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TOWN OF SAUKVILLE

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Chairman's Message . . .

... From Jim Kadow

"The Town of Saukville is unique in its location, heritage, and pristine beauty. It is situated on old French and Indian trading routes near the Milwaukee River north of present day Milwaukee, west of Lake Michigan. It has nearly 25,000 acres of fields, farms, wetlands and forests. It is home to the Riveredge Nature center, the 3000 acre Cedarburg Bog with its UWM field station, and Pioneer Village consisting of settler era stone and wood structures. Its residents and many of those who live near or travel through the township value this region for its unrivaled beauty and for what it adds to the greater community."

"Southeastern Wisconsin's original landscape has undergone unprecedented destruction through poorly planned and implemented urban growth. Town residents and the elected officials resolve to protect their shared vision of a pastoral community that preserves family farms, rural home sites, woods, prairies and wetlands."

This is how the vision statement for the Town Comprehensive Plan begins.

The vision statement, written by Town Supervisor Bill Niehaus, is intended to sum up in a few paragraphs what we value about our town and would like to see preserved for future generations.

As part of an effort to protect and preserve our rural character, the Town Board recently created an Ad Hoc Committee to identify and inventory historic sites and buildings in the Township. During the next two years the Ad Hoc committee, chaired by Plan Commission member Todd Korb, will create a working definition of what constitutes a historic structure and attempt to find and catalogue these sites.

One goal of the inventory is to determine the rate that historic structures are restored, retained or razed. Another task is to photograph each building to create a permanent record of what is still here. The Ad Hoc Committee could also create a collection of information about historic preservation and the various programs available from the federal and state governments to assist with the costs of restoration at the Town Hall.

If you are curious about local history and architecture and would be interested in serving on this committee, you can contact the Town Hall. Your message will be forwarded to Mr. Korb.

If you have a historic structure on your property and would like it considered for the inventory, or if you remember some local history associated with a particular structure, please send the details to the Town Hall. The committee will share it with the rest of the community.

Enjoy our wildflowers and lovely views, but please watch out for children and wildlife as you make your way around our town. This is a fine time of year to greet your neighbors as everyone is outside enjoying the season. Create community. Grow a pumpkin. Go to a local event or fair. Eat fresh locally grown vegetables and fruit. Have a wonderful summer!



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Protect Your Family

The Wisconsin Poison Center has a fantastic website about protecting your family from poisons inside and outside your home. There are brochures available to print up on poisons, plants, medication, rural and farm safety, and inhalant abuse. Mr. Yuk stickers can also be ordered free of charge from their site or stop in at the Town Hall to pick up a Safety Pack with a sheet of Mr. Yuck stickers, a pamphlet, and a refrigerator magnet for your home.

<http://www.wisconsinpoison.org/>

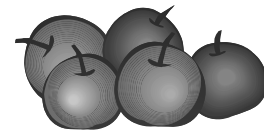
It's never too late to teach and learn about poison safety.

Farmer's Market

There are many Farmer's Markets around the state to visit. Whether you are camping or just on a summer drive check out the many markets representing Wisconsin Farmers and their fresh produce.

For a listing of Farmer's Markets and their hours, visit online at www.wisconsin.com/attractions/farmmarkets.html

The site's page is easy to browse with the state divided into regions. Pick the region you'll be visiting and see where the Farmer's Markets are.



Contacting The Town

We have an easier way to direct your email questions to the people at the Town of Saukville Town Hall. There are now separate email addresses to send your inquiries to the individual who can best answer your questions.



For questions relating to property taxes and dog licensing, contact Kay Danielson at Tsausk.treas@hughes.net

For questions concerning zoning, property information, boundaries, contact Debra Walls at Tsausk.zone@hughes.net

For general questions, newsletter inquiries, follow-ups, contact Jody Barrington at Tsausk.admin@hughes.net or tsauk@hughes.net

To now better assist you when you call here, we have added extensions to reach someone directly. When the voicemail picks up, enter the extensions to bypass the greeting. You may also listen to the greeting and follow the instructions to get the information that you want.

