



CITY OF ST. CLAIR

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WINTER REMINDERS!

In the interest of public safety, City 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 or after any high wind event causing blowing and drifting snow, 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 are subject to towing and impounding at the owner's expense.
- Property owners/occupants adjacent to public sidewalks are responsible for ice and snow removal from the sidewalk. 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 occurrence.
- Property owners are responsible for snow removal around their mailbox.
- Snow from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is not to be blown, plowed, shoveled or in any way deposited onto or across any public street or alley.
- The City will not be liable for damage to vehicles, fences, play equipment, basketball hoops, landscaping items and other objects parked or placed on the City right-of-way. Such items should be removed from the City road right away to allow for efficient snow plowing and removal. The City road right-of-way is approx. 10' from the curb or edge of the street.

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

CODE RED



BLUE EARTH
COUNTY

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

to register go to:

www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CodeRED

Direct additional questions to:

Blue Earth County Sheriff's Office/Emergency Mgmt.
(507) 304-4920

CodeRED is the Blue Earth County Community Emergency Notification System. With this system Blue Earth County has the ability to send customized emergency notifications directly to homes, business and mobile phone users by phone (landline or mobile), e-mail or text messaging. Notification information can also be sent out to those who follow Blue Earth County on social media via Twitter and Facebook. CodeRED sends critical communications such as tornado warnings, missing child (AMBER) alerts and evacuation notices.

The CodeRED is a FREE service. All Blue Earth County residents and businesses are encouraged to register for the system online at www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CodeRED or by calling (507) 304-4920. All contact information provided when signing up for CodeRED remains private and is used for emergency notification purposes ONLY. For more information about CodeRED, read the CodeRED Frequently Asked Questions on the back page of this Newsletter or call Blue Earth County Emergency Management at (507) 304-4920.

CODE RED



**Blue Earth County
Community Notification System**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS CodeRED AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ME?

CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, e-mail and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

WHEN WILL CodeRED BE USED?

Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the community can be disseminated using the CodeRED system. These may include missing children alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, boil water advisories or evacuation notices.

DOES THE CodeRED SYSTEM REPLACE OTHER SYSTEMS THAT HAVE BEEN USED TO PROVIDE TIME-SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO RESIDENTS?

This system is an enhancement of existing means of communication and is meant to supplement current or past systems used for mass notification.

DOES THE CodeRED SYSTEM ALREADY HAVE MY TELEPHONE NUMBER, OR DO I NEED TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE CodeRED NOTIFICATIONS?

The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The home page of the Blue Earth County website, www.blueearthcountymn.gov/CodeRED, has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page where you can register on-line. If you cannot register on-line, you can call (507) 304-4920 and speak to a local representative for assistance.

I HAVE A BUSINESS LOCATED IN BLUE EARTH COUNTY. CAN I ARRANGE TO HAVE CodeRED CONTACT MY BUSINESS?

Yes. Fill out the CodeRED registration form but be sure to select the "This address is a business" option. Please note that emergency calls can only be delivered to a direct dial number. Automated attendants will disrupt the process and the calls will not be delivered. Businesses should register their main number and establish a procedure for distributing the CodeRED message to their workforce.

WHAT IF I WANT TO REGISTER ADDITIONAL NUMBERS FOR MY ADDRESS?

After you submit the initial registration form, you may start the registration process again and submit more numbers for the same address.

IS MY PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTED?

CodeRED is a service of Emergency Communications Network which takes security and privacy concerns very seriously. They will not sell, trade, lease or loan any citizen-supplied data to third parties.

HOW WILL I RECOGNIZE A CodeRED MESSAGE?

A CodeRED Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000. A CodeRED General message will have a caller ID of 855-969-4636. We suggest you program both numbers in your cell phone as a 'new contact' and use 'CodeRED Emergency' and 'CodeRED General' as the contact name. If you need to replay the emergency notification message again, simply dial the number and you will be able to hear the message again.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I RECEIVE A CodeRED MESSAGE?

Listen carefully to the entire message. You will have the option to repeat the message by pressing any key. Do not call 911 for further information unless directed to do so or if you need immediate aid from the Police or Fire Department.

I HAVE A LANDLINE, AND IT DOES NOT WORK WHEN THE POWER GOES OUT. HOW WILL THE SYSTEM BE ABLE TO CONTACT ME?

Make sure you have at least one working corded telephone ... and be sure to turn the ringer on. The CodeRED sign-up form allows you to indicate both a primary and alternate phone number. Cell phone and/or work phone numbers can be entered as alternate phone numbers. Both primary and alternate phone numbers will be contacted when a notification is sent.

WILL THE CodeRED SYSTEM LEAVE A MESSAGE ON AN ANSWERING MACHING?

Yes, the CodeRED system will leave a message on a machine or on voicemail. The CodeRED system will leave the entire message in one pass.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE LINE IS BUSY?

If the line is busy, CodeRED will try two (2) more times to connect.

WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES MIGHT PREVENT A MESSAGE FROM BEING DELIVERED TO ME?

- If your contact information has changed and you have not registered your new information.
- If you only have a landline at your residence, the power is out and you did not register an alternate phone number.
- If your line is busy for an extended time and your calls do not forward to voicemail or answering machine.
- If you have a privacy manager on your main phone and you did not register an alternate phone number.

DO YOU HAVE AN IPHONE OR ANDROID SMARTPHONE?

Receive CodeRED alerts directly on your cell phone with the CodeRED Mobile Alert App. Free download on the App Store and Google Play.

CodeRED Weather Warning Feature:

CodeRED now has a Weather Warning Feature with TORNADO, SEVERE THUNDERSTORM, FLASH FLOOD and WINTER WEATHER alerts.

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