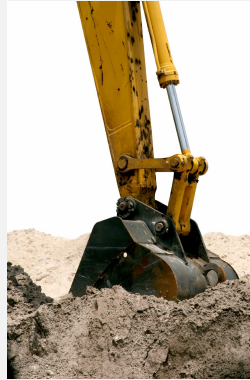


August 8, 2025

## Explaining recent Treasury heavy equipment rental personal property distributions

The state Department of Treasury [provided information](#) this week that explained the [qualified heavy equipment rental personal property \(QHERPP\) distributions](#) that townships and other local governments may have recently received. Under Public Act 35 of 2022, owners of eligible heavy equipment rental personal property can apply for a property tax exemption from their local assessor each year. Those who receive the exemption become a qualified rental business location and must collect a tax on rental transactions of the exempt personal property and remit that tax to Treasury. These tax revenues are then distributed to local units.



Townships (and cities) with a qualified rental business location in their jurisdiction receive a QHERPP 90% distribution and must distribute an allocation to other tax units. Additional guidance from Treasury with those local units in mid-August. Most townships, however, receive a QHERPP 10% distribution as no qualified rental business is located within their township. Per Treasury, these funds should be accounted for using account 101-000-569, Other State Grants, and can be spent as General Fund. (An open account under state grants may be used if the township wishes to record the funds separately.)

Payments for calendar 2024 is expected by the end of September for both 90% and 10% QHERPP payments, and January–June 2025 payments for QHERPP 90% payments anticipated in October. Moving forward, the 90% payments are anticipated to be distributed each September and March, and 10% payments in July. Contact [TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasRevenueSharing@michigan.gov) or (517) 335-7484 with questions.

*Townships can visit the state's [SIGMA Vendor Self-Service System](#) to view issued payments and a brief description of what the payment is. A [Doing Business with the State](#) webpage provides tutorials, videos and FAQs may also assist local units when using SIGMA.*

## Voters approve 87% of township millage requests

In Tuesday's election, 47 of the 54 millages put before voters in 34 townships were approved. Roads and public safety were the most common proposals, but the mix also included park and recreation, senior services, library funding, operations funding, and waste hauling services.

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## Upcoming MTA Training & Events

### [Now You Know lunchtime webinars](#)

Aug. 13: [Coverage Matters: Surety Bonds and Insurance 101](#)

Sept. 17: [Revenue Sources: Coins in the Couch](#)

### [MTA's Summer Academy](#)

Aug. 18: [Making Meetings More Effective](#)

Aug. 18: [Fundamentals of Assessment & Taxation](#)

Aug. 19: [Managing Your Township Team](#)

Sept. 10: [Emerging Issues in Emergency Services](#)

### [Professional Development Retreats](#)

Sept. 29-30: [Clerks](#)

Oct. 1-2: [Treasurers](#)

Oct. 14-15: [Supervisors](#)

Oct. 27-28: [Trustees](#)

Oct. 29-30: [Planning & Zoning Team](#)

## STG NOTIFY

### KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY CONNECTED

Send instant updates directly to your residents' phones

Sewer maintenance will be conducted on Maple Avenue today between 9:00AM - 3:00 PM.

MORE INFO.

#### MTA QUICK LINKS

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## Fiscally Ready Communities webinar to cover "Fundamentals to Best Practices"

Township officials and staff can [register today](#) for the state Department of Treasury's next [Fiscally Ready Communities](#) webinar, "From Fundamentals to Best Practices" being held on Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. The webinar will include a deep dive into best practices related to measuring and monitoring fiscal health, preparing for an audit, statutory reporting, and corrective action plan development processes. Questions can be submitted in advance to [TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov](mailto:TreasLocalGov@michigan.gov), with the subject line "Fiscally Ready."

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## Webinar shares "What Local Leaders Should Know about Drinking Water"

Join the state Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy's webinar on Aug. 28 at 10 a.m. to learn what local leaders should know about public water supplies and resources available to drinking water administrators. The [webinar](#) will assist officials increase their understanding of how drinking water is regulated and how to help address common drinking water needs and questions in their communities.

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## Input sought on GAAMPS by Sept. 5

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) is accepting public comments for the [2026 draft Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices \(GAAMPs\)](#) until 5 p.m. on Sept. 5. Expert committees review the GAAMPs each year and update them with approval from the Michigan Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development. All eight GAAMPs are open for public comment: Manure Management and Utilization, Care of Farm Animals, Site Selection and Odor Control for New and Expanding Livestock Facilities, Farm Markets, Pesticide Utilization and Pest Control, Nutrient Utilization, Cranberry Production, and Irrigation Water Use. Submit comments to [MDARD-RTF@Michigan.gov](mailto:MDARD-RTF@Michigan.gov), online, mail to the MDARD Right to Farm Program, P.O. Box 30017, Lansing, MI 48909, or during the [virtual public meeting \(via Microsoft Teams\)](#) on Sept. 5 at 10 a.m.

