

## TOWN OF TRAIL CREEK

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Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The number to call for **EMERGENCIES 911** The **NON-EMERGENCY** number is **219-879-6700**

**REFUSE PAYMENT:** The Town of Trail Creek has an annual Garbage and Refuse Assessment in the amount of **\$220.00**. Payment, in full, will be due on or before **February 27, 2024**, by end of business day. An 8% late charge will be assessed on the unpaid balance if payment is received after above date. Pay online by visiting our website at [www.townoftrailcreek.in.gov](http://www.townoftrailcreek.in.gov) Click on Utilities, click Pay Utilities to go to PayGov.US **Please note, PayGOV.US charges a 3% convenience fee per transaction.**

**GARBAGE PICK-UP: Per our contract with Border Waste-Away Service/Lakeshore: All refuse/rubbish must be properly disposed of in the Grey 96-gallon cart provided to you by Borden Waste-Away/Lake Shore Disposal Service only.** If you have the need for an additional 96-gallon cart, you may lease through Borden Waste Away Service. They can be reached directly by calling, **(269) 231-5623**. Garbage pick-up is every Friday unless there is a holiday in that week, then pick-up will be on Saturday. **Each resident is allowed ONE large item pick up every Friday, of up to 75lbs. If more than one, you will be charged by Borden directly. Please call Borden Waste-Away Service/Lakeshore to schedule your large item pick up 24 hours prior to collection day.** Items with Freon, such as refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners and de-humidifiers, will not be picked up unless prior arrangements are made with Borden/Lakeshore. For a list of what you can and cannot put out, as well as 2024 Holiday schedule please visit [www.wasteawaygroup.com](http://www.wasteawaygroup.com). Collection for live Christmas trees only will be on the second Monday in January.

**RECYCLING:** Recycling is collected every other Wednesday. Services are provided by LaPorte County Solid Waste, you can reach them direct @ (800)483-7700 issues or questions. For a list of recyclable items or a 2024 recycle schedule please visit [www.solidwastedistrict.com](http://www.solidwastedistrict.com) as well as our web page or stop in the Town Hall during business hours and pick up a copy.

**REFUSE & RECYCLE CART SET OUT:** According to Code 32.5, **NO TRASH OR RECYCLE CART** of any type may be placed out for pick-up earlier than 12 hours preceding the scheduled pick-up day. **ALL REFUSE/RECYCLE CARTS** must be brought in no later than 8:00 p.m. on the same scheduled pick-up day. **Please remember to leave a large space between your garbage and recycle carts so each truck can get their equipment in between carts to do their pickup.**

**YARD WASTE:** A special yard waste pickup begins the **first Monday in April** and continues until **first Monday in November**. When yard waste pick-up ends, you will be allowed **1** extra 96-gallon cart (**nothing smaller**) grass clippings only (**NO LEAVES**) with your garbage pickup on Friday.

**SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP:** The Town of Trail Creek Street Dept will be doing a clean-up of leaves in the spring and fall. Those dates are determined by the Street Commissioner. Updates can be found on our website/Facebook page. The street dept will be bringing the leaf machine around to pick up leaves at that time. In a separate pile, you may place any sticks, limbs, and branches for pick up. Please remember **NO** sticks, limbs or branches are to be mixed in with your leaf pile as they will damage our equipment and the pile **WILL NOT** be picked up. Also, **NO ROCKS OR OTHER DEBRIS** that may damage our equipment. Questions may be directed to the Street Dept @ **(219)872-4780** or text **(219)877-8385**.

**OPEN BURNING:** Leaf and brush burning are strictly prohibited. The town offers a cleanup, please see above for more information. **ALSO, NO OPEN BURN OF ANYTHING ELSE IN THE TOWN, UNLESS CONTAINED.**

**STORM DAMAGE:** As a courtesy, the Trail Creek Street Department will only collect sticks, limbs and large branches caused by storm damage or limbs that have been trimmed by NIPSCO. Also, the Street Department will not be responsible for pick-up of any remains of a tree trimming or trees that have been cut down, removed by a resident or a tree removal company/contractor. It will be the responsibility of the homeowner to have these items removed and disposed of properly.

