



May 21st
1950 - 2021
71st Year
Anniversary



Spring Fire Safety



It's easy to associate at-home fire protection with the colder months with the use of space heaters, fireplaces, decorative candles, and tangled strings of holiday lights. But, just because we're less inclined to turn the heat on doesn't mean we shouldn't still be vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves and our property from fire hazards. As you transition from sweaters to shorts, deep fryers to grills, and indoor holiday parties to backyard barbecues, keep an eye on these areas:

Grills

Charcoal should be soaked with charcoal starter fluid only. Make sure the grill is clean. Make sure the grill is set up in an open, outdoor area with nothing flammable nearby.

Outdoor Fire Pits

Never leave young children unattended near a fire in the pit. Fill a bucket with water and set it next to the pit before you even begin building the fire. Avoid throwing leaves, pine cones, pine needles and paper into the fire. Unless there's an emergency, avoid dumping the entire bucket of water on the fire to put it out. Instead, spread the pieces of fuel as far apart as possible and gently sprinkle water over them until there are no more glowing embers. Toast your marshmallows over the embers rather than the flames.

Chimneys

The NFPA recommends having a chimney inspected and thoroughly cleaned at least once a year and getting it out of the way this time of year often means ridding it of buildup that would only cause more damage if it hung around until the fall.

Smoke Alarms

The batteries should be changed once a year, test the smoke alarms (there should be at least one on every floor of the house) each month.

Dryers

the leading cause of clothes dryer-related fires is a failure to keep them clean. Scooping out the lint basket takes all of about 12 seconds, so be sure to clear it out every time you throw a load in. The NFPA recommends cleaning out the vent pipe at least once a year

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City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays

Good Friday ~ April 2nd

Memorial Day ~ May 31st

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

April 17th
3860 Flowerfield Rd

Examples of Acceptable Items (Fee for some items)	These items WILL NOT be accepted
Appliances Carpet & Padding Electronics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Laptop, CPU, VCR, DVD, Printer, Fax, Stereo, TV Fluorescent Bulbs Mattresses/Boxsprings Small Engine Equipment Tires / General Debris (Pickup or Trailer load) Yard Waste (branches must be cut to 4"~ leaves unbagged on site)	HAZARDOUS WASTE Cleaning Products Paint, Varnish, Driveway Sealer, Anti-Freeze, Oil, Gas, Pesticides, Propane Tanks, Sharps Other household items that are corrosive, flammable poisonous CURBSIDE RECYCLING

Donations of non-perishable food items will also be collected for the local food shelf

Council Meetings

1st & 3rd Thursday of each month
7:00pm

Stay informed of what is happening within our city.

Residents are encouraged to attend.

You can also watch them on cable channel 16 where they are broadcast live.

Minnesota State High School League's Section 4AAA
2020 Softball Tournament
Lexington Memorial Park

- June 1
- June 2 (June 3 Rain Back-up)
- June 4 (June 5 Rain Back-up)
- June 8 (June 9 Rain Back-up)
- June 10 (June 11 Rain Back-up)



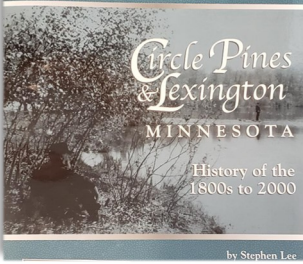
The City of Lexington has reached **STEP 3** in our GreenStep Program. You can view everything we have completed thus far on our page at:

www.greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/city-detail/12210

Stephen J Lee, passed away on Feb. 28, 2021.

We appreciate the work he put into preserving our towns history with the book he wrote. You can view his full obituary at:

www.startribune.com/obituaries



Park Board Vacancy

If you are interested in serving please send a letter of interest to

Lexington City Hall
9180 Lexington Ave.
Lexington, MN 55014

Water Service Rates, effective 1/1/2021

The following residential rates will be applied for quarterly water service (base plus usage):

	0-15,000 gal	15,001-30,000 gal	30,001-40,000 gal	40,000+ gal
Base	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43
Usage	\$ 2.51	\$ 3.10	\$ 4.14	\$ 5.74

The following commercial rates will be applied for quarterly water service (base plus usage):

	0-15,000 gal	15,001-30,000 gal	30,001-40,000 gal	40,000+ gal
Base	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43	\$ 15.43
Usage	\$ 2.51	\$ 3.10	\$ 4.14	\$ 5.74

Wastewater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2021

The following rates will be applied for quarterly wastewater service:

Metered water service (base plus usage)	
Base	\$ 12.40
Usage	\$ 3.36 for each increment of 1 to 1,000 gallons of water usage per quarter

Non-metered water service	\$ 56.75 per unit
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Qualifying residential senior	\$ 34.18
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Qualifying residential senior is defined as a resident who is 62 years of age or older. Proof of age will be required by 1 (one) member of household and application for discount must be completed and filed at City Hall.