## Applications accepted for tree planting grants

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is partnering with the DTE Foundation and ReLeaf Michigan to

provide \$100,000 for a tree planting grant program. Applications are open through Sept. 15 for grants of up to \$4,000. Funds require a 1-to-1 match and communities must be served by DTE Energy's electric and natural gas services to be eligible. Projects should plant trees away from utility lines along streets, in parks and near schools to help mitigate climate change, enhance local beauty and protect energy infrastructure. A grant handbook and application instructions, as well as a MIGrants tutorial, are available on the program's [website](#).



## EMERGING ISSUES IN **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

SEPTEMBER 10 | BAVARIAN INN LODGE in FRANKENMUTH

**SPACE IS LIMITED — CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW!**

### **Free workplace hazard survey consultations from MIOSHA**

Townships can request free, no-penalty services from the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) Consultation Education and Training Division to strengthen workplace safety and health before a serious incident or MIOSHA inspection occurs. Consultants can help identify hazards, interpret MIOSHA rules and train employees on topics like hazard communication, fall protection and more. No citations or fines will be issued, but serious hazards must be corrected. Visit [Michigan.gov/cetrca](http://Michigan.gov/cetrca) to request assistance or call (517) 284-7720 to connect with a MIOSHA consultant.

### **Webinar explores "Local Government Solutions for Extreme Heat"**

The U.S. Green Building Council and Smart Surfaces Coalition are hosting a [webinar](#) on Aug. 18 at 3 p.m. to share actionable strategies for local governments to address extreme heat. Topics include the impacts of high temperatures on urban environments, the importance of heat data, and creative solutions that address extreme heat and build resilience in communities.

### **Reminder for clerks**

**Voter history updates due.** For those townships that held an election this week, voter history updates should be made no later than Aug. 11.

### **Reminder for small quantity hazardous waste generators**

[Small quantity generators](#) (SQG) of hazardous waste are required

to renotify the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy of their hazardous waste activities every four years. Renotification is due no later than Sept. 1. All SQGs must also make arrangements with local police and fire departments that may include a diagram or discussing the layout of the business, access roads, evacuation routes, and submitting to local hospitals the possible types of injuries or illnesses resulting from hazardous waste onsite, and offering local responders an opportunity to become familiar with site specific details and hazards. SQGs must submit a completed, signed and scanned copy of the [Michigan Site Identification](#) to [EGLE-MMD-Site-ID-Reporting@Michigan.gov](mailto:EGLE-MMD-Site-ID-Reporting@Michigan.gov).

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## Be alert for cloud storage scams

Have you gotten a message saying your cloud storage is full? It might look like it came from Apple, Microsoft or Google, but before you click, stop and check to make sure that it isn't a phishing scam to trick you into clicking links that can steal your personal information or install malware on your device. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offers the following advice to help you protect yourself and your township:

- If the message is from a company you do not work with, delete it and report it.
- If you do use the company, do not click the link. Instead, go directly to their website or app to check your account.
- Never trust links or phone numbers in messages you did not ask for.

For more information on cloud storage scams and to report a scam, visit the [FTC website](#).

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## Upcoming free ORV weekend

August 16-17 is the state of Michigan's [Free ORV Weekend](#), when residents and visitors can ride Michigan's 4,000 miles of off-road vehicle trails and scramble areas without an off-road vehicle (ORV) license or permit. All other ORV rules and laws still apply, including Recreation Passport requirements at certain state recreation areas.



## Stay informed about the latest township topics with MTA's training opportunities

- [Summer Academy](#): Strengthen your leadership skills with targeted training on running effective meetings, understanding assessment and taxation, and managing your township team. Space is available, but time is running out! *Held Aug. 18-19 in Bellaire*
- [Emerging Issues in EMS](#): Discover the latest trends, technologies and challenges facing township leaders and emergency services professionals at this full-day training. *Held Sept. 10 in Frankenmuth*
- [Professional Development Retreats](#): Take a deep dive into the duties and challenges of your specific township office with a retreat designed just for you. [Registration is now open](#); sign up today! *Coming to Frankenmuth in September and October*
- [Now You Know webinar—Coverage Matters: Surety Bonds and Insurance 101](#): *Learn the difference between surety*

*bonds and insurance (and why they both matter!) in this one-hour online training coming up on Aug. 13 at noon.*

Check out the [full lineup here](#) and [register now](#) to save your seat!

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