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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Flying Eagles Ski Club Invitational | Eau Claire
Locopalooza Show Choir Competition | Altoona
UWEC Annual Holiday Concert | Eau Claire
Annual Karaoke Contest | Altoona

FEBRUARY

Banbury Art Crawl | Eau Claire
Folk Arts Festival | Eau Claire
Home & Garden Show | Eau Claire
JIG's UP Ice Fishing Tournament | Lake Wissota
Winter Carnival | Eau Claire
Groundhog Grind Trail Run | Altoona
Annual Black History Month Gala | Eau Claire
Winter Palooza | Eau Claire
Candelight Snowshoe Hike | Eau Claire
Galentine's Day Hike | Eau Claire
Valentines Day Dance | Eau Claire
Winter Sports Storm | Eau Claire
Pond & Boot Hockey Tournament | Eau Claire

MARCH

Eau Claire Farm Show | Eau Claire
Wisconsin Sport Show | Eau Claire
Special Olympics Polar Plunge | Eau Claire
CultureFest | Eau Claire
Annual MidWest WeirdFest | Eau Claire
Shamrock Shuffle 5k Run/Walk | Eau Claire
St. Patrick's Day Bash | Eau Claire
Beyond the Veil Expo | Eau Claire

APRIL

Altoona Easter Egg Hunt | Altoona
Eau Claire Marathon
Eau Claire Jazz Festival | Eau Claire
Viennese Ball | Eau Claire
Annual Springtime Magickal Market | Eau Claire
Buckshot Run | Eau Claire
Gatsby Gala Eau Claire Jazz Festival
Annual Adult Prom | Altoona
Junkin' Market Days | Eau Claire
Meta Para Con | Eau Claire
Spring Fling Dance | Eau Claire

MAY

Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market (May-Oct.)
Pancake Breakfast and Fly-In | Eau Claire
Sculpture Tour | Eau Claire
St. Olaf Fun Fest | Eau Claire
Morning Rotary Charity Golf Outing | Neenah
Chippewa Valley Gem & Mineral Show | Eau Claire
Clear Water Kiwanis Doll & Pet Parade | Eau Claire

JUNE

Bait & Spur Show | Eau Claire
Blue Ox Music Festival | Eau Claire
Cinder City Days | Altoona
Country Fest | Cadott
Invitational Soccer Tournament | Eau Claire
Sounds Like Summer Concerts | Eau Claire
Leinie Lodge Summer Kickoff | Chippewa Falls
Parade of Homes | Eau Claire
Pie & Ice Cream Social | Eau Claire
Ski Sprites Weekly Water Ski Show (June-Sept) | Altoona
Miss Augusta Pageant
5v5 Tournament (June-July) | Altoona

JULY

Bean & Bacon Days | Augusta
Country Jam | Eau Claire
Eau Claire County Fair | Eau Claire
Fireworks Extravaganza at Carson Park | Eau Claire
Northern Wisconsin State Fair | Chippewa Falls
Rock Fest | Cadott
US National Kubk Championship | Eau Claire
Augusta Car Show | Augusta
Pioneer Days | Eau Claire
Annual Ride Across Wisconsin | Eau Claire

AUGUST

Big Rig Truck Show | Eau Claire
Hickory Hills Annual Charity Golf Outing | Eau Claire
National Night Out
St. James Parish Summer Fest | Eau Claire
OneFest | Chippewa Falls
Butterfly Fest | Fall Creek

SEPTEMBER

Ginormous Pumpkin Festival | Altoona
Harvest of Hope Annual Banquet | Eau Claire
Leinie's Oktoberfest | Chippewa Falls
Downtown Fall Festival | Eau Claire
Fall Harvest Market | Eau Claire

OCTOBER

Chippewa Valley Book Festival | Eau Claire
Downtown Halloween | Eau Claire
Falling Leaves Art Studio Tour | Eau Claire County
UWEC Homecoming | Eau Claire
Eau Claire Downtown Farmers Market (Oct-April)