Ex 101 - General calls
Ex 102 - Zoning Administrator
Ex 103 - Town Clerk
Ex 104 - Treasurer

Website

We have the website up and running! At least for the most part. If there is information you need and you are unable to find it on the site, give us a call, send us an email, or stop in. We may not have gotten everything on there by the time you read this.

The only problem we seem to be having is with images. We are working to find a way to fix this.

WANTED

We are always looking for used items to supply the office with. If you know of anyone that is ridding their home or office of office supplies, give us a call. We are always in search of inexpensive furniture, filing fixtures, organizing tools, even empty ink cartridges to trade in for printer paper.

Available At The Town Hall

For your convenience and interests, we have certain books available for purchase. They can be obtained for a fee due to printing costs.



Zoning Ordinance Book
\$30.00
Land Division Book
\$15.00
Land Use Book
\$20.00

Please give at least a day notice to ensure a book is complete with updates before picking it up.

Town Roots: The Year 1904

The Town is fortunate to have many documents regarding the Town's history dating back to the 1800's. These include minutes of town, annual and Board of Supervisors meetings, and election records. The issues that the Town's forefathers dealt with to maintain the roads, buildings etc., and the cost of goods and services are very interesting.

The laws were simpler then. In the early 1900s, these laws were repeated in the Annual Town Meeting minutes: "The Town Clerk read the Law in regard to the destruction of this-tles etc., he also stated that the Law in regards to cattle, horses, and swine running at large are still in force."

The handwriting in these ledger books is beautiful and elaborate, written in fluid ink. Unfortunately, not all of the pages are legible and some names may be spelled wrong as not all of the letters could be determined. For the following excerpts from the historical records, the words are spelled just as they did then, such as the word "where" for "were".

1904 Officers:

On the 13th day of April 1904, the following persons were duly elected as Town Officers at the Annual Meeting

Adolph Jacobson	Chairman
Barney Cotler	Supervisor
Nic Dries Sr.	Supervisor
Jacob Schowalter	Town Clerk
Wm Horn	Assessor
Chas Opitz	Town Treasurer

May 10, 1904 Board of Supervisors Meeting:

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Saukville met on the 10th day of May 1904.

Present: Adolph Jacobson, Chairman
Barney Cotter and Nic Dries, Supervisors

The Road Warrants signed by the supervisors for the year 1904.

There where 2 bids for the repairing of the side walks in the village of Saukville for the year 1904.

One bid by Christ Dankert for \$1.25 per day and one bid by Jack Horn for \$1.75 per day. Christ Dankert being the lowest bidder was awarded the contract to repair the side walks for the year 1904, by the supervisors.

Christ Dankert agreed to give the use of his horse to haul the plank necessary to repair the side walks of village of Saukville to the place where same are to be repaired, from the yard in the village of Saukville for the sum of \$2.00 per year for the year 1904.

Whereas Joseph Albrecht made complaint that Chaud Augustin, a resident of the village of Saukville was drinking Intoxicants to excess, and thus was a nuisance to the community. Chaud Augustin was therefore ordered by the Board of Supervisors to quit drinking Intoxicants to excess, or the board would prohibit all Saloon Keepers from giving him any intoxicating drinks.

Whereas complaint has been made by Henry Dankert that John Link, a resident of the village of Saukville was keeping a manure pile on Clay St (a public highway). Said John Link was there fore ordered by the Board of Supervisors to remove said manure pile at once.

The Clerk was ordered to draw an order for Mrs. N. Doppel for aid to the amount of eight dollars.

25 bricks where sold to the public school at .25 ¢
200 " " " " P.J. Thelan at 2.00

There being no other business before the Board a motion was made to adjourn which was carried.

--Jacob Schowalter, Clerk

Election Corner

The next presidential primary election is in November, which seems far away. However, many of you are not registered to vote in that election if you haven't voted in the Town of Saukville since the *last* presidential election. The election laws have changed, and each voter must have on file a Wisconsin Identification number, such as a driver's license. You must provide further identifying data to be fully registered to vote. To avoid long lines at the November election, please stop in at the Town office to complete your registration before the election.

