



#### LEXINGTON SMALL IN SIZE BIG **ON PRIDE**

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**City Offices will be** closed in observance of the following Holidays 2024

> **January 1st** New Years Day

**January 15th** MLK Day

February 19th Presidents Day

March 29th Good Friday

May 27th Memorial Day

> June 19th Juneteenth

July 4th Independence Day

September 2nd Labor Day

**October 14th** Indigenous People Day

> **November 11th** Veteran's Day

November 28th Thanksgiving

**November 29th** Day after Thanksgiving

> **December 24th** Christmas Eve Closed at Noon

**December 25th** Christmas

**December 31st** New Year's Eve Closed at Noon

**Council Meetings** 

1st & 3rd Thursday

of each month

7:00pm

Stay informed of what is happening

within our city.

Residents are encouraged to attend.

16 where they are broadcast live.

# May 21st 1950 ~ 2024 74 Year Anniversary

The City of Lexington will celebrate 74 years as a town on May 21st of this year. We started out with a population of 569 residents when we incorporated as a village with a vote of 96 to 61. As of the 2020 census we have grown to 2,460 residents. Our 1st mayor

was Cyrus Palmquist. We have had a total of 18 Mayors with our current being Gary Grote. Later that same year on November 11th the Lexington Fire Department was formally organized.

They became officially recognized by the State as a department in 1954. They purchased their 1st truck (1946 Ford) from a garage in Princeton. Over these past 73 years Lexington has continued to grow and develop as a community,

We are thankful to all the residents and businesses that call Lexington home, and look forward to many more years for our GREAT CITY!



Northway Shopping Center





Lexington Fire Department





are greatly apprecia

Upcoming Elections ~ Tuesday August 13th State Primary **Tuesday November 5th Presidential** Lexington Residents vote at City Hall Located at 9180 Lexington Ave. Lexington, MN

> For more information on upcoming elections visit our website at: www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/govt\_elections

Or the Anoka County Elections Page: www.anokacountymn.gov/220/ **Elections-Voter-Registration** 

#### LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

Need to pay your utility bill? or looking for a business in town? Check out our website. For great deals on beer, wine, liquor & mixes 9271 South Highway Drive 763-786-0198

#### 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.







# LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 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.



Pet Owners With the warm summer weather bringing more walks and romps to the park and around the neighborhood, please remember, by City Ordinance, it is required to clean up after your animals and keep them on a leash.

It might not seem like a

stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health. Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters un-swimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans. As you can see, animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly!



#### Do you have a spring or summer building project? Be aware that you will need a building permit.

Permits can be filled out online on the city's website. Look under : Government / Permits, Licenses & Forms call or stop in and speak to Scott or Brenda if you need assistance or have any questions.

> (763) 784-2792 We are here to help!

#### 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.



Thank you for Recycling and for Protecting our waterways by keeping grass clippings out of the storm sewers!



PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH ANY **ITEMS DOWN** THE TOILET OR DRAIN THAT ARE NOT FLUSHABLE **MATERIALS! THIS** MEANS NO DIAPERS, FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS, OIL, GREASE, RAGS, TOWELS, TOILET DEODORIZERS, **ETC.! ANYTHING** THAT IS NOT **BIODEGRADABLE** WILL NOT BREAKDOWN AND THEREFORE WILL CLOG THE LIFT STATION. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE **DISPOSED OF PROPERLY INTO** YOUR GARBAGE, NOT DOWN THE SEWER.

REMINDER



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	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52
Usage	\$3.01	\$3.72	\$4.97	\$6.89

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	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52
Usage	\$3.01	\$3.72	\$4.97	\$6.89

## Wastewater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2023

The following rates will be applied for quarterly wastewater service:

Metered water service (base plus usage)						
Base	\$13.67					
Usage	\$3.88 for each increment of 1 to 1,000 gallons of water consumed summer usage based on October through March average water usage					
Non-metered water service			\$62.57 per unit			
Qualifying residential senior			\$37.68			
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.						

# Stormwater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2024

The following rates will be applied for quarterly stormwater service:

For each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) \$20.81

# Additional Utility Fees, effective 1/1/2023

The following rates will be applied for quarterly service:

MN Water Test Fee \$2.43

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON THE 4th, DAY OF JANUARY, 2024.

Minnesota State High School League's Section 4AAA 2024 Softball Tournament Lexington Memorial Park

- May 22
- May 23 (May 24 Rain Back-up)
- May 28 (May 29 Rain Back-up)
- May 30 (May 31 Rain Back-up)

# FOR YOUR CONVIENIENCE

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. E 1040-SR Deserver of Filing States Desc only on Tour first name and middle Tyour first name and

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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.



# **Plastic Recycling Guide**

Plastic, more than any other recyclable material, generates the most questions and confusion from residents. There are so many different types and uses of plastic you need to know some basic principles to make sure you are putting the correct plastics in your curbside bin. This article should help you recycle correctly!

# Plastics Recyclable Curbside



1. Only recycle numbers 1, 2 and 5



These numbers are located on the bottom, on the neck, and on lids, tub covers and to-go containers. They are used to identify the type of plastic it is. If the container doesn't have a code, throw it away.

# 2. Do not include these items (even if they are a 1, 2 or 5):

- Black plastics too dense to be identified by sorting equipment.
- Smaller than your fist Throw away loose caps, condiment cups, and small prescription bottles. .
- Opaque #1 PET Fair Life Milk or other colorized, very glossy PET containers are not wanted by manufacturers of clear, #1 PET products.
- No containers larger than 3 gallons.
- Large, bulky items, such as, laundry hampers, children's toys, lawn chairs or big cat litter tubs.
- 3. Empty contents, rinse and place cap back on container before recycling
  - Rinse out containers before depositing in your recycling cart, especially smoothie or specialty drinks that had whipped cream.
  - Throw away straws, pumps or spray nozzles.
  - Most of the caps on plastic bottles are plastic, simply place the cap back onto your empty, rinsed container. You do not have to find a number on small caps.
  - Remove plastic overwrap from container Plastic overwrap is usually a different type of plastic than the container so the optical sorter may not detect the correct number. This is found on yogurt cups, beverage bottles and various condiment containers.

# SPRING CLEAN UP DAY April 20th ~ 8am-Noon 9100 Hamline Ave MEMORIAL PARK

#### Examples of Acceptable Items (Fee for some items)

Appliances, Carpet & Padding **Electronics** Laptop, CPU, VCR, DVD, Printer, Fax, Stereo, TV, Fluorescent Bulbs, Mattresses/Boxsprings, Small Engine Equipment (fluid drained), Tires , General Debris (Pickup or Trailer load) Yard Waste (branches must be cut to 4'~ leaves unbagged on site) Scrap metal

### These items WILL NOT be accepted

HAZARDOUS WASTE **Cleaning Products** Paint, Varnish, Driveway Sealer, Gas, Pesticides, Propane Tanks, Sharps Other household items that are corrosive, flammable or poisonous, Oil, Anti Freeze CURBSIDE RECYCLING Cardboard, unbagged loose debris, truck toppers, oil heaters, cement blocks, loose sheetrock or wall board

DUE TO LOW VOLUME NO PAPER SHREDDING THIS TIME