NOVEMBER

Small Business Saturday | Eau Claire
Wicked Wine Weekend | Eau Claire
Annual Women's Business Conference | Eau Claire
Handmade Holiday | Eau Claire

DECEMBER

Family New Year's Eve Celebration | Eau Claire
New Year Fireworks | Eau Claire

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The area of Eau Claire was originally part of the Territory of Wisconsin which was organized in 1836 and included all of present day Iowa and Minnesota as well as parts of both Dakotas. The area was originally inhabited by Chippewa, Sioux, Algonquin and Iroquois Indians. In 1848 Wisconsin entered statehood and counties were established. Eau Claire County originally named the town of Clearwater in 1855 but was changed to the town of Eau Claire which is the French term for clear water on March 31, 1856. The town was separated from Chippewa County on October 6, 1856 when Eau Claire County was created by an act of the Wisconsin State Legislature. The county was dominated by the lumber industry because of the large amounts of timber and rivers for travel in the area. By the end of the nineteenth century it became one of the largest lumber producers in the United States. As timber resources became exhausted the lumber industry began its decline. Agriculture became one of the largest industries since and still continues to thrive to this day. By 1900 Eau Claire County had a population of 31,692 residents. Today Eau Claire County is home to approximately 99,409 residents.

CITIES:

ALTOONA – pop. 6,946
AUGUSTA – pop. 1,558
EAU CLAIRE (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 66,966

VILLAGES:

FAIRCHILD – pop. 562
FALL CREEK – pop. 1,333

TOWNS:

BRIDGE CREEK – pop. 1,950
BRUNSWICK – pop. 1,661
CLEAR CREEK – pop. 838

DRAMMEN – pop. 799
FAIRCHILD – pop. 351
LINCOLN – pop. 1,122
LUDINGTON – pop. 1,090
OTTER CREEK – pop. 513
PLEASANT VALLEY – pop. 3,123
SEYMOUR – pop. 3,269
UNION – pop. 2,769
WASHINGTON – pop. 7,341
WILSON – pop. 496

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LUDINGTON – pop. 1,023
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MOUNT HOPE CORNERS/BRUNSWICK – pop. 1,624
RODELL
TRUAX
UNION – pop. 2,663
WILSON – pop. 485

**Populations are approximate.*

ALTOONA

Early settlers arrived to the area that is Altoona in 1881 looking for a less crowded area near the city of Eau Claire. The city was originally known as East Eau Claire because of its proximity to Eau Claire. Populations increased with the arrival of a railroad station that same year on the Chicago, Omaha, Minneapolis and St. Paul Railway. East Eau Claire was renamed Altoona in 1882 after confusion between both of the similarly named cities on the railway. The community was named after the city of Altoona, Pennsylvania because it was home to many of the new settlers. The community was officially incorporated as a city in 1887.

AUGUSTA

Augusta was originally part of Bridge Creek township. The name was changed after the town separated when Eau Claire County was organized in 1856. The town held an election for the new name of the city based off of the “prettiest girl in town.” A woman by the name of Augusta Rickard won and the town was then named in her honor. The first settlers to the area arrived in early 1854. John F. Stone erected a sawmill and gristmill in 1856 and the town was incorporated as a village that same year. Populations increased with the arrival of railroads to the area. Augusta later went on to become a city in 1885.

EAU CLAIRE (COUNTY SEAT)

The town and county were named after the Eau Claire River which flows through the community. The name Eau Claire comes from the French words for “clear water.” The Chippewa River that flows through town was often brown and muddy from debris and rotting vegetation. When the Eau Claire River was discovered settlers were amazed at how clear the water was compared to the nearby Chippewa River, hence its name. Early settlers came to the area because of the abundance of timber in the area. In 1872 Eau Claire was incorporated into a city. Populations grew rapidly with the arrival of railroads to the area and because of the rise of the lumber industry that was overtaking the community. Early industry was centered around logging and agriculture. By the 1880’s Eau Claire was a great sawmill center and was considered one of the largest in the United States. The town even earned the nickname of the “Sawdust City” because of the large amount of sawdust that lined the streets from the numerous lumber mills. Lumber operations peaked in the 1890’s and by 1920 the lumber production in Eau Claire was shut down. Citizens of the area focused on other industries such as agriculture and manufacturing and continued to make the city a prosperous community.