Ruth Maze, the Chief Election Officer will be contacting some Town citizens who are not registered to obtain identification information, such as a driver's license number and date of birth. The Town is doing this to avoid voter confusion and long waits at the polls. So, if you get a phone call or a visit from Ruth, be assured that it is okay to give her your information for voter registration.



Megan's Law

There are a few things in this world that create panic in a parent's heart. Child sex offenders are one of them.

Wisconsin has sex offenders mapped. We can visit MapSexOffenders.com, type in an address or zip code and view their name and what they look like, where they live, and what they were convicted for.

This site uses Google Maps, and you would have to disable your pop-up blocker. You are able to zoom in on the area, recognize the area for when your child visits family and friends, and feel a little more comfort in knowing where your child plays.

Megan's Law

In July of 1994, Jesse Timmendequas, a twice-convicted child sex offender, raped, beat, and strangles 7 year old Megan Nicole Kanka. He lived across the street from her in a New Jersey neighborhood while the Kanka family was unaware of his past.

Since Megan's death, her family fought to pass a law requiring states to publicly inform neighbors regarding **every** sex offender moving into the area. Each sex offender is mandated by law to re-register each time they move or annually into the sex offender data base.

Megan's Law is a foundation created by her family and 430,000 signatures to create newly proposed laws for everyone's safety.

In 1996, President Clinton signed legislation requiring states to notify communities of a sex offender. "There is no greater right than a parent's right to raise a child in safety and love." Since then, each state has developed and maintained an online registry of **ALL** registered sex offenders.

In addition, laws have been cracking down on things that lead to sex crimes, such as child pornography, sexual assaults on children, and sexually lewd acts.

Problems

There are problems with the database as is with software

and enforcing laws. There are sex offenders who *do not* register. Due to heavy caseloads, the police departments are not able to track them down. Also, there are many registered as sex offenders who should not be.

For example, an 18 to 20 year old man may have had charges pressed by parents of a 16 or 17 year old girlfriend. The parents may have been upset with the relationship, charging the boyfriend with statutory rape. These men are now required by law to register and are not allowed near children when they do not pose a threat.

Another example, parents may have been falsely accused of child abuse. They have been labeled as a sex offender even if the case is dismissed. The worst part of all is it is even harder to be removed from that list.

When browsing any neighborhood on the registries, keep this in mind:

Do not instill a great amount of fear in a child. Talk to them, more than once, about strangers. Use the dinner table or a car ride to give them a pop-quiz from time to time.

Do not get a false sense of safety if no one shows up on your search. Anything can happen anywhere.

Do know where your child is, what route he/she takes, and who is with them.

Do realize a child is statistically more apt to be harmed by someone they know than a perfect stranger.

Do talk with your child calmly about their bodies in a non-threatening way. Let them know they can come to you with any concerns and make them comfortable in communicating anything with you. Assure them threats from anyone can be scary, but you will do everything possible to protect your child and your family and to tell you as soon as they are able.

Allow your child to be a kid at play. Remember: The Sex Offender Registry is not 100% accurate, yet, but it will help you along the path to child safety and a fun free-spirited childhood.

Happenings

Ozaukee County Historical Society

July 21st-22nd Antique Power Reunion Tractor and Machine Show
Pioneer Village

July 29th Old Time Fiddlers Contest
Pioneer Village

Sept 1st-2nd Revolutionary War Encampment and Reenactment
Pioneer Village

Cedarburg

July 3rd Cedarburg Music Festival
Cedarburg High School
\$20 per person, 7 and under free

July 15th Maxwell Street Days
Firemen's Park

Ozaukee County Fair

Aug 1st- 5th Ozaukee County Fairgrounds

Saukville Historical Society

Opens 10 a.m. to Noon very 2nd and 4th Friday
200 N Mill Street

Farmer's Market

July—September Check out OzaukeeCountyTourism.com for a calendar of all Farmer's Markets in Ozaukee County.

