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#### **Bay County to Launch New Website Domain**

Bay County will transition from a .net domain to a .gov domain for email and the County website will be the same domain, baycountymi.gov. This domain change is being made in conjunction with established cybersecurity practices and gives peace of mind that citizens are interacting with official County services.

Registering as a .gov domain requires an entity to submit evidence to the U.S. Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) that they are truly registering on behalf of legitimate local, county, or state governments. The new .gov domain also makes it more difficult for malicious actors and scammers to impersonate government entities.

This change will not disrupt access to valuable resources, services and information. There will be minimal downtime with no compromise of functionality. It is recommended that you update your bookmarks, tabs and more other materials to reflect the change to [www.baycountymi.gov](http://www.baycountymi.gov) and email addresses will be baycountymi.gov instead of baycounty.net

The County will phase out all occurrences [www.baycounty-mi.gov](http://www.baycounty-mi.gov) and emails from baycounty.net, in publications and on public-facing signage or materials. To learn about the .gov domain, visit [www.dotgov.gov](http://www.dotgov.gov).

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