



Parks & Trails - Empire Township has several parks and a great trail system. When using them, be courteous to others. Do not litter!

Clean up after your pet. Pet waste carries viruses, bacteria and parasites that can get into our ponds and streams. It can damage our water quality and be harmful to human health. You can either throw it in the trash or flush it. Also, all dogs on the trails and in the residential areas must be on a leash or in your yard! See Ordinance No. 210-B Animal Controls on our website under Ordinances.

Dogs are not allowed on the ballfields.

Golf balls are not allowed in Empire Parks. When mowing, the golf balls fly out and could cause serious injury.

Dakota County Dog Park is located at 16470 Blaine Ave... It is a 16 acre, fenced, wooded park and a great place to let your dog run and exercise off leash.

Watering Ban: Empire Township has a constant water ban. If your house number ends in an even number, water on even calendar days. If it ends in an odd number, water on odd number calendar days. There will be no watering of yards/gardens between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. on any given day. Citations will be given. The first offense is \$25 and \$50 every time after that. If there is a power outage, please check your irrigation system to make sure the clock is set correctly. If you have new sod and need to water more, call the Town Hall. With watering lawns come high water bills!

Water Meter Damage or Tampering. *Per Ordinance 510-E Public Utility Ordinance, if any meters are damaged either by carelessness or neglect of the owner or occupant of the premises or other agents, the owner or occupants must pay for the repairs of such damage or pay for meter replacement, including installation. It shall be unlawful to tamper with any water meter for the purpose of altering the meter reading or accounting of actual water usage. It shall be unlawful to remove the seal from a sealed water meter, except by an employee of the Township, or by a licensed plumber during an emergency. Seals broken by a licensed plumber during an emergency require immediate notification to the Township. Removing a seal illegally or tampering with a water meter will result in a \$500.00 fine. The Township may also pursue civil remedies to collect revenues lost as a result of tampering. Replacement of the water meter shall be at the property owner's expense.*

Fire Permits: A burning permit is required if you are going to burn. Recreational Fire Permits are good for one year and must be renewed each year at a small fee of \$10.00. You may purchase your recreational fire permit at Empire Town Hall. All other fire permits need to be picked up at Farmington City Hall.

Compost Permits: RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's Resident's compost for free. Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit.

"Some people walk in the rain, others just get wet." - Roger Miller