Memorial Ceremonies

September 11 9/11 Memorial Ceremony in the Village of Saukville.

Recycling News You Can Re-Use

Recycling is a law followed throughout the state, and the Town of Saukville is recycling conscientious.

Those who drop off their recyclables know the routine. Separate the glass, plastic, aluminum, tin, steel, magazines, newspapers, office paper, mixed paper, and cardboard. If you visit the recycling center on Saturday mornings, we commend you on a job well done! You are making the process simpler for Arrow Disposal.

If you are one of the handful of those contracted with a private hauler, we hope, as well as the DNR, you know the correct way to do your part for the environment.

Our Recycling Coordinator has been working hard with the DNR Recycling Program to abide by the Wisconsin's laws to educate our citizens on how to recycle properly and to avoid contaminating the recyclable products that are hauled away. We have recently written a Compliance Assurance Plan to receive our state grant to help curb the costs of recycling. Since recycling is not cheap, every little bit helps.

The Compliance Assurance Plan (CAP) is a plan devised to further enforce the Recycling Ordinance and to inform anyone not complying with the recycling requirements on the "how-to" in properly recycling waste and recyclable products.

The CAP applies to **all** citizens, businesses, and organizations. When someone is not in compliance with the Recycling Ordinance (posted on our website in a .pdf form), the Recycling Coordinator will follow the CAP in ensuring any issue with recycling is met. The CAP is also available on our website.

What type of plastic is recycled at the Town of Saukville Recycling Center?

The Town recycles plastics with a number 1 or 2 on the container. The codes are easy to spot on the bottom of containers with the recycling arrows surrounding the number like the images shown here.



Recycling Questionable Items

Batteries

We use batteries in unbelievable amounts. They are in our phones, remotes, children's toys, appliances, and anything else you can think of that doesn't plug into the wall. But, what do we do with them when they are out of juice?

Dry-cell batteries contain substances that could harm the environment and our health.

They may also contain valuable metals such as silver, corrosive materials such as potassium hydroxide or sulfuric acid, reactive metals such as lithium, or toxic metals such as mercury, lead, cadmium and nickel. These batteries are not for commercial, industrial or national defense purposes.

Where do you recycle these daily items? You may stop by battery retailers, such as Radio Shack or Batteries Plus. In Port Washington, you are able to drop off batteries at Veolia ES Technical Solutions, LLC at 1275 Mineral Springs Drive. Veolia recycles dry cell, lead acid vehicle, and many other batteries. If you have questions about the dead batteries in your home, call them at 1-800-556-5267.

Car batteries can also be recycled at any auto store. Some may charge for the drop off, but it is better than getting fined for tossing it in the trash.

Oil

After changing your car's oil, what do you do with it? You don't want to store it in your garage or dump it on the ground. Take it in! The Ozaukee County Highway Department at 410 South Spring Street takes in used oil. It's safer for the environment and keeps it off your property.

Latex or Water Based Paint

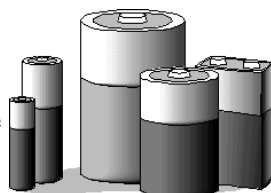
If the paint is unusable, remove the lid and place in a well-ventilated area. After the contents have solidified, replace the lid and place in the trash. You can dry the paint more quickly by pouring 1/2 inch layer into a cardboard box lined with plastic or newspaper or into a box filled with sand or kitty litter.

Ammunition or Explosives

If you come across ammunition or explosives on your property, **DO NOT THROW IT IN THE TRASH!** Contact the police, fire, or county sheriff to get instructions on disposal.

Reminders

- NEVER dump leftover products in a backyard or on the ground.
- NEVER reuse pesticide or other chemical containers for other purposes.
- NEVER burn or bury leftover products.
- NEVER mix chemical wastes.
- ALWAYS read product labels and follow use directions.
- ALWAYS keep these products out of the reach of children. "Mr. Yuk" stickers are a great way to inform children the product is dangerous. To request a free sheet of Mr. Yuk stickers, go to <http://www.wisconsinpoison.org/> or stop in at the Town Hall.
- TRY sharing unused products with others who may need it.
- TRY buying just enough product to do the job
- TRY substituting non-hazardous products.