FAIRCHILD

Fairchild was settled in 1868, the same year that the West Wisconsin Railroad was laying down its tracks throughout the area. Fairchild was named after Governor Lucius Fairchild, the tenth governor of Wisconsin. The first settler Mr. Van Auken established the first steam sawmill in the community in 1870. The village was later surveyed and platted in 1872. Populations began arriving after the arrival of railroads. The first building was the Methodist church that arrived in 1874. Schools, churches and businesses were all thriving in the village by Fairchild’s incorporation in April of 1876. By 1896, Fairchild had one of the largest general stores in northern Wisconsin. Agriculture was established as the main industry and became very important for many residents in the community. The railroads helped farmers ship all of their produce throughout Wisconsin making them very profitable.

FALL CREEK

The first settlers arrived to Fall Creek in 1850. Christopher Zimmerman first arrived to the area and cleared trees for settlement. Many of the early homes were not made of wood like others at the time. Instead settlers dug holes in hills and covered them with twigs as a dwelling. As time passed and as the area grew larger modern homes and buildings were erected. Fall Creek received its name after a stream which lies one mile north of the town that is a tributary to the Eau Claire River. Fall creek was later surveyed in 1857 and its population increased with the arrival of railroads to the area in 1869. In 1867 Edward Gessner erected a sawmill and the lumber industry began in the community. The lumber industry was the main sustenance in the community until its decline in the early 1900’s when agriculture took over as the main industry.

SEYMOUR

Attracted to the ample natural resources and fertile soil, Seymour was settled in the 1860’s and incorporated in 1872. As the railroad arrived, businesses, churches and a school were established. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the area began to grow. As transportation improved, Seymour continued to thrive and its proximity to Eau Claire has made the community an ideal place to live.

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INGREDIENTS

- 4 tilapia fillets
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- Fresh parsley, chopped (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat your oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 Pat the tilapia fillets dry with paper towels and place them in a baking dish.
- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- 5 Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- 7 Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- 8 Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

Enjoy your delicious and healthy tilapia baked in garlic butter!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

Barbecue



BARBECUE DO'S:

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

BARBECUE DON'TS:

- use lighter fluid to start your grill. Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



EAU CLAIRE COUNTY FAIR



The city of Eau Claire, Wisconsin is popular for its party vibe, thanks to the students of University of Wisconsin, Chippewa Valley Technical College, and a couple other colleges. Many of the local businesses rely, quite a bit, on the surrounding colleges.

Back in the late 19th century, Eau Claire was famous for its lumber industry and at one time had 22 lumber mills in the city. However, as the lumber industry slowed down, the area shifted more focus into manufacturing and education. There is one thing that stayed the same since then. The Eau Claire County Fair.

The Eau Claire County Fair began in 1924, and for the first seven years was held in Augusta. This fair featured a carnival and horse races. In 1930 the fair building burned and the fair was moved to Fall Creek. After the city of Eau Claire hosted the fair in 1934 and 1935, it returned to Augusta until 1939.



Members of the county youth organizations, with the greatest participation by 4-H and FFA members, continue to have the opportunity to learn, have fun and be recognized for their accomplishments through the county fair tradition. Since 1996, two full “Kids’ Days” have brought hundreds of youth from the general public to the fair to enjoy safe, low cost, family-centered activities sponsored by 4-H.