Storm Sewer Service Rates, effective 1/1/2021

The following rates will be applied for quarterly storm Sewer service:

Residential	\$ 8.55
Multifamily Per Residential Unit	\$ 8.55
Commercial	\$ 11.60

Additional Utility Fees, effective 1/1/2021

The following rates will be applied for quarterly service:

MN Water Test Fee	\$ 2.43
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**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF LEXINGTON THE 7th, DAY OF JANUARY, 2021**

Thank you for considering the impact these items may have on your sanitary sewer system before you flush!

"Disposable" doesn't mean flushable. Disposable means you should bag it and trash it... **don't flush it!** Most baby wipes and adult wipes are not flushable. This information is usually written in tiny letters somewhere on the package. Even if the phrase "flushable" or "safe to flush" is on the package, it may not be flushable. These "unflushable" and many "flushable" wipes do not fall apart in water like toilet paper. The wipes get tangled in the sewage with other wipes and debris, resulting in sewer clogs and expensive problems for your collection system. These additional maintenance issues cost you money in the form of sewer rates and take time away from the operators and maintenance staff's daily activities.



REMEMBER
If someone stops by your house selling anything, they must have a Peddlers/Solicitors License issued by The City of Lexington. Make sure to ask to see their license. If they do not have one they are not allowed to sell in our city.

LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE
For great deals on beer, wine, liquor & mixes
9271 South Highway Drive
763-786-0198



Hydrant Flushing May 10th

Spring is here, and along with that comes **Hydrant Flushing**. We flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and allowing us to ensure the hydrants are in proper working order. As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all **cold** water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line and hydrant preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed on a regular basis to keep it working effectively and efficiently.

Be a part of the largest service organization in the WORLD... People who care about the community, schools, kids, people in need. People who are willing to give a few hours in a month to help make a difference are needed and wanted... Put your family, your church and your job first and then give us some time...when you can.



CIRCLE PINES LEXINGTON LIONS
Contact:
Lion Ginny Hestekind
Phone: (763) 786-3474
Email: vhestekind@comcast.net

GRASS CLIPPINGS AND STORM DRAINS DON'T MIX

With summer time weather comes the mowing season. It is important to remember not to blow grass clippings into the street. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. It is also a violation of Municipal Code to deposit grass clippings and other yard waste into the street. Keep grass clippings in the lawn and out of the street.

Did you know...

• Grass clipping and other yard waste blown and left in the street are a flooding and water quality concern?

Localized Flooding:

• Grass clipping and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

Water Quality:

• Grass clipping and other yard waste in the streets can cause high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams, which can result in algae blooms.

• Keeping grass clippings on your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

Some solutions are...

- If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.
- If you bag grass with your mower make sure you keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch, or creek.
- If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side and you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.



Snapshot of City Ordinances

CHAPTER 4 SECTION 4.02. BUILDING PERMIT REQUIRED.

It is unlawful for any person to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure, or any part or portion thereof, including, but not limited to, the plumbing, electrical, ventilating, heating or air conditioning systems therein, or cause the same to be done, without first obtaining a separate building or mechanical permit for each such building, structure or mechanical components from the City.

CHAPTER 10 SECTION 10.32. GARAGE OR RUMMAGE SALES REGULATIONS.

Subd. 1. Definitions.

A. "Garage or Rummage Sales" - Any display and sale of personal property conducted on residential premises by the occupant. Estate sales conducted at a decedent's residence are not included in the definition of garage or rummage sales.

Subd. 2. Restrictions.

A. None of the items offered for sale have been obtained for resale or received on consignment for sale.

B. Any garage or rummage sale shall be conducted solely within the boundaries of the property owned by the occupant who is conducting the sale.

C. There shall be no more than four garage or rummage sales conducted at any one residence during any period of twelve calendar months.

D. No garage or rummage sale shall be conducted during any part of more than three consecutive days.

E. No garage or rummage sale may be conducted before 8:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m.

Subd. 3. Penalty. Any person violating any provision of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

All Ordinances can be viewed at: www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/govt_code_book

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

There is a drive up drop box located in the parking lot on the west side of City Hall. Enter from Woodland Road and it will be on your drivers side.

With the weather becoming spring like and with more walks and romps to the park and around the neighborhood. Remember, by Ordinance, it is required to keep pets leashed and clean up after them.



Need to pay your utility bill? or looking for a business in town? Check out our city website.

www.ci.lexington.mn.us

There are many resources available to help you. Watch Council meetings, check out our calendar for upcoming events, research city ordinances, find transportation options, read community news and so much more.

