



**LEXINGTON  
SMALL IN SIZE BIG  
ON PRIDE**

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763-784-2792  
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Cable Channel 16  
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763-784-2501

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Native Landscaping  
Ordinance NO. 23-02

If you are interested in putting native landscape on your property, be aware that there is an ordinance you must follow and a biannual zoning permit is required. The purpose of the ordinance is to allow wildflowers & native grasses, but to also prevent those areas from being taken over by weeds and becoming eyesores. Go to : [www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/govt\\_ordinances](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/govt_ordinances) *look under City Ordinances Amendments and Revisions 2023* to learn what the requirements are. You can also contact city hall and speak to Brenda or Scott.

**Looking for Information on Lexington  
Businesses, Services, Voting etc.? Check out  
our City Website**

[www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/about\\_new\\_residents](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us/page/about_new_residents)

★ **Fireworks Safety Tips** ★

- ★ Never allow **children** to play with or ignite fireworks.
- ★ **Never** try to **re-light** or **pick up** fireworks that have not ignited fully.
- ★ Keep a **bucket of water** or a **garden hose** handy