The Eau Claire County Fair takes place at the Eau Claire County Exposition Center. The fairground is coded from A to F with many different attractions and events on each area. The show always starts on the 3rd Saturday of July. There are many events being held throughout the week such as silent auction, collector car show, and petting zoo. There are also many different contests held over the week, ranging from livestock contests, kids drawing contest, all the way to STEM competition. At the end of the fair, the committee gives out awards for the booths around the fair, categories ranging from “Most Adorable Pet” to “Best Tasting Corndogs”. It’s a very nice way to acknowledge the people who make the fair possible and fun. The sheer amount of events and activities to do can feel quite overwhelming at times, but it’s always nice to know that everyone of all ages can find something they enjoy.





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Augusta Wildlife Area

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Bayview Park

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Beaver Creek Reserve - Wise Nature Center

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(South Entrance)

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(North Entrance)

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DEER

Archery and Crossbow

Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

Archery and Crossbow *Metro Sub-units only*

Sept. 13 – Jan. 31, 2026

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: This is not a statewide season. ~ Oct. 4 – 12

Youth deer hunt ~ Oct. 11 – 12

Gun ~ Nov. 22 – 30

Muzzleloader ~ Dec. 1 – 10

December 4-day antlerless hunt ~

Dec. 11 – 14

Antlerless-only Holiday Hunt ~

Dec. 24 – Jan. 1, 2026*

*Only in valid farmland units. Please see deer regulations booklet for valid units.



BEAR

Zones A, B, D: where dogs are permitted

Sept. 3 – 9

with aid of dogs only

Sept. 10 – 30

with aid of dogs

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods

Oct. 1 – 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

Zones C, E, F: where dogs are not permitted

Sept. 3 – Oct. 7

with aid of bait

with all other legal methods not using dogs

SMALL MAMMALS

Cottontail rabbit

Northern zone ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

Southern zone ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Feb. 28, 2026

Milwaukee County ~ Year-round

Squirrels (gray and fox)

Statewide ~ Sept. 13 – Feb. 28, 2026

GAME BIRDS

Crow

Statewide Nov. 22 – March 25, 2026

Pheasant

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

Bobwhite quail

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Dec. 10

Ruffed grouse

Zone A ~ Sept. 13 – Jan. 4, 2026

Zone B ~ Oct. 18 – Dec. 8

Sharp-tailed grouse ~ Season is under review.

Hungarian partridge

Statewide ~ Oct. 18 (9 a.m.) – Jan. 4, 2025

(Closed in Clark, Marathon and Taylor counties)

FURBEARERS

Coyote

Hunting ~ Year-round

Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Fox, red and gray

Hunting & Trapping ~ Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Beaver

Trapping

Zone A (northwest) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone B (northeast) Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

Zone C (south) Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

Zone D (Mississippi River) Dec. 8 – March 15, 2026

Muskrat & Mink

Trapping

Northern Zone Oct. 18 – April 15, 2026

Central Zone Oct. 25 – March 22, 2026

Southern Zone Nov. 1 – March 15, 2026

Mississippi River zone Nov. 10 – March 8, 2026

Bobcat

Trapping

North & South zones, Period 1, Oct. 18 – Dec. 25

North & South zones, Period 2, Dec. 26 – Jan. 31, 2026

Fisher

Trapping

North and South Zones Oct. 18 – Jan. 4, 2026

Otter

Trapping

North zone Nov. 1 – April 30, 2026

South zone Nov. 1 – March 31, 2026

Raccoon

Trapping

Resident Oct. 18 – Feb. 15, 2026

Nonresident Nov. 1 – Feb. 15, 2026

Opossum, skunk, weasel, snowshoe hare and woodchuck

~ No season limits, bag limits, size limits or possession limits, but a license is required.