Stretch Your Gallon

Ouch! Groan! Where's the relief? Gas prices are still rising, but you didn't have to hear that from me.

Turn on the news, open the newspaper, browse a few internet sites...The big headline is the ever-rising costs to drive.

It doesn't have to always be painful filling up your vehicle. If you didn't already know the everyday habits to increase your gas mileage, read on. If you already knew these tips and incorporated them into your driving habits, use these tips as a refresher and pass it along.

Basic Car Maintenance

Tune ups. Studies have shown that a poorly tuned engine can swallow 10 – 20% more gas, depending on the vehicle's condition.

Air Filters. Clogged air filters can cause up to 10% extra fuel usage by restricting air-flow into the engine.

Tires. Check the tires before driving. Cold tires will give a more accurate pressure reading than when warm. Under-filled and misaligned tires can use an extra 6% of your fuel.

Accessories. Heavy or sporty rims and wider tires look great, but they aide in your car's thirst. Wider tires create more rolling resistance. Keep the stock tires around for long distance driving.

Lighten the load. Clean out your vehicle from time to time. The more your vehicle has to haul, the more gas it needs to do it. It's easy to accumulate an extra 40 to 50 pounds of *stuff*, especially if you live in your vehicle during the day.

It's All In The Drive

Slow down! As speed increases, fuel economy decreases dramatically. If your one of the "ten-over on the freeway" type of person, try driving the speed limit for a few days. You will notice a difference on how often you have to fill-up.

Cruise around. Cruise control is a fantastic innovation for our vehicles. It helps maintain a constant speed which reduced fuel consumption.

Easy on the gas. Nearly 50% of the energy needed to power your vehicle goes to acceleration. Accelerate moderately in automatic to allow the transmission to shift. Manual vehicles should shift early to keep the revs down, but don't

lug the engine - - downshift if you need to accelerate.

Anticipate driving conditions. Rush hour on the freeway is horrible on your tank. Avoid unnecessary braking and accelerating by keeping a distance from the back bumper of the vehicle in front of you. Hang with the Big Rigs! The roll with the flow to keep their shifting to a minimum, and you won't have to keep gassing and braking. It also improves fuel usage by 5 to 10%.

Overdrive. Use it on the highway. Newer vehicles always have it on unless you turn it off. Older vehicles need to be told by throwing the shifter into overdrive.

The Little Things

Combine Errands. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as one trip covering the same distance, if not a shorter distance, when the engine is warm.

Idling. Avoid unnecessary idling. Turn off the engine if you anticipate a lengthy wait. It pollutes the air and wastes your fuel despite how efficient your vehicle is.

Get back to nature. Roll down the windows at lower speeds when the wind won't whip your hair around. During highway speeds, close the windows and turn the A/C on low. The wind resistance at higher speeds when the windows are down forces you to touch the gas a little harder to maintain your speed.

Get a Fuel Efficient vehicle. Hybrids are coming down in price, but they are not always practical if you don't do massive amounts of city driving. Keep in mind when looking for fuel efficiency: A fuel efficient vehicle getting 30 MPG can save you around \$15,000 over 5 years when comparing to a vehicle getting on 20 MPG. Do your homework! Online sites, magazines, checking out the stickers on different makes and models at dealerships...All these will help you in finding what is right for you and your driving habits.

Don't Drive. It's hard not to just hop in your car and run your errands or go to the park. Rural living means driving a distance to get a local convenient store or getting your kids to school. "Don't drive" is easier said than done out here. But...

Road trips. Follow the basic tips for gaining better fuel economy. Strap a few bikes to the roof when on a road trip to use for sight-seeing. You'll not only save money on gas, but you'll get some exercise, stretch out the legs after driving for hours, and have the ability to slowly cruise a new place!

