



Village of Germantown

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FROM THE PRESIDENT...

I am honored to start my 4th term as your Village President. Germantown is built on the strength of its residents, hard work and community spirit that makes Germantown a wonderful place to live, work and grow.

Looking ahead, our focus continues to be on improving and maintaining our infrastructure. In 2025, we will be developing water wells number 6 & 7. Currently the Village has 4 water wells, (Well #1 was retired several years ago). The Village also receives water from the City of Breese, which is mixed at the Water Plant and distributed.

As we step into this new chapter together, I encourage you to share your voice. Your ideas, dedication, and hard work make our town what it is, and I look forward to see how we continue to grow.

Duane S Ripperda

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT

Your 2024 Water Quality Report is now available! Go to https://germantownil.net/wp-content/uploads/Gtown_Breese_2024.pdf to learn more about your drinking water. This report contains important information about the source and quality of your drinking water. For a translation of the water quality report or to discuss the contents of the report, please contact Supt. Steve Mullins at 618-523-4291. To request a paper copy of the report, please contact Dawn at the Village Hall at 618-523-4243 or by email at dawn@germantownil.net.

HELP WANTED

The Village is looking for an outdoorsy person to work part-time for the summer into the fall. Job duties include: mowing, weed eating, edging, spraying and other general outdoor jobs. Must be 18 to apply. Hours are weekday, daytime only and work at your own pace. Hourly rate is \$20. This would be a perfect position for our young retirees looking to stay active and help out the community! Email: steve@germantownil.net or 618-806-4291.

ATTENTION:

CROSS-CONNECTION CONTROL SURVEY

All users of the Village of Germantown Water System must complete and return the Cross Connection Survey. The Survey is to be completed by the property owner and returned to the Village of Germantown by June 30, 2025. This survey is a requirement of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Attached is a paper copy or you may access and submit online at <https://germantownil.net/cross-connection-control-survey/>

www.germantownil.net

NEW FACES

At the April 1, 2025 election, Jarod Lohman and Landon Schroeder were elected as Village Trustees. We are looking forward to fresh ideas and points of view as they begin their new positions.

The Village would like to thank both, Mike "Mick" Albers (20 years total) and Roger Rickhoff (16 years) for their years of steadfast service to the Village. Their dedication, commitment and guidance will have a lasting impression.

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G.I.C. is a volunteer group committed to enhancing the beauty & charm of our beloved town. Formed with the mission of making Germantown an even more inviting and picturesque place to live, our club focuses on various community improvement projects. The Committee meets regularly and is open to new ideas and interested residents. Keep in touch through their FB page.

WATER/SEWER/TRASH INFORMATION

WATER/SEWER RATES— Water/Sewer and Trash rates have not increased since January 2020. As the Village prepares for more capital improvements to the water and sewer infrastructure, rates must reflect those costs and general increases of costs to operate.

The Village is negotiating a new contract with Republic Services for trash/recycle pick-up in Germantown. Attached is some generic information regarding our current contract. The new contract will begin Nov 1, 2025. Expect rate increases on your November 2025 utility bill.

GERMANTOWN
Annual Village Wide Yard



YARD SALE!

May 30 - 31, 2025

Details on Village of Germantown Facebook page

*** MAPS AND ADDRESSES WILL NOT BE PRINTED THIS YEAR ***

Sellers made include their name/address on Village of Germantown Facebook page.

Solicitors

ALL solicitors must register with the Village.

If a solicitor of any kind comes to your house, ask if they have a permit (it will be a name badge issued by the Village).

Call or Email the Village Hall to report solicitors.

DIRECT DEBIT UTILITY BILL PAYMENT

Go to germantownil.net to sign up for Direct Debit or call Village Hall at 618-523-4243

SIGN UP FOR E-BILLING

Save paper, postage and the environment! Sign up for E-Billing. Go to germantownil.net and sign up now!



POLICE BUSINESS

Do not hesitate to call the Police if you notice a stranger or suspicious vehicle. A license plate number is the quickest identification. Police non-emergency number is (618)523-4226.

Monitoring Violations Annual Notice Template

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Monitoring Requirements Not Met for Germantown

Our water system violated several drinking water standards over the past year. Even though these were not emergencies, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct these situations.

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During 10/1/23-12/31/23 we did not complete all monitoring/testing for disinfection by products (DBP's) and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. A lab issue delayed the results but all monitoring/testing was ultimately done.

What should I do?

There is nothing you need to do at this time. Sampling was completed per IEPA instructions.

The table below lists the contaminant(s) we did not properly test for during the time period, how often we are supposed to sample for DBP's, how many samples we are supposed to take, how many samples we took, when samples should have been taken, and the date on which follow-up samples were (or will be) taken.

Contaminant	Required sampling frequency	Number of samples taken	When all samples should have been taken	When samples were or will be taken
Disinfection by products (chlorine)	2 times/yr Monthly	4	10/1/23-12/31/23	2/2024
E. Coli		4	12/1/23-12/31/23	1/2024

What happened? What is being done?

Sampling was completed in the first quarter of 2024 per IEPA instructions.

For more information, please contact Steve Mullins at 618-523-4291.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

<i>This notice is being sent to you by Germantown.</i>	<i>Water System ID#</i>	<i>0270350</i>	<i>Date distributed</i>	<i>5/10/25</i>
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