WILD TURKEY

2025 Youth turkey hunt ~ April 12 – 13

Spring 2025

Period A April 16 – 22

Period B April 23 – 29

Period C April 30- May 6

Period D May 7–13

Period E May 14– 20

Period F May 21 – 27

Fall 2025

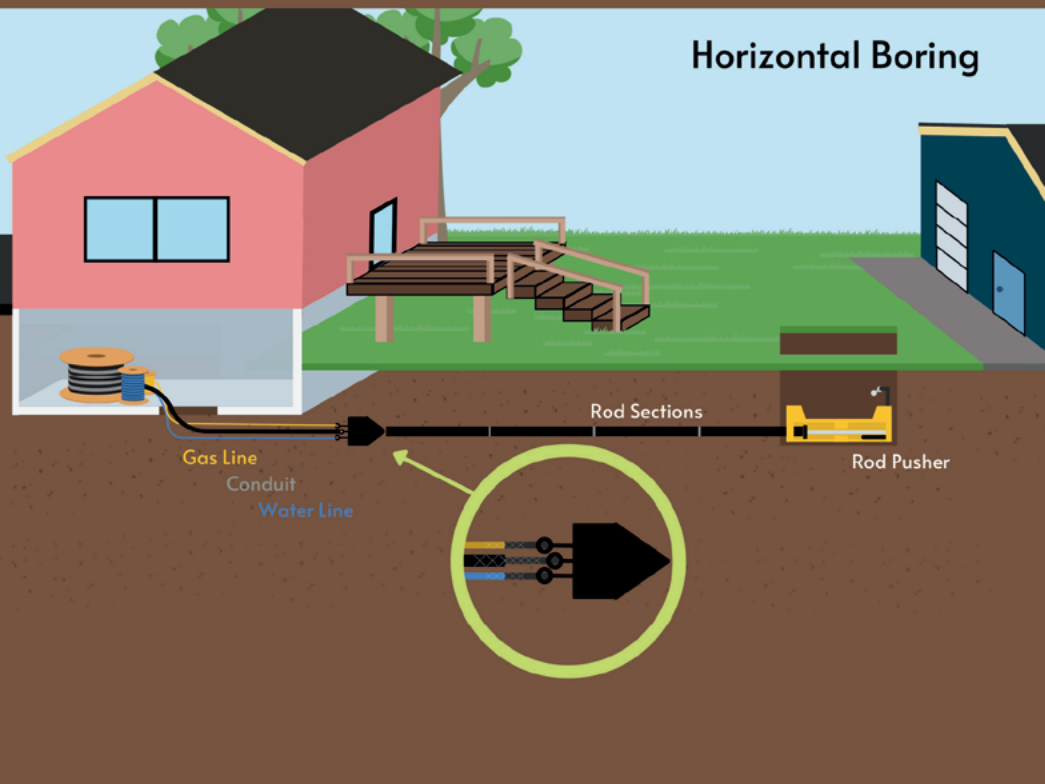
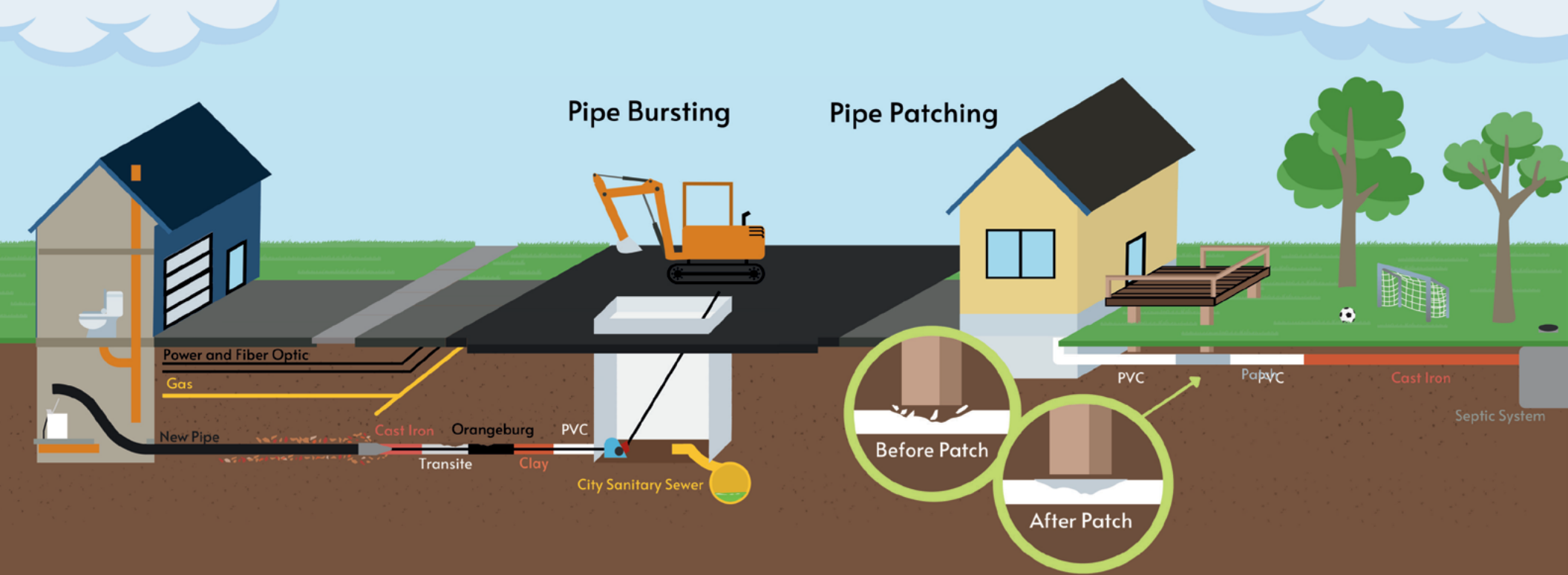
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Emerald Ash Borer

