



CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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Move your vehicle ... or get towed!



Due to the number of vehicles parked on City and County streets after snowfall events, the City will be strictly enforcing the Snow Plowing and Removal Ordinance by towing and impounding vehicles.

Use off-street parking after any snowfall of 1" or more until the street has been plowed curb to curb.

Vehicles that have been parked on the street longer than twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall event and have prohibited the complete clearing of the street will be towed and impounded at the owners expense.



Don't Use Your Toilet as a Garbage Can!!!

Quite often items show up at the City Sewer Plant that should not have been flushed down the toilet!

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH ANY ITEMS OTHER THAN TOILET TISSUE, INCLUDING ...

- disposable diapers
- feminine products
- plastics bags
- paper towels
- dryer sheets
- Q-tips
- disposable wipes
- bandages
- rags
- dental floss
- cat litter
- mop heads/ cleaning items

The sewer system isn't designed to handle these kinds of items. Flushing such items can not only cause damage to pumps and equipment at the sewer plant, but can also plug sewer mains and individual sewer lines resulting in back-ups into homes.



Recycling Information and Reminders

Acceptable recyclables include: glass, aluminum, tin cans, plastic containers, mixed paper and corrugated cardboard. Recyclables can be co-mingled into a 'single stream', no sorting necessary.

CORRUGATED CARDBOARD – Flatten boxes and keep dry. Place by your recycling bin.

MIXED PAPER – Flatten boxes.

ACCEPTED:

- Newspapers, glossy newspaper inserts, magazines
- Catalogs, phone books, paperback books
- Office paper, envelopes, manila folders, post-it notes
- Paperboard (shoe boxes, cereal/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, tissue paper, or wallpaper

ALUMINUM, TIN, GLASS and PLASTIC CONTAINERS –

Please rinse all containers.

ALUMINUM (aluminum cans, aluminum foil, pie tins)

TIN CANS

GLASS BOTTLES and JARS

Green, blue, brown and clear glass accepted.

NO ... window glass, auto glass, mirrors, light bulbs, or kitchenware (ceramics, Pyrex, drinking glasses, etc.).

PLASTIC BOTTLES and CONTAINERS

Including caps and lids!

Plastic items # 1 through 7



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Blue Earth County Medication Collection Program

The Blue Earth County Environmental Services Dept., the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept., Xcel Energy and Mayo Clinic Health System have partnered to bring the Medication Collection Program to Blue Earth County residents.

DROP BOX LOCATION:

Blue Earth County
Sheriff's Department
Justice Center
401 Carver Road
Mankato MN 56001
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Items ALLOWED:

- Prescription Medications
- Over the Counter Medications
- Narcotics and Other Controlled Substances
- Medication Samples
- Pet Medications
- Vitamins and Supplements
- Medicated Ointments and Lotions
- Inhalers
- Liquid Medications in Glass or Leak-proof Containers

Items NOT Allowed:

- Needles, Syringes or other Sharps
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Business Waste

For disposal through the Blue Earth County Medication Collection Program, medications do not need to be in the original container. Remove as much packaging as possible. Containers with liquid contents should be placed in a plastic bag.

For more information visit the Blue Earth County website www.co.blue-earth.mn.us or call 507-304-4242.

Winter Reminders



In the interest of public safety, St. Clair residents are urged to be good neighbors and motorists and follow the City the Snow Plowing and Snow Removal Ordinance. The following is a summary of the Ordinance:

- Use off-street parking after any snowfall of 1" or more until the street has been plowed curb to curb. If snowplows are forced to go around parked vehicles, the snow surrounding the car can create a hazard to the traveling public as well as plow operators and equipment. Vehicles that have been parked on the street longer than twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall event and have prohibited the complete clearing of the street are subject to towing and impounding.
- The resident/occupant of any property abutting a public sidewalk is responsible for ice and snow removal. All ice and snow must be removed from public sidewalks within 36 hours after the ice or snow has ceased to fall. If the sidewalk is not cleared within the designated time the City will hire it done at a charge to the property owner of \$50.00 per time.
- Residents with mailboxes are responsible for snow removal around the mailbox. .
- Dumping, blowing, shoveling, plowing or depositing snow onto or across any public street or alley is not allowed.
- No obstructions (garbage/recycling containers, landscaping items, basketball hoops or obstacles and items of any kind) should be placed on the road right-of-way, boulevard, street or alley in such a manner as to interfere with snow plowing and snow removal operations.
- The City is not be responsible for damage to vehicles, fences, play equipment, basketball hoops, landscaping items and other objects parked or placed on the City road right-of-way. The City road right-of-way is approx. 10' from the curb or the edge of the street on uncurbed streets.

Please contact the City Clerk at 245-3494 with questions or for more information regarding the Snow Plowing and Removal Ordinance.