



City of Lexington Minnesota



October ~ December 2022

LEXINGTON SMALL IN SIZE BIG ON PRIDE

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Not Every Hero Wears a Cape
PLAN & PRACTICE your **ESCAPE!!**

October is Fire Prevention Month

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. **Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have**, giving everyone enough time to get out. Plan ahead for your escape.



Make your home escape plan

Visit: www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/depts_fire_outreach

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays

Veteran's Day
November 11th

Thanksgiving
November 24th & 25th

Christmas
December 23rd
(Close at Noon)
December 26th

New Years
December 30th
(Close at Noon)
January 2nd

The Lexington Fire Department is recruiting Paid on Call firefighters!! Do YOU have what it takes?

My name is Erik Edwards and I am the Fire Chief for the City of Lexington. I have lived in Lexington for 23 years and of those years 16 have been serving the citizens of Lexington and the surrounding communities in the fire service. I was 38 when I joined and had been encouraged by city employees and members of the department to sign up. I was very intrigued by the idea of being a firefighter due to the nature of the training and work involved. I served in the US Navy as a Sonar Technician for six years active duty and was deployed overseas for the Gulf War in 1991 and Bosnia in 1993. All Sailors are trained in fighting shipboard fires and I felt my prior military experience and training would be of good use. I used to think that all firefighters slept at the station, had a Dalmatian dog, and slid down a pole to respond to calls. Not so! And most of what we see on TV and movies is Hollywood theatrics and not real life. I learned that the majority of firefighters in the state of Minnesota and the Nation for that matter are Paid On Call or strictly Volunteer.

The Lexington Fire department is looking for candidates who have a desire to serve people and be a part of something bigger than themselves. To answer the call and go help people on their worst day. You will learn the value of being prepared and that the art of firefighting has no finish line but is never ending and there will always be a call for help.

You will learn to overcome and adapt and use all the skills taught in the fire academy and emergency medical training to save property and to save lives.

To qualify you must live within 7 minutes of the fire station, have a valid MN driver's license, pass a background check, the interview process, and pass a physical and psychological evaluation.

All training is paid and we offer a pension for retirement.

To start making a real difference go to the **City of Lexington offices at 9180 Lexington Ave, Lexington MN 55014** and ask for an application to be a firefighter.

Be Safe!! Erik D. Edwards Lexington Fire Chief



SANTA AROUND TOWN

Saturday December 17th

LFD will be out with Santa visiting the kiddos and accepting donations for the local food shelf

The City of Lexington has Proclaimed October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Don't stay silent. It's time to speak up

For Help call 1-800-799-7233 / 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

If you are unable to speak log on to www.thehotline.org or text LOVEIS to 1-866-331-9474

You can also contact the Alexandra Houses 24-Hour help line at 763-780-2330 / 1-888-780-2332

YOU ARE NOT ALONE





Just a Reminder

It isn't the plow, but rather the snow thrown from the plow blade that wreaks havoc. When setting your garbage at the curb, leave adequate room for the snowplows to do their job. This is also a good time to check your mailbox post for wood rot.

Water pipes Reminder

To keep your pipes from freezing don't turn off your heat, and remember to let a faucet drip if you are leaving for a few days.



CALL
Connexus: 763-323-2650
Xcel: 800-895-4999
They may ask for a pole number



The Annual Holiday Lighting Contest will be taking place again this year. No need to register, the entire City qualifies. Check out our website for dates of the judging

- * 1st Place \$100
- * 2nd Place \$50
- * 3rd Place \$25



City Hall has stakes available for residents to pick up. They can be used to mark curves along the roadway or other items that may be hit by the plow. Once the plow had gone by several times they will no longer be needed.

City Hall is open Monday~ Friday
8:00am-4:30pm



WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

With summer gone, fall's upon us, and winter is just around the corner. It's time to start thinking of the other changes that affect us this time of year, namely parking restrictions & snow removal.

Parking restrictions will begin November 1st.

*****No Parking** allowed on City streets between the hours of 2 AM and 6 AM without an emergency parking permit issued by staff at City Hall.