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- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
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Invasive Pests are a Problem!

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**2024-2025
FISHING SEASON
DATES**

(Effective Date: April 1, 2024; Dates Inclusive)

Early Inland Trout (catch & release)
January 6 (5 a.m.) - May 3

General Inland Trout
May 4 (5 a.m.) - October 15

General Inland Fishing
May 4 - March 2, 2025

Largemouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
May 4 - March 2, 2025

Smallmouth Bass Northern Zone Harvest
June 15 - March 2, 2025

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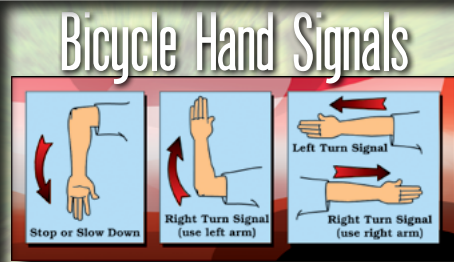
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

- Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head.
- Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly.
- Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure.
- Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals.
- When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions.
- Cross only at intersections.
- Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals.
- Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars.
- Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets.
- Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents.
- Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights.
- When biking with friends, ride in a single file.
- Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known.
- Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traffic of your changing direction.



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

- Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death.
- Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal.
- If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights.
- Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone.
- Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice.
- Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile.
- Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris.
- Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile.
- Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before.
- Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions.
- Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use.
- Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile.
- Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.

