

Unit 3 Lesson

Social Studies

Government in Action

What does our
government do?

Each country has a government.



The President lives & works in the White House.



United States
leaders work in
Washington D.C.

National Government
is the government of a
country

Each state has a government.



Michigan's leaders
work in
Lansing.

State Government
is the government of
one of the fifty states

Each local community has a government too.



Fraser's leaders work at City Hall.

Local Government
is the government of a
community

Local governments provide many services.

What services do you think we get from our local government?

Turn the page to find out!

Libraries



Police and fire



Schools



Local Government Services

Road Repair



Parks



Garbage PickUp

Read these newspaper headlines and discuss what service is being provided by each local government.

Mount Clemens Puts New Flower Garden in One of its City Parks

St. Clair Shores Closing Part of Mack Avenue Monday for Tree Trimming

Sterling Heights Police Investigate an Auto Break-In

Warren Community Library Offers Music Concert

Roseville City Council Adopts Resolution to Repave Common Rd.

City of Fraser Buys New Snow Plow to Help Keep Streets Free of Snow

Local governments do more than provide services. They also make and enforce laws.

Do you think there are limits on what local governments can do?

Imagine this...

You are at home one day and see the mayor coming down the street. The mayor stops at your house, comes in, and goes to your bedroom. He demands that you clean your room.

Do you think this is allowed? Talk with a partner then turn the page to find out.

NO!

When the government takes action in the community, it is called a **Government Action**. Government officials cannot take action in the privacy of your home (unless they can prove you are breaking the law).

Imagine this...

Your mom or dad comes home from work and goes straight to your bedroom. They demand that you clean your room.

Do you think this is allowed? Talk with a partner then turn the page to find out.

YES!

When a citizen takes action, it is called a ***Private Action***.

Cleaning your bedroom is a private action.

Government Actions

are things a government or people working for a government do

Private Actions

are the things a private person does