*****No Parking** on any street after a snowfall with accumulations of 2 inches or more until all snow, ice and similar debris have been removed from the paved portion of the street.

*** **It is illegal** to remove snow from private property and place it on the road or sidewalk.

*** Approximately **200 accidents** occur each year involving snow moving equipment, so be extra cautious and **always** give the plow truck the benefit of the doubt.

It weighs in excess of 50,000 lbs.
your car weighs about 3,000 lbs.



- STAY SAFE -

Assume snowplow drivers **DO NOT** see you.



Circle Pines City Hall Building
Lower Level Back Entrance
200 Civic Heights Circle
Circle Pines, MN 55014

Food Shelf Hours:
Mondays / Thursdays 4 - 6 PM
No appointment necessary

*Serving South Eastern Anoka County
Cities of Blaine, Circle Pines, Lexington,
Lino Lakes & Centerville*

PLANNING COMMISSION

The City of Lexington is currently seeking a candidate to fill a vacancy on its Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission reviews planning requests, makes regular reviews of the City Code and makes recommendations to the City Council. The Commission meets each month at 7:00 P.M. on the second Tuesday of every month. LEXINGTON residents interested in serving on the Planning Commission are encouraged to submit a letter of application to the Lexington Planning Commission,

9180 Lexington Avenue, Lexington, MN 55014

Letters of application should contain the applicant's name, address, telephone number and a brief statement listing their interest in seeking this position.

Any questions, please contact Bill Petracek at Lexington City Hall (763) 784-2792.



Centennial Lakes Police
Serving the Cities of Centerville, Circle Pines and Lexington

54 North Road - Circle Pines, MN 55014

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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 10.01. STORAGE, DEPOSIT AND DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

The following terms, as used in this Section, shall have the meanings stated:

A. **"Refuse"** - Includes all organic material resulting from the manufacture, preparation or serving of food or food products, and spoiled, decayed or waste foods from any source, bottles, cans, glassware, paper or paper products, crockery, ashes, rags and discarded clothing, tree or lawn clippings, leaves, weeds and other waste products, or human waste, except waste resulting from building construction or demolition.

B. **"Residential Dwelling"** - Any single building consisting of one or two dwelling units with individual kitchen facilities for each.

C. **"Multiple Dwelling"** - Any building used for residential purposes consisting of more than two dwelling units with individual kitchen facilities for each.

Subd. 2. Storage.

A. It is unlawful for any person to store refuse on residential dwelling premises for more than one week. All such storage shall be in five to thirty-two gallon metal or plastic containers with tight-fitting covers, which shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; provided, that tree leaves, weeds and grass clippings may be stored in plastic bags and tree limbs must be stored in bundles weighing no more than seventy-five pounds or no longer than three feet. All metal containers or equivalent shall at all times except on collection days be located behind the rear line of the dwelling, or in the garage, or screened from view from the street and at least ten feet from the abutting property.

B. It is unlawful for any person to store refuse on multiple dwelling premises for more than one week. Such storage shall be in containers as for residential dwelling premises, except that so-called "dumpsters" with close-fitting covers may be substituted.



QUAD AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Centerville • Circle Pines • Lexington • Lino Lakes

Our Mission

***To support and promote local business communities
by providing a voice for business owners, networking
opportunities, strengthening community partnerships
and promoting the overall economic
prosperity of the Quad Area.***

For more information on membership

Contact us at:

info@quadareachamber.org www.QuadChamber.org



CENTENNIAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT 12

Serving the Communities
of Blaine, Centerville,
Circle Pines, Lexington
& Lino Lakes
(763) 792-6000

Rental Property Licensing

The Lexington City Council has a responsibility to ensure that rental property within the City meets the standards that are in place in the Lexington City Code to protect the health, safety and welfare of its residents. As a result the City has a Rental Dwelling Licensing program that will require inspection of all rental properties owned within the City. This program is intended to eliminate substandard and deteriorating housing and to improve the overall living environment in the City of Lexington.

Completion of the Rental Dwelling License Application is your first step toward obtaining licensure.

After your completed application and accompanying fees have been received by our office, you must then contact the City to schedule a property inspection with the Rental Inspector.