To create a healthy lawn for everyone (including wildlife, water quality, children and pets), there are 3 simple steps to aide you in your quest for a perfect lawn if you feel the need to use fertilizers.

First, avoid pesticide use. Pesticides are dangerous to children, pets and wildlife. These chemicals can also be tracked into the house or get into ground water. Pesticides include insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and are in weed and feed products.

Second, look for *zero-phosphorus* fertilizers. Test your soil before fertilizing to find out what it really needs. Phosphorus accelerates algae growth in our lakes and rivers. Even if you are not close to water, the

runoff from your lawn can makes it way to the groundwater or local lake or stream. One pound of phosphorus from runoff can result in 500 pound of algae growth!

Third, consider reducing your lawn size with gardens and trees. Butterfly gardens are fun to grow and great for children to watch butterflies flutter about their yard. By creating gardens and planting trees and shrubs, you cut back on the amount of lawn to mow, gas to use, and time spent cutting the grass. You will also use less fertilizer if you feel your lawn needs it.

Also, by creating a relaxing area at home, you are helping the environment and making a safer place for everyone.



Gardening Help: As The Pumpkin Grows

Last quarter, we discussed how critical it is to prune your vines, picking only a couple of pumpkins to keep on the vines to get larger pumpkins, and how to get your vines to grow where you want them to.

This quarter, it's all about care of the fruit, harvest time, those pests, and what will happen to the vines.

By late August, as the days and nights grow cooler, the colors will start changing from green to orange, or the color of the specific type of pumpkin you chose to grow. The leaves will begin to show their age as more energy is diverted to the fruit. As the pumpkins ripen, the vines will begin to look like skeletons as their life escapes them. All the color left in your garden will be from the pumpkins.

Watering

We already know how important it is to water your garden. If our summer months are hot and dry, you won't get



much of a break from walking into your garden and watering at the base of the vines.

Check the dirt. If it is really dry, give your garden a drink. Try to water them early in the morning before the sun begins to beat down on the earth's surface. It is important to water early in the morning at the base of the vine, not on the foliage to prevent mildew.

Remember: Pumpkins are water based.

Preventative Measures

Take a walk through your vines and check them out. If you are looking for that perfect plump roundness, stand the pumpkins on their bottoms. If a pumpkin is on its side, you will have a flattened look. Carefully lift it with the vine so the pumpkin is on its bottom and the vine is on top. Only do this after the pumpkin is well-established and the flower has fallen off. Doing this too soon may cause damage.

If you are struggling to turn your pumpkin right-side-up, cut a few tendrils

that are pinning the vine to the ground.

To prevent rot, you can place wood chips or a shingle between the ground and the fruit. When the ground is too wet, mold may form on your pumpkins and/or on the leaves. The shingles and wood chips will keep the heavy dampness from creating mold directly onto your plants.



Wear gloves! The vines are prickly and don't feel so great when your fingers are punctured by them.

Try not to puncture the fruit or break off the stem. Any wound your pumpkins receive leaves an entry way for disease and/or insects. When the stem is broken off, it also doesn't allow the pumpkin to keep well.

Weeding and Pesticides

Many weed killers will harm your pumpkins. Pesticides may do the same. There are, however, homemade sprays which can be concocted right in your kitchen.

Pests are easily repelled by garlic oil. The Henry Doubleday Research Association in England mixed mineral oil and pure soap with garlic oil to create an effective insecticide. Some studies have even suggested garlic oil sprays have anti-fungal properties.

To make your own garlic oil spray, soak 3 ounces of finely minced garlic cloves in 2 teaspoons of mineral oil, canola oil, or soybean oil for at least 24 hours. Slowly add 2 cups of water that has ¼ ounce of liquid soap mixed into it. Stir thoroughly and strain into a glass jar for storage.

To use your mixture, use 1 to 2 tablespoons of it to every 2 cups of water. Use a spray bottle to hold your ready-to-use mix to spray plants carefully and thoroughly cover. If you are a little uneasy about trying this, you may test it on a few plant leaves, first. If there is no leaf damage occurring in 2 to 3 days, go ahead and spray more.