**SEMI-TRAILERS & TRUCK TRACTORS:** Parking of all semi-trailers and truck tractors is strictly prohibited within the Town of Trail Creek.

**STORAGE OF VEHICLES:** Chapter 20, Section 20.08 (F) of the Town Code permits the storage of mobile homes, trailers, travel trailers, camping trailers, boats, and watercraft, in the **SIDE OR REAR YARD ONLY** from November 1<sup>st</sup> until April 1<sup>st</sup>. **AT NO TIME** may these items be parked on town right of way. No more than three (3) items may be stored on any one lot.

**BUILDING PERMITS:** Building permits will only be issued to residence/contractors upon the Building Commissioners approval of the project. It is necessary to obtain a building permit for new construction, additions, and outdoor storage sheds, electrical upgrades, plumbing improvements, exterior doors, windows, siding, and driveways, HVAC. For specific information on obtaining permits or updated building code ordinance, please contact the Town Hall, or visit our website @ **www.townoftrailcreek.in.gov**. Permits are available to download under the “town forms” button.

Due to drainage issues, the Town Council requires that you notify Town Engineer Haas & Associates (Tim) @ (219) 872-9407 before constructing any form of driveway or parking area at your residence. You may find our Driveway/Easement Parking Permit Package with all the information and permit paperwork needed available for download under town forms.

**PET INFORMATION:** Ordinance #180 requires that all animals be on leashes when walking in the Town. It is unlawful to let animals run loose; this also pertains to cats. As a reminder per our pet ordinance, residences are allowed a combined total of 3 dogs/cats. Dog & cat licenses will again be required for the current year. Please bring current medical records and immunization information. The fee will be: \$5.00 for spayed or neutered dogs/cats and \$10.00 for all others. All dogs & cats 6 months and older must be licensed. Owners of unlicensed dogs/cats are subject to \$1000 fine.

Ollie’s Bark Park in Trail Creek: You may find the complete registration form on our web page or at the Town Hall. The cost is \$30.00 for the first dog and \$10.00 for each additional dog annually. Please see the “Ollie’s Bark Park Registration” form for park rules and information.

**Chickens:** The town does allow you to have up to 4 hens. Chickens must have a specific coup and not be free range. Also, chickens may not be slaughtered. AN ANNUAL permit is REQUIRED to have chickens within the town. Please find our chicken ordinance on our website and the permit application under forms.

**WRECKED, JUNKED AND ABANDONED VEHICLES:** No person shall park or store any wrecked, junked, or abandoned vehicles on private property within the Town except in a garage or other enclosure so as not to be exposed to public view.

**GARAGE SALE PERMITS:** Each resident may have two (2) garage sales per year at the cost of \$5.00 per sale, which will be valid for three (3) consecutive days.

**HOUSE CHECKS:** House checks can be performed courtesy of the Trail Creek Police Department. You may obtain a copy of this form at the Town Hall, or under town forms on our website ([www.townoftrailcreek.in.gov](http://www.townoftrailcreek.in.gov))

**NEW RESIDENT:** The Clerk’s Office is asking residents who have moved into Trail Creek to please notify the Town Hall so that billing files may be brought up to date with the new homeowner’s name and phone number.

**Town Council Members and Clerk Treasurer**  
Jennifer Heath (219) 210-9089                      Pete Pizarek (219) 405-2637  
Chris Ott (219) 840-1388                      Laura Saenz (219) 221-0670  
Warren Schacht (219) 448-1444  
Clerk/Treasurer - Crystal Frever (219) 872-2422  
TO MAKE PAYMENTS PLEASE SEE OUR WEB SITE @ [WWW.TOWNOFTRAILCREEK.IN.GOV](http://WWW.TOWNOFTRAILCREEK.IN.GOV)

**\*\*PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB PAGE/FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE CHANGES THAT MAY AFFECT THE TOWN\*\***

**Please note when paying your Refuse Bill online PayGOV.US charges a convenience fee of 3% per transaction.**