




MADISON MATTERS 2025

FALL NEWSLETTER

404 6TH AVE., MADISON, MN 56256 | PHONE :320-598-7373 | CI.MADISON.MN.US  **City Hall Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In the event of a utility emergency after-hours, please call the LqP County Dispatch at 320-598-3720.*The City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month at City Hall.****Liquor Store Hours:**

Monday-Thursday: 12 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday-Saturday: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Ice Skating Rink Hours:

Monday-Friday: 3:30-6 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday & Non-School Days: 1-6 p.m. & 7-9 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

Oct. 31: Halloween Parade & Trunk-or-Treat

Nov. 2: Daylight Savings Time Ends

Nov. 5-8: Norsefest

Nov. 7: Lutefisk Eating Contest & Super Raffle

Nov. 8: Norsefest Craft Show & Scandinavian Arts Fair

Nov. 11: City Hall Closed to observe **Veteran's Day**
Thank a Veteran for their service to our Country!Nov. 27-28: City Hall Closed. Happy **Thanksgiving!**

Nov. 28: SantaLand Opens

TBA: Christmas Kickoff, Santaland, Sleigh Rides, Free Movies, & more!

Dec. 7: Christmas at the Museum

Dec. 11-13: Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol at the Prairie AC

Dec. 25: City Hall Closed. **Merry Christmas!**Jan. 1: City Hall Closed. **Happy New Year!**Jan. 19: City Hall Closed in Recognition of **Martin Luther King Day**

Feb. 16: City Hall Closed in Recognition of Presidents' Day

Events and dates are subject to change*Access the Online Customer Portal to:**

- ✓ Pay your utility bill quickly and securely 24/7
 - ✓ Set up Auto Pay so you never miss a payment
 - ✓ View your billing history
 - ✓ Track and compare your water and electric usage
 - ✓ Sign up for paperless billing and alerts
- Visit www.municipalonlinepayments.com/cityofmadisonmn and take control of your utility account today!

Sump Pumps:

If you have a sump pump permit, you can switch your sump pump discharge to the city sanitary sewer no sooner than November 16th, 2025. Please call city hall if you would like to obtain a sump pump permit.

City Projects Update:**Parks & Streets:**

- Prep work for **Slen Park Improvements** is underway. Bids for the project will be approved October 13th with construction planned for 2026.
- **Crack filling** for a portion of the city was done in Fall 2024 and the remaining parts of the City will be done this fall.
- **Campground water lines** were moved from the roof and exterior to inside the building to prevent freezing and improve efficiency.
- **Cleaned up softball fields** for the multi-use of the fields through 2025.

Utilities:

- **Storm water ponds** were cleaned out to restore capacity and improve drainage performance.
- Crews **buried the electric service** to support the new **LqP Co-op C-Store** project.
- **Lead Service Line (LSL) surveys** are underway to help identify and plan for replacements.
- The **Water Treatment Plant Improvement Project** bid was awarded to **Magney Construction**, with a start date to be determined.
- **Installed new poles** at Madison Auto Parts to reroute power

City Facilities:

- The **Eastview Improvements Project** has been **completed**.
- **New exit doors** of the Grand Theatre were replaced for improved safety and code compliance.
- The **Madison Public Library roof project** is currently underway.

Zoning & Land Use Permits:

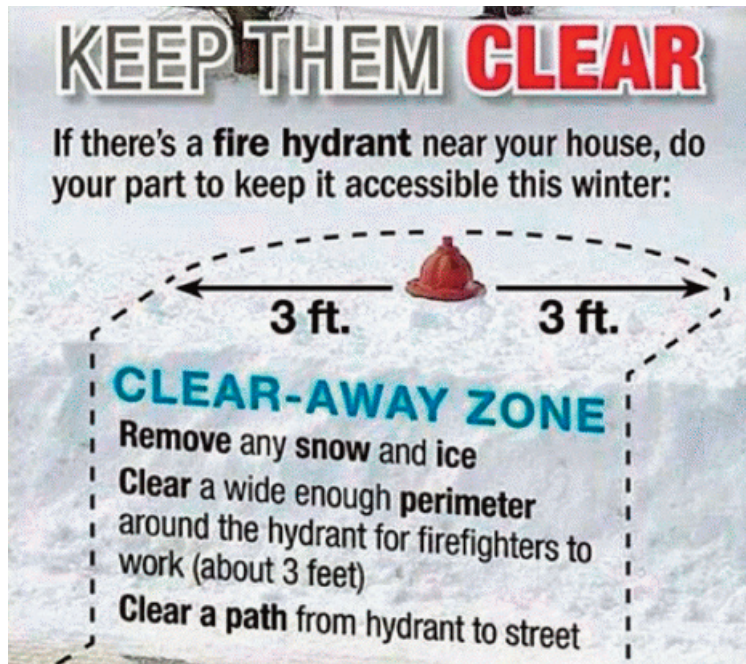
If you're planning construction that changes the footprint of any structure on your property, such as sheds, patios, fences, additions or new business signs, you'll need a permit.

Have questions? Contact City Hall at 320-598-7373.