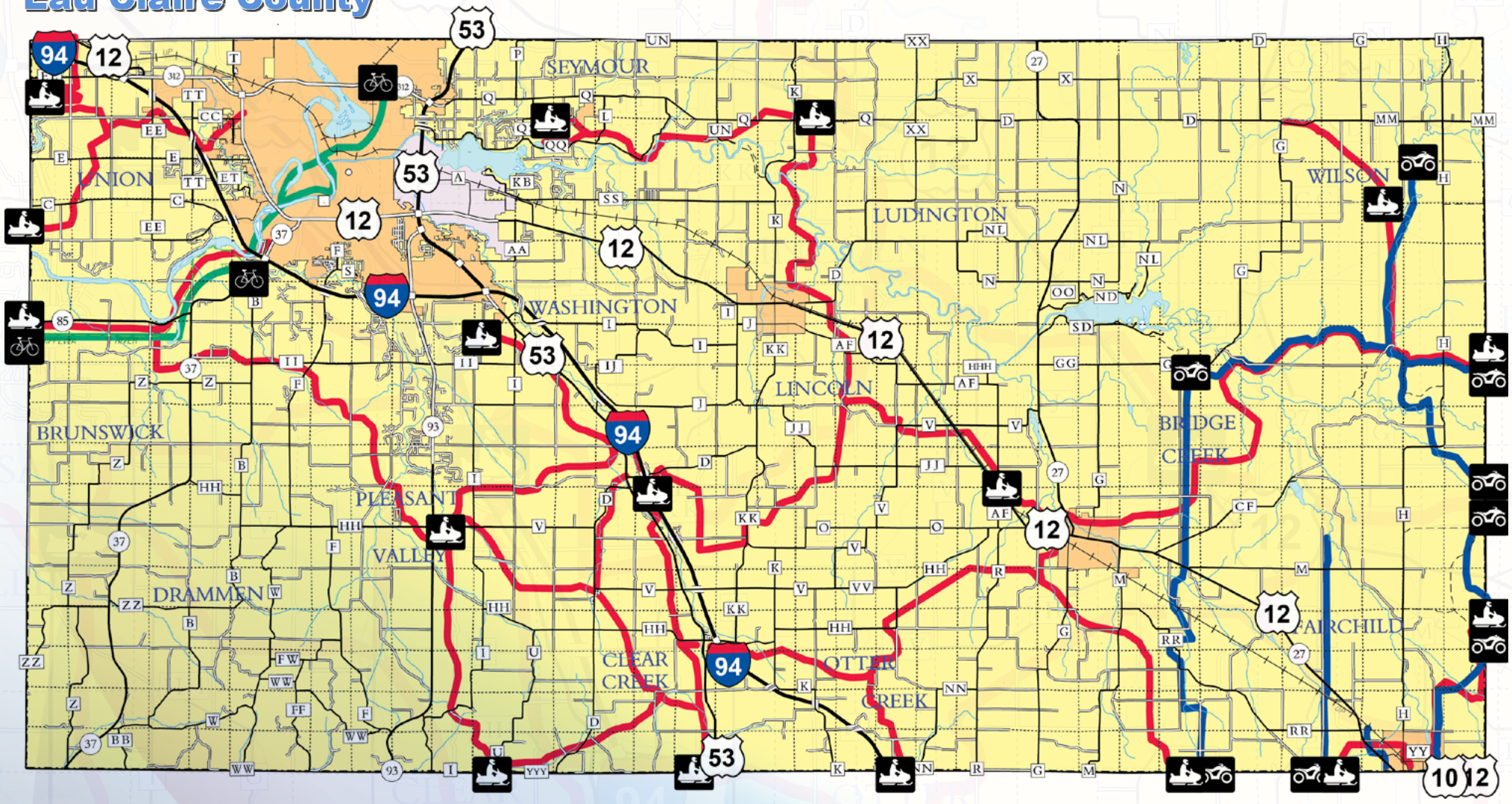







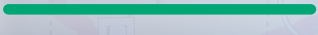
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Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

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Commitment and Time: Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle: Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

Proper Nutrition: Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

Regular Exercise: Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

Routine Veterinary Care: Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

Spaying/Neutering: Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

Training and Socialization: Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

Provide a Safe Environment: Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

Grooming: Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

Identification and Microchipping: Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra measure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

Love and Attention: Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

Respect and Understanding: Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

Emergency Preparedness: Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?

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- Snow insulates the ice and slows the freezing process. The added weight of the snow reduces the strength of the ice. Also, ice that is closer to shore is usually weaker than ice farther out.
- Cracking and rumbling ice isn't always bad. The ice expands and contracts as the temperature rises and falls.
- Fish and birds/wildlife can also effect the ice. Schools of fish can bring warm water from the bottom of lakes, and open holes in seemingly thick ice.
- **ALWAYS BE CAUTIOUS WHEN YOU ARE ON ICE!**



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