

BC City Connection

Bi-monthly newsletter for the Battle Creek community



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No Wipes in the Pipes!

The photo above isn't very attractive, but we bet it got your attention! This is an image of an actual clog in a city sewer pipe - most of that gunk is wet wipes.

You know the kind ... maybe you use Lysol or Clorox cleaning wipes. In fact, as we all have observed the stay-home order, due to COVID-19, we're using cleaning wipes more, disinfecting door knobs, light switches, and work areas. And maybe you use "flushable" wipes to clean yourself or your children.

Let us stop you right there.

No matter what a package says, wipes must always go in the trash!!

No wipe is actually "flushable." It does *not* disintegrate, and these wipes typically combine with grease and other gunk - which also should not be flushed or dumped into your drains - to create a big, greasy mess.

These are the types of clogs that create backups right into your home. And it doesn't have to be you flushing the wipes. If your neighbor down the street flushes, and you are at the end of the pipe, you may experience the backup.

Please repeat after us, and share this message with your neighbors - **no wipes in the pipes!** You can even see a video on our YouTube channel, [youtube.com/cityofbattlecreekmichigan](https://www.youtube.com/cityofbattlecreekmichigan).

We thank you, your neighbors thank you, and our sewer system will keep flowing properly!

Questions? Contact our Waste Water Treatment Plant at 269-966-3513 or publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov.

Only flush
the 4Ps



Pee, Poop, Toilet Paper, & sometimes Puke



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Community COVID-19 info - English, ASL, Burmese, Español
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You will find this alert bar at the top of the city's website, battlecreekmi.gov. Also visit our information page directly at battlecreekmi.gov/coronavirus. You will find city service updates, information from the city/Calhoun County Unified Operations Center, community information, and much information translated and interpreted.

Please wash your hands frequently (with soap and water, for 20 seconds), keep frequently-touched spaces clean, cover your coughs and sneezes, and stay home when you are sick. Please stay home as much as possible; see the latest state recommendations at our website.

Visit 2020census.gov or see links in the City Spotlight at the bottom of the battlecreekmi.gov home page.



Battle Creek Counts!

By now, most of you probably have received your invitation from the U.S. Census Bureau to complete the 2020 Census - and we encourage you to do so! Thank you to everyone who already has completed the survey - just nine questions; about 10 minutes of your time.

It is critically important that the City of Battle Creek is counted accurately; we receive millions of dollars in federal funding that help us provide city services.

Take **Battle Creek Transit**, for example. Our system's current classification places us in a federal formula giving us \$1.4 million, which we use for operations. If our population drops below 50,000, the classification changes, and we would receive funds from a shared state pot of \$24 million. We estimate we would receive \$740,000 - half of what we receive now.

This would require us to cut services - both for bus and Tele-Transit riders. We potentially would cut Tele-Transit to only ADA-eligible riders, a small percentage of those who use this service. We also could look at cutting service hours.

Please complete your census form, be counted, and help Battle Creek stay #50Kstrong!!

Solid waste changes



Due to COVID-19 and the stay-home order, Waste Management reduced the number of staff working in the field, and has postponed some non-essential services:

- Curbside bulk waste collection (furniture, appliances, mattresses, etc.); dumpster for use at Dept. of Public Works, 150 S. Kendall, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Spring Cleanup (was the first week of May)

Waste Management has temporarily closed their customer service call centers during the pandemic, and has a new, temporary phone number - **269-969-7530**.

Curbside **yard waste** pickup inside City of Battle Creek now starts **week of April 20!**
Place items on your regular trash day.

City Commission - 2017-2020

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