Permit applications are available on the City's website or at City Hall during business hours.

Need to dispose of leaves and yard waste this fall?

The City does not offer curbside pickup for leaves, branches or brush; however, a brush disposal site is available to City of Madison residents. You can drop off yard waste at the site located off Highway 40, just east of Madison Auto Parts. Call City Hall if you have any questions!



Ordinances:

Tree Diseases: Any shade tree with an epidemic disease (Dutch Elm, Oak Wilt, or Emerald Ash Borer) is a public nuisance therefore the City can order its removal. Are you unsure of the condition of your tree? Contact City Hall and we will get you in touch with the City's Certified Tree Inspector.

Who Pays for Removal of Diseased Trees?

- **Trees on public boulevards:** The City pays 100% of the removal cost.
- **Trees in private yards:** The property owner pays 100% of the removal cost.

Snow Emergency Parking Reminder: To help our plows clear streets safely and completely, **no parking is allowed on city streets during and after snowfall until full plowing is complete.** Exceptions are made for emergency vehicles only. Violators may be ticketed and towed.

Keep Sidewalks Safe This Winter: Property owners and occupants are responsible for keeping sidewalks clear of snow and ice. Snow must be removed **within 24 hours of falling.**

- **First offense:** You'll receive a warning and have an **extra 24 hours** to clear it.
- **If not cleared,** the city will take care of it—and you'll be **billed for labor and fined.**
- **Second offense:** No warning—you'll be **cited and charged immediately.**

Let's keep our sidewalks safe and walkable for everyone this winter!

Snowmobile Use in City Limits: Riding snowmobiles in town is **only allowed on designated trails or the most direct route out of town**—and only between **6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.** Snowmobiles aren't permitted for general transportation or recreation within city limits.

Residential Parking Reminders: As we head into a new season, here are a few friendly reminders to help keep Madison safe, tidy, and clutter-free:

- Limit of 4 vehicles per home may be parked or stored outside.
- All vehicles must be parked on **concrete, asphalt, pavers, or clean gravel** (free of weeds/grass).
- **No overnight street parking** for large or commercial vehicles, trailers (boats, snowmobiles, etc.), delivery/repair vehicles, or anything not registered as a standard passenger car.

Attention Madison Pet Owners! We love our furry friends — but let's keep our community safe, clean, and neighbor-friendly. Here are a few reminders:

- **License Your Pet** – it's **FREE!**
- **Keep pets leashed in public**
- **Scoop the Poop!** Clean up after your pet on walks.
- **No Excessive Barking.** It's not fair to your neighbors — or your pet.

Chicken Permits: A permit is required to harbor chickens on your property in the City of Madison. A Chicken Permit application is available on the City's website at ci.madison.mn.us or at City Hall.

Golf Cart/ATV Permits: They are allowed **only on designated city streets**—not on County or State Highways.

They cannot be driven:

- From sunset to sunrise
- During **poor weather or low visibility**
- Without **liability insurance**
- By anyone **under 16 or without a valid driver's license**

Violating these rules may result in your golf cart permit being revoked.

Wellhead Protection Update:

The City recently completed important maintenance on one of our municipal wells, including inspection, repairs, disinfection, and pump reinstallation. This work helps protect the wellhead, ensuring safe and reliable drinking water for our community.

We are pleased to share that the Minnesota Department of Health awarded a grant covering 66% of the project costs, helping us protect public health while reducing the local expense.

Fall & Winter Energy-Saving Tips for Minnesota:

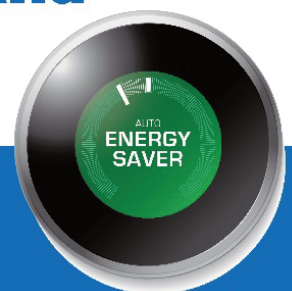
1. Check windows, doors, and attic for drafts. Use weather stripping or caulk to seal leaks.
2. Use a Programmable Thermostat*: Lower your thermostat when you're asleep or away—by 7-10°F for 8 hours can save up to 10% on heating.
3. Maintain Your Heating System*: Change furnace filters regularly and schedule a professional furnace tune-up before winter hits.
4. Use Window Treatments Wisely: Open curtains during sunny days to naturally warm your home. Close them at night to keep heat inside.
5. Lower Water Heating Costs: Set your water heater to 120°F and Use low-flow showerheads and fix leaks to reduce hot water use.
6. Use Energy-Efficient Lighting*
7. Unplug devices not in use—many electronics draw power even when off.
8. Consider Energy-Efficient Upgrades*. If possible, upgrade to ENERGY STAR rated furnaces, boilers, or windows. Consider adding storm windows or insulated doors.
9. Use Ceiling Fans to Circulate Warm Air: Run ceiling fans clockwise on low to push warm air down.

**Contact the City of Madison for electric rebates or MN Energy for natural gas rebates.*

Ask about our \$25 REBATE

Keep calm and buy a smart thermostat

The average household spends almost half of its annual energy bill on heating and cooling. An ENERGY STAR® smart thermostat will help you **save money** and **stay comfortable** year-round.



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