For more information regarding the process to obtain your rental license, please contact the city at (763)784-2792. You can also find all the information on our website at:

www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/govt_business_rental_licenses

HALLOWEEN Oct. 31st STAY SAFE & HAVE FUN

Costume Safety

All costumes, wigs and accessories should be fire-resistant

Avoid masks, which can obstruct vision

If children are allowed out after dark, fasten reflective tape to their costumes and bags, or give them glow sticks

When buying Halloween makeup, make sure it is nontoxic and always test it in a small area first
Remove all makeup before children go to bed to prevent skin and eye irritation

When They're on the Prowl

A responsible adult should accompany young children on the neighborhood rounds

If your older children are going alone, plan and review a route acceptable to you

Agree on a specific time children should return home

Teach your children never to enter a stranger's home or car

Instruct children to travel only in familiar, well-lit areas and stick with their friends

Tell your children not to eat any treats until they return home

Children and adults are reminded to [put electronic devices down](#), keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street

Safety Tips for Motorists

Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs

Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully

At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing

Discourage new, inexperienced drivers from driving on Halloween



Daylight Savings Ends November 6th

**Remember to
turn your clocks
back 1 hour and
change the batteries
in your smoke and
CO₂ detectors**



SEEN AROUND TOWN

Have you captured a video or picture of something fun, amazing or beautiful about our city?

email it to:

brenda.beaudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org

*so we can share it
on our page!!*

*Include your 1st name
& where the picture was taken*



Reduce ~ Reuse ~ Recycle America Recycles Day November 15th

Anoka County

Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW)

3230 101st Ave NE, Blaine, MN 55449

April - October

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

November - March

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

Closed holidays.

There is no charge to use the facility.

Household hazardous waste is accepted from residents of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

Bring identification, such as a driver's license, as proof of residency.

AnokaCounty.us/HHW

763-324-3400

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 locations
- When possible, remove batteries from devices
- Store damaged batteries in a clear plastic bag

Do Not

- Dispose of used batteries in trash or recycling bins
- 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.

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.

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.



Where: Recycling Technologies
Davenport St NE Blaine, MN

Time: Call for Hours
763-559-5130

Materials Accepted:

- Appliances (\$10 - 25 each)
- Batteries: sealed lead acid, small household and rechargeable (\$0 - \$6.50/lb)
- Carpet: no rubber back (\$6/roll)
- Electronics
 - Printers, scanners and fax machines (\$10 - 35 each)
 - Hard drive destruction (\$5 each)
 - TVs and monitors: all sizes (\$18 - 85 each)
 - Small and medium items: mice, keyboards, DVD and VCR players, stereos, speakers, record players, coffee makers, toasters, toaster ovens, keyboards, vacuums, phones, small appliances and video game consoles (\$0 - 5 each)
- Exercise equipment (\$25 - 40)
- Fluorescent bulbs (\$.50 - .95 each)
- Holiday lights (FREE)
- Mattresses and box springs (\$20 - 25 each)
- Paper shredding: 2 box maximum, no 3-ring binders or newspaper (FREE)
- Propane tanks (\$5 - 20)
- Scrap metal: clean and all non-metal material removed (FREE)
- Tires (\$7 - 9 each)



Prices have a range since they vary by the size and type of material.

Recycle Smart!

Only Put Items That Can Be Recycled in Your Curbside Cart

Just because you think something is recyclable doesn't mean it should be put in your curbside cart. If everyone can focus on recycling the basic three types of recyclables below, recycling facilities will be able to process and recover more recyclables.

Recycle the Basic 3!

Place these recyclables loose directly in your recycling cart. If you need to use a bag, use a paper bag. No plastic bags should be put in a recycling cart.



1. Food and Beverage Containers

Empty and rinsed food and beverage bottles, cans and paper cartons (replace cap on plastic bottles, jugs and paper cartons)



2. Mixed Paper

Newspaper and unwanted mail (remove plastic bags, plastic cards and any promotional items) catalogs, dry goods boxes and phone books

3. Flattened, Clean, Dry Cardboard

Clean = free of grease and food debris

Remove excess tape, labels and any non-paper packaging materials