Do you have a picture or video of something beautiful, fun or amazing in our city?

Email it to :

brenda.beaudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org

and it could end up on our Seen Around Town page.

Anoka County
Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)
3230 101st Ave NE Blaine, MN 55449

April ~ October

Wednesday 1 pm-7pm
Thursday 9am-3pm
Friday 9am-3pm
Saturday 9am-3pm

November ~ March

Wednesday 1pm-7pm
Saturday 9am-3pm

Closed Holidays

There is no charge to use the facility
Household hazardous waste is accepted from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott & Washington counties

Bring identification, such as a Drivers License, as proof of residency

NEW ! Battery Recycling

Batteries and most electronic waste are considered hazardous. They can contain toxic or corrosive materials. When crushed, batteries can explode and cause fires.

Do

- Dispose of batteries at the HHW facility or other designated collection site.
- When possible, remove batteries from devices
- Store damaged batteries in a clear plastic bag

Do Not

- Dispose of used batteries in trash or recycling containers
- Crush or puncture batteries
- Store old batteries close to flammable material, metal or other batteries

Single Use Batteries:



Rechargeable Batteries:



Automotive batteries are not accepted.

AnokaCounty.us/HHW

763-324-3400

What to Bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility at No Charge

The Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility accepts waste from residents at no charge that are labeled:

- Caution
- Warning
- Danger
- Poison
- Combustible
- Corrosive
- Flammable
- Inflammable
- Toxic



The facility also accepts at no charge medical sharps, fluorescent bulbs and propane tanks.

Home Improvement Products

- Paint, varnish and stain
- Paint stripper, paint thinner, turpentine
- Petroleum-based adhesives
- Roofing tar
- Mercury thermostats
- Wood preservatives
- Driveway sealer



No frozen or dried out products.

Automotive Products

- Carburetor cleaner
- Degreasers
- Fuel (gasoline, kerosene)
- Motor oil, oil filters and antifreeze
- Petroleum-based waxes and finishes



Household Products

- Aerosols
- Batteries
- Drain and oven cleaner
- Mercury thermometers
- Mercury thermostats
- Nail polish and remover
- Propane tanks



Used Sharps

- Hypodermic needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Pen needles
- IV needles
- Used Epi-Pens®



Place sharps in rigid, puncture resistant container. Label container: "Do Not Recycle: Household Sharps." Seal to prevent spills.

Fluorescent Bulbs

- Compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
- Fluorescent bulbs
- High intensity discharge (HID)



Fluorescent bulbs contain mercury. Intact or broken, it is illegal to put them in the garbage.

Do not tape fluorescent tubes together.

Lawn & Garden Products

- Ant, bug, roach and rodent killer
- Bug spray
- Fertilizer with weed control
- Weed killer



Transportation & Arrival Guidelines

- Do not mix products together.
- Seal tightly and place containers upright to prevent leaks or spills.
- At the facility all waste must be in your trunk, cargo bed or trailer for staff to remove.
- Remain in your vehicle while staff assist you.
- Have your drivers license or identification card ready upon arrival to the site.
- Any items left in your vehicles by staff are not accepted.

What NOT to Bring to the Facility

- Appliances
- Asbestos
- Dried Paint
- Electronics
- Empty Containers
- Explosives
- Garbage
- Unknown Materials
- Radioactive Waste
- Tires



Call Recycling & Resource Solutions at 763-324-3400 (Monday through Friday 8 am - 4:30 pm) for more information.

Businesses, Organizations and Schools
Do NOT bring hazardous waste to the facility. Contact Anoka County Environmental Services at 763-324-4260 for disposal information.

Anoka County Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 3230 101st Ave NE, Blaine

763-324-3400 • AnokaCounty.us/HHW

**Anoka County Compost Site
Summer Hours**

Bunker Hills 13285 Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids / Rice Creek 7701 Main Street Lino Lakes

www.anokacounty.us/359/Compost-Sites

*** Sunset Closing Hours**

In October and November, sunset occurs before 7 pm. The compost sites have limited lighting. For the safety of our workers and customers we cannot allow access to the site after sunset. Please allow at least 15 minutes before closing time to pay for and unload your yard waste.

Hours of Operation: Bunker Hills

April - November, weather permitting

Monday - Friday: 10 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm
Sunday: Noon - 5 pm

Hours of Operation: Rice Creek

April - November, weather permitting

Monday: closed
Tuesday: 10 am - 7 pm*
Wednesday: closed
Thursday: 10 am - 7 pm*
Friday: closed
Saturday: 9 am - 5 pm*
Sunday: Noon - 5 pm*