

# WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP

## 2026 Winter Newsletter

### EMERGENCY SERVICES REMINDER

As the snow continues to pile up, please remember to keep your home address visible from the road or driveway entrance (i.e. fire number). Additionally, ensure you have TWO methods of accessing your home that are clear of snow for emergency services. If you have a missing or damaged fire number contact the township at [admin@westbranchtownship.net](mailto:admin@westbranchtownship.net) or call (906) 942-7400.

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBOR

The Township is compiling a list of individuals or companies who are willing to help with shoveling or snow plowing for those in need throughout the community. Contact the township at [admin@westbranchtownship.net](mailto:admin@westbranchtownship.net) or call (906) 942-7400 to be added to the list.

### UPCOMING EVENTS & DATES TO REMEMBER

March 2, 2026	Winter 2025 Property Taxes Due
March 21, 2026	Spring Craft & Vendor Fair with Bake Sale, Skandia Township Hall

### UPDATED CEMETERY ORDINANCE

The West Branch Township Board adopted an updated cemetery ordinance (No. 102-2026-01) on January 5, 2026. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at the hall or on the West Branch Township website: [westbranchtownship.net](http://westbranchtownship.net).

### SMOKE & CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS AVAILABLE

The Skandia-West Branch Fire Department has smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors available for free, including installation. Contact the Fire Chief, Kevin Downs, at 906-361-0364 to schedule an installation.

### WEEKLY SENIOR ACTIVITIES

*At the Skandia Township Community Center*

**Monday Meals** – Weekly senior meals at 11am and the cost is \$4. If 60 years old or older and want to sign up contact Liz Lancour at (906) 942-7431 and leave a message.

**Exercise Classes** – Mondays at 9am and Wednesdays at 10am

**Friday Coffee Hour** – Fridays at 9:30am with Coffee, Tea, and Snacks

### SUGGESTIONS?

Have suggestions or items to include in future newsletters? Contact [admin@westbranchtownship.net](mailto:admin@westbranchtownship.net).

# Transfer Station Updates

## 2026 PASSES AVAILABLE

Transfer station passes are available for purchase at the West Branch Hall during office hours. Payments can be made by cash or check.  
6-month passes (Jan - June & July-Dec) are sold for \$60 each.

## REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

Did you know that the more you recycle the more likely we can keep rates low for using the transfer station?  
Currently, the Skandia-West Branch transfer station recycling percentage is low (less than 10%) – so every bit of recycling helps. We can do better as a community!

## RECYCLING ACCEPTED

- Cardboard (flattened)
- Aluminum and Steel (soup cans, pop cans, etc.)
- Paper, books, magazines
- Plastics - water bottles, etc. (No compostable Plastics)

### Special Items:

- Glass - (separated from other recycling, glass only bin outside)
- Tires\*
- Pop Cans (with \$0.10 deposit) - can be donated to local community efforts
- Working Household Items - can be donated for others in community

\*Must pay \$10/tire at West Branch Township Hall prior to drop off (cash & check only)

## OTHER LOCATIONS FOR FREE DROP OFF

**Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, 600 Co Rd NP, Marquette**

- Yard Waste - dirt, grass, hay/straw, leaves/brush, plants (note: no stumps or limbs that are more than 2" in diameter)
- Food Waste - bones; bread, pasta and grains; coffee filters, coffee grounds and tea bags/leaves; cooking oil/grease; eggshells and nutshells; fruits and vegetable scraps or whole; meat, fish and poultry scraps; soiled paper towel and napkins; soiled pizza boxes and paper food wrap
- Hazardous Waste & Confidential Documents - Please call or email to make an appointment, [landfillmqt@gmail.com](mailto:landfillmqt@gmail.com) or (906) 249-4125.

## UNSURE ABOUT AN ITEM?

Check out the 906 Materials Wizard: [westbranchtownship.net](http://westbranchtownship.net) under transfer station section or visit [recycle906.com](http://recycle906.com), call (906) 249-4125, [landfillmqt@gmail.com](mailto:landfillmqt@gmail.com)

## TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Wednesday 3-7 pm

Friday 12-5 pm

Saturday 9 am - 1 pm

**Meijer, Walmart, Target, Lowe's**

- Plastic bags - typically at the store entrance. Includes shopping bags, packaging supplies (bubble wrap, air pocket, bubble mailers, produce bags, bread bags, Ziploc bags, overwraps, plastic wraps).