

green talk



Watering Restrictions

From May 1 to 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.

Yard Waste and Organics Sign-up

As part of the new five-year recycling contract with Waste Management, we are offering residents the opportunity to opt-in and sign up for curbside weekly yard waste and organics collection.

The City must have a minimum of 100 residents sign-up in order for the collection service to begin. The cost of the weekly collection service for 2019 is \$13.75/month and will be billed on your quarterly utility bill.

The following are food and organics, and yard waste items that would be collected:



Produce
Fruits & vegetables



Meat
All cooked and raw meat products including bones, shells, fish, beef & chicken



Diary
Milk, yogurt, ice cream & cheese



Floral
Plants & flowers



Bakery & Dry Goods
Pasta, beans rice, bread & cereal

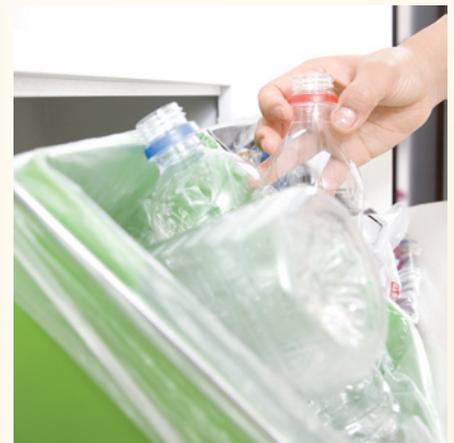


Soiled Paper Goods
Coffee grounds & filters, tea bags, soiled paper bags, tissues, paper towels, napkins & uncoated take-out containers



Compostable Serveware
Wooden utensils, paper plates & cups

If you are interested in this service, please fill out and return the form at the City's website www.ci.mahtomedi.mn.us.



A BIG Thank You for Extra Efforts in Recycling!

The City would like to send a special thank you to the **Stooksbury Family on Berwick Lane** and the **Pfiffner Family on Griffin Avenue** 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.

RECYCLING PICKUP

Recycling is picked up every other Thursday. On your scheduled pickup day, you should place your recycling container behind the curb or street edge after 5:00 p.m. the night before collection but no later than 7:00 a.m. on your collection day. *When a holiday falls on or before the scheduled collection day, the collection will be one working day later.*

Xcel Energy Saving Tip — Using Lights

High-efficiency, LED light bulbs can save you money over the life of a product. Switch to LEDs, especially ENERGY STAR®-qualified products, which typically use 70% to 90% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than the traditional bulbs they replace. Consider taking a quick tour of your home and think about which lights you use most often, and replace those with LEDs first to help save more on bills. Pick the right bulb for you. LEDs use less energy. Choose a wattage that's about 1/4 of what you usually buy for an incandescent bulb. Always turn off lights when you leave the room, even if you'll only be gone for a moment. Use outdoor motion detection lighting, so you only use energy when you need it. Always unplug cords from outlets when not in use and use power strips to easily turn power on and off.



Nontoxic Fishing Tackle: Let's Get the Lead Out

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Safer fishing tackle can help — Anglers can help prevent lead poisoning. Inexpensive and ecologically sound alternatives to lead fishing weights are available. Anglers can use sinkers and jigs made from non-poisonous materials such as tin, bismuth, steel, and tungsten-nickel alloy.

A great way to help is teaching good stewardship to young anglers. Outfit kids' tackle boxes with non-lead weights. They are nontoxic and safer for youngsters to handle. Plus, inexperienced anglers tend to lose the most sinkers, so you'll be cutting down on the amount of lead getting left behind in Minnesota lakes and rivers.



Check Your Tire Pressure, Reduce Pollution

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

About 40% of the 5 million cars on Minnesota roads don't have properly inflated tires. Those cars are spewing out up to 306,000 extra tons of carbon dioxide per year because their tires are under-inflated. These emissions directly contribute to increased greenhouse gases in the atmosphere. Reduce pollution by keeping your tires at the proper pressure.

Want to save 10 cents per gallon?

Keep tires properly inflated. Maintaining proper tire pressure is like saving 10 cents per gallon! Tire health not only saves you up to 3% on fuel but also reduces your car's tailpipe emissions. Proper pressure will also help your tires last longer and wear evenly — saving you money on tires, too.

Check the "Tire and Loading Information" label on the driver's side door edge or in your owner's manual.

TIPS FOR TIRE INFLATION:

- Be sure to measure the inflation pressure of your tires, including your spare, at least once a month. While doing so, take a moment to ensure that the tire is securely fastened to the vehicle.
- Find the vehicle manufacturer's recommended pressures for front, rear and spare tires. Recommended pressures are printed on the vehicle's tire information label, which is usually attached to the edge of the driver's door, the door post, the glove box or the fuel door, or check your owner's manual.
- Don't use the pressure indicated on the tire. It's the maximum pressure, not necessarily the recommended one.
- Use a good-quality gauge to measure the pressure of each tire. The pocket gauges sold by automotive supply stores are generally more accurate than those on gas station air pumps.
- Measure the pressure when your tires are cold, and don't forget the spare. Tires will be cold if the vehicle has been stationary for at least three hours or has not been driven more than 1 mile.
- Remember that tires lose pressure when the air temperature gets colder (about 7 kPa or 1 psi for every 5°C drop in temperature). Tires may also lose a certain amount of pressure due to their permeability (about 14 kPa or 2 psi per month).
- Over inflation can be a problem too. An overinflated tire rides on just the center portion of the tread. The smaller contact area means reduced grip on the road, leading to a harsh ride, handling issues (steering and stopping problems) and increased wear on tires and suspension components.
- Rotate your tires according to the vehicle manufacturer's recommendation, found in the owner's manual. Or talk to your tire professional. Common practice is to rotate tires once or twice a year.