

green talk



RITE of Spring Drop Off Event Successful

The household waste drop off event at the RITE of Spring on April 29 was a very successful event. 606 cars dropped off items which consisted of 40 cubic yards of latex paint, 350 gallons of used oil, 8,000 pounds of shredded paper, and 45,000 pounds of electronics.

The City plans to hold the drop off event again next year at the RITE of Spring. Stay tuned for future details in the newsletter.

Let's Go Paperless!

Enter a Drawing to Win a Build-a-Barrel 50-Gallon-Tank Rain Barrel

The City is giving the opportunity for Mahtomedi utility customers to enter a drawing to win a Build-a-Barrel 50-gallon-tank rain barrel by simply opting out to receive paper utility bills by July 14, 2017. No need to purchase anything. Simply opt out of receiving paper bills. You will receive emails when your bills are ready for viewing. You do not have to pay online to get online bills. Register and then select to go paperless. For more information, visit www.ci.mahtomedi.mn.us.

Document Shredding

Bring your personal and confidential papers to be shredded on-site by Shred Right. Staples and paper clips do not have to be removed. CDs, floppy disks and other media will also be accepted for off-site destruction. **The event is free** and open to residents and businesses. Bring up to six (6) boxes for shredding, weighing no more than 30 pounds each. For more information, visit www.co.washington.mn.us/envirocenter or call 651-275-7475.

Washington County Environmental Center | 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury
Wednesday, September 4, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday, November 8, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Watering Restrictions

From May 1 – September 30 the use of the City water supply system for lawn and garden sprinkling, irrigation, or other non-potable uses is **prohibited between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** and is **limited to an odd-even schedule** corresponding to the property address. During this time residents with even-numbered addresses may water only on even-numbered days and residents with odd-numbered addresses may water only on odd-numbered days. It should be noted that the watering restriction does not apply to activities such as washing your vehicle on a Saturday afternoon. Even so, if you can wash your car in the evening or morning, it will help conserve water. It is also wise to have a spray nozzle on the hose while washing the vehicle to minimize the water that flows into the storm sewers.

Recycling Information

The City of Mahtomedi offers a single-sort curbside recycling program to residents. The single-sort recycling program helps you and the City reach our waste management goals to REDUCE, REUSE, & RECYCLE. Single-sort recycling allows all recyclables to be placed into a single container rather than bagged and separated. Residents are asked to place all acceptable container and paper fiber materials together into the cart. Recycling is collected **every-other-week** on the **Monday** of your collection week. The cart should be set at the curb **by 7:00 a.m.** on collection day with the handle facing the house.

Benefits of Recycling

- Reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and combustion facilities
- Conserves natural resources such as timber, water, and minerals
- Prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials
- Saves energy
- Reduces greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change
- Helps sustain the environment for future generations
- Helps create new well-paying jobs in the recycling and manufacturing industries in the United States



A BIG Thank You for Extra Efforts in Recycling!!

The City would like to send a special thank you to the **Campbell Family on Warner Avenue South** and the **Filiatrault Family on Williams Woods Road** for their extra efforts in recycling. Keep up the good work!! For their extra effort, these families may stop in at City Hall and pick up a free *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle* water bottle. Each quarter we will pick two families to acknowledge.

SSTS Financial Assistance

Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems

Washington County has financial assistance options available for residents, in the form of low-interest loans and/or grants for low-income households.



- Property must be located in Washington County.
- Property owner must apply for funds (renters cannot apply for loans or grants).
- Septic system must be noncompliant, i.e., the project must result in a water quality improvement. The county will verify subsurface sewage treatment system (SSTS) eligibility. If you do not know the status of your system, contact the county. You may need to get an inspection completed by a licensed inspector.
- Funds cannot be used for new homes, or for remodeling or upgrading of a currently compliant septic system.
- **The county cannot fund completed or underway projects.**

Washington County SSTS Low-Interest Loan Program

The County recently joined the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's (MDA) Agricultural Best Management Practices (AgBMP) loan program as a local lender. The county is partnering with the Washington County Community Development Agency (CDA) to administer the program. Loans are available to all "rural landowners" (i.e., not connected to city sewer). Businesses and residences are eligible. Detailed information on the program is available in the SSTS Loan Guidance.

Applications are reviewed on a rolling basis; loans are awarded while funds are available.

- \$225 due with application (application fee).
- No income or asset restrictions.
- Choose from three different term lengths and interest rates: 5 years (1.5%), 8 years (2%), and 10 years (3%).
- Payment is set up as a special assessment on property taxes due twice a year.
- The loan is secured by a lien on the property.
- \$46 recording fee + MN Revenue, Mortgage Tax due at time of signing of the lien agreement.
- Before the property can be sold or transferred, the loan must be paid off.
- Loans must be repaid by the landowner.

SSTS Fix Up Grants for Low-Income Residents

For 2017, the county has a limited number of SSTS fix up grants available to qualified low-income households. These funds are available via the Clean Water Fund. Applicant must meet income guidelines.

- No fee for grant application (if you are applying for a loan, fees will apply; see above).
- A limited amount of funds are available.
- Grants will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Depending on income level, the grant amounts range from \$4,000 and \$5,500.

To Apply: To apply for a loan, grant, or both, submit a SSTS Financial Assistance Application. Application materials should be submitted to the Washington County CDA at 7645 Currell Boulevard, Woodbury, MN 55125. Contact the CDA with application questions at **651-458-0936** and or contact the Department of Public Health and Environment with questions about the SSTS at **651-430-6655**.