevent the rusty discolored water from entering your hot water tank, requiring you to flush the tank to rid it of the discolored water.

Once your water is clear, turn on all the cold water taps in your home for at least five minutes.

You can use your hot water for cooking, drinking, washing clothes etc. after your cold water runs clear.

Contact the DPS at 313-563-9774 if the discolored water persists.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

We want your feedback!

The public is invited to comment on the City's Stormwater Management Plan. Go to the cityofinkster.com home page and scroll down to view the document.

Send written comments to mroots@cityofinkster.com. Or use this email to request a copy of the document. Only written comments with name and phone number or email address please.