



CITY OF ST. CLAIR

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Enhancements to Blue Earth County Rural Library Services

The Blue Earth County Library System will be providing options to rural Blue Earth County library patrons which will make library materials available in a convenient, timely and cost effective manner.

Rural Blue Earth County residents will have direct library services provided to them through the U.S. Mail. Patrons may go directly on-line or order their library materials over the phone. Library materials will be mailed directly to them with an enclosed postage-paid return envelope.

*Rural Blue Earth County patrons will also have full access to the regional library system's extensive eBook and audio book collection which can be downloaded from the Blue Earth County Library System website www.becolib.org to their personal reading/listening devices. In addition, residents will also have access to an enhanced mini-library site in their communities. **The mini-library site in St. Clair is located at the City Hall.***

Who can use Rural Library Services?

Residents in the City of St. Clair as well as residents in Amboy, Garden City, Good Thunder, Madison Lake, Pemberton and Vernon Center qualify for Rural Library Services.

How do I apply for Rural Library Services?

It's as easy as getting a library card. You can fill out the on-line form for a *Rural Library Card*, or call Kathy at the Blue Earth County Library 507-304-4021.

How do I get materials sent to me?

There are two (2) ways you can get materials mailed to you:

1. Call Kathy at the Blue Earth County Library (507-304-4021) and let her know what materials you are looking for and she will mail them out.
2. Or complete the on-line form.

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How long can I keep materials?

The checkout period on these materials is the same as regular library materials:

- 3 weeks for print and audio materials (books, magazines, books on CD, etc.).
- 1 week for movies (DVDs & VHS).
- Materials borrowed from other libraries on your behalf will have various checkout periods set by the library that owns the materials.

Can I renew materials that are sent to me?

Yes, most items can have their due date extended as long as there isn't a waiting list on the item.

- Items can be renewed by calling the library at 507-304-4010.
- You can also renew items yourself by accessing your account on-line.

Is there a fee for Rural Library Services?

There is no cost to use the service. You will be billed the replacement cost for any materials not returned to the library, or materials that are damaged while in your possession.

How do I return materials?

Simply place the item in the prepaid envelope that was mailed to you with your library items, and send it back in the mail.

Additional questions regarding the Rural Library Services can be directed to Kathy at the Blue Earth County Library (507-304-4021).

St. Clair School Media Center open every Monday night from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Stop by and visit the St. Clair School Media Center ... check-out a good book to take home, relax and read a book, make a copy, type a report, explore the internet, create a mailing list, make a birthday card, or just search for information.



Playground Committee

The City of St. Clair is establishing a Playground Committee to research options for playground equipment at Memorial Park.

If you are interested in serving on the Playground Committee please contact the City Clerk at 245-3494.

Pet Owners ...

Please be respectful of your neighbors and follow the City Pet Ordinance



- Keep your dog or cat on a leash or under your control at all times. Provide adequate leashing, fencing or other means to insure that your pet stays in your yard and doesn't run loose.
- Don't allow your dog to habitually bark and howl.
- Don't allow your dog to wander onto neighboring property to do his "duty".
- When walking your dog, "pick-up" after him, don't leave the mess behind.
- Obtain a dog or cat license at City Hall.
- Call City Hall, 245-3494, to make a dog or cat complaint, to report a violation to the pet ordinance or to request a copy of the pet ordinance.

Dogs and cats found running at large will be impounded in Mankato. Retrieving an animal from the impound facility is very costly!!



FEBRUARY

Garbage and Recycling



Garbage and Recycling collection day is Friday ... have items on the curb by 7:00 am

Please use the green bin for recyclables. Garbage can be placed in your own garbage can, garbage bags or the Waste Management garbage cart.

Garbage Limit: 1-60-gallon cart or 2-30 gallon garbage bags weekly. Additional garbage must be tagged. Tags are available at City Hall for \$2.00 per tag.

If you need to dispose of a large item contact Waste Management at 507-388-1157 to make arrangements for a special pick up.

Recycling ...

Acceptable recyclables include: glass, aluminum, tin cans, plastic containers, mixed paper and corrugated cardboard. Recyclables must be clean and dry, but need only be sorted into three categories:

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD – Flatten boxes, bundle together, keep dry. Place by your recycling bin.

MIXED PAPER – Keep dry, flatten any boxes.

ACCEPTED:

- Newspapers, glossy newspaper inserts, magazines
- Catalogs, phone books, paperback books
- Office paper, envelopes, manila folders, post-it notes
- Paperboard (shoe boxes, cereal and cracker boxes, etc.)
- Dairy boxes, juice boxes, pop/beer boxes

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Pizza boxes (because of the grease)
- Containers designed to go into the freezer
- Egg cartons & paper tubes (because of the glue)
- Gift wrap paper and tissue paper

ALUMINUM, TIN, GLASS and PLASTIC CONTAINERS –

Please rinse all containers.

ALUMINUM (aluminum cans, aluminum foil and pie tins)

TIN CANS

GLASS BOTTLES (green, blue, brown and clear glass)

NO ... window glass, auto glass, mirrors, or kitchenware.

PLASTIC BOTTLES and CONTAINERS (*including caps and lids*)

Plastic items # 1 through 7 are now accepted, including:

- Coffee containers, detergent/soap bottles.
- Water and milk jugs, pop bottles, water bottles.
- Butter tubs and other wide-mouth tubs/containers.
- Detergent and soap bottles and lids.
- Ice cream pails and other white pails.
- Yellow and green kitty litter pails.
- Drive-through cups, yogurt cups, 'wipe' containers.
- Empty pill bottles.