This spray protects your plants from aphids, cabbage loopers, earwigs, June

bugs, leafhoppers, squash bugs and white flies. It has not appeared to harm adult lady beetles, and it does not work against Colorado potato beetles, grape leaf skeletonizers, grasshoppers, red ants, and sow bugs.

There are many variations of this particular home spray, but this one was the most common. There are other organic sprays that can be mixed in your kitchen for many other garden invaders. Browse the internet for organic pesticides and give the recipes a try.

Vines

The vines are sprawling about, taking over the entire area designated to your pumpkin garden, possibly reaching for other areas of your yard. Last quarter, pruning vines was discussed to train your vines to go where you wanted them to go. We also discussed tendrils and how they anchor the vine to the ground.

As the time gets closer to harvesting, the vines will shrivel up, lose their green, and lie on the dirt as a skeleton. Your fruit is not dying! The vines have just finished their job supplying your fruit with the necessities needed to grow healthily.

What if your vine dies prematurely from disease or another cause? Harvest the mature fruit and store them in a moderately warm, dry place until Halloween.

Harvesting

Your pumpkins are ready for harvest when the rind is hard and the colors are deep. The vines will shrivel away when the time has come to be separated from the fruit. Typically, pumpkins are harvested in late September or early October before the heavy frost.

To take your pumpkins from the garden to a storage area or your kitchen, you want to be extra careful with handling. You will want to take a pair of pruning shears or a sharp knife to cut the pump-



Just For Kids: Crafts For A Rainy Day

Dad wants to clean out the garage. He wants *you* to help him. Even though you would rather be riding your bike, you may find a treasure or two, or even create something useful out of some of that junk.

You find stacks of newspaper in one corner and old wooden brooms in another. What can you do with it? **Recycle!**

On a rainy summer day, you can get a start on creating your own fire logs. You'll be able to save your strength for other things than hauling newspaper to a recycling center.

You will need for this project:

- A bucket large enough to soak several newspapers.
- Newspapers
- Used twine or string
- Broomsticks
- Scissors
- Water

First, take 8 pages of newspaper and lay them unfolded on a table or floor lengthwise.



Lay the broomstick at the top of the paper. It would be easier if you had the broomstick cut down.



Next, you will need to tightly roll the newspaper around the broomstick. When you get to the end of the newspaper, start rolling more by overlapping 8 pages at a time until you have a good size log.



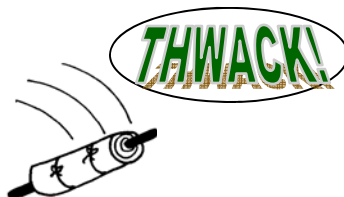
Then, tie your string around the paper about three inches from each end.



Fill your bucket with water and soak the logs overnight. The water will break down the fibers in the paper and reduce the amount of **fly ash*** when the logs are burned.



When you wake up the next day, take the logs out of the water and bang them on the ground (outside in the driveway would be the best place) to pack the paper.



Finally, you can remove the broomstick and dry thoroughly. If you have racks available in the garage you helped clean, ask if you can use them for a little while.

TIP: The sun will help dry your logs faster!



After you have completed making your own logs, now it's time to learn about what you did.

By making your fire logs, you are helping the environment more than you may think.. Yes, you are recycling so the paper may be used again, but there's more.

When you get to see your fire log tossed into the fireplace, you are not just reusing the paper; you are heating your home. This is part of an *Energy Recovery System*.

Energy is very important. In Wisconsin, or landfills have enough trash dumped every year to heat **300,000** homes. What a waste!

Many places are spending money on waste-to-energy plants to help with the garbage problem. We can do a lot of it ourselves in our own homes.

When your logs turn into ash, you have reduced your garbage. Believe or not, that ash at the bottom of the fireplace can actually be reused. It can be used in concrete mix and composting for gardens.

If your parents want to create a finer ash that won't make huge piles to clean up more often, have an adult throw your paper logs onto an already hot fire made of real wood. The real wood will burn much hotter and cause the paper to burn better. Your log may burn faster, but it will reduce the amount of ash created.

***Fly ash**– Although there are controversial reports on fly ash, it is basically more about fly ash from coal and magazines than it is with newspaper.

Giant Pumpkins!!

Caring for Goliath

If you've been following along on the regular pumpkin garden segment this year, you know what to expect next with your giant pumpkins. So much care is put into growing colossal fruit for competitions, but if you are growing a giant just to grow one for painting, carving (a huge project itself), or just to see what it would be like, you may not want to put as much *into* it as serious and competitive growers do.

Stress!

One thing you will notice is how the stem can get a little stressed as the pumpkin gets near 300 – 400 pounds. The vine can be pressurized by the shoulders of the orange elephant and can actually force the fruit to rip from the vine.

To prevent a stress issue, begin training a 90° bend in the vine with the blossom positioned on the outside of the curve (known as an “S” curve). This helps give the fruit slack from the vine while getting larger. Then, about 3 feet down from the blossom, straighten the vine out so it heads in its original position. This will position the vine away from the pumpkin's shoulders.

As your giant begins to grow, it will lift the vine. It is necessary to snip the tendrils on either side to decrease the downward pressure on the stem.

Sunscreen

Pumpkins are just as susceptible to the sun's rays as our skin. Since you shouldn't smear the rind with an SPF 60, there are alternatives to protect your baby.

Tarps will shade your pumpkins well. Serious growers are known to build tent-like structures to cover one or two prized pumpkins. Some use PVC piping or 2 x 4's to create a frame, throw the tarp over the structure, and anchor the tarp, or even a cloth like material, to the ground. Not only does it keep off the sun, but it also keeps your fruit dry.

Early Frost

In case frost attacks early and it is important to you to have a huge pumpkin, it is imperative to protect your prized beast from the cold.

During the last month or so, your pumpkin can grow at least 200 pounds. If the weatherman is predicting frost, cover your baby and its vine and add supplemental heat. This will keep the plant alive long enough until you're ready to harvest for a weigh-off or any other purpose you planted it.

To heat your pumpkin's tent, place milk jugs with warm or hot water around your monster. Tuck in the tarp to shut out the cold.

If you don't have the time to do this when the temperature begins to drop in the evening, just place the jugs in the morning to let the sun warm the water.

Another way some growers protect their prizes is by using a light bulb. Great care should be taken so you don't end up with a giant pumpkin pie in your garden. You want to keep the bulb away from everything and suspend it in mid-air to ensure fire safety.

You can actually keep the pumpkins covered until harvest. They need the warmth now more than the sun to grow a little more.

What's Next?

Next quarter, you will find out about harvesting, taking care in moving the brute, and storage if you need to harvest early due to frost, disease, or any other reason.

If you are interested in finding out more, check the web or the library. Since there isn't enough room to put in all the information I have learned, you may want to do some research to look further into the cares, preventions, and how-to's.



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kings from the vine. You will also want to leave 3 to 4 inches of stem attached just to be sure the pumpkins will keep well while in storage. Always wear gloves for protection from the prickles.

Try not to cut or bruise the fruit while handling the fruit. This cannot be stressed enough. Pumpkins that have been injured, subjected to heavy frost, or are not fully matured do not store well.

If you are planning on storing the pumpkins for Halloween, you will want to be sure they are in a dry area or building with temperatures between 50° to 55°F and 50% to 75% relative

humidity. This will ensure your harvest will keep for 2 to 3 months. You may want to cure your fruit in the sun for a few days before storing them, also. If frost is predicted, bring them in to your storage area.

Next Quarter

The time is near to use your pumpkins for decoration, cooking, baking, or carving. We will print a recipe or two for you to try for Thanksgiving or for a “just because” occasion. We will also have an idea or two for projects you can use for centerpieces that can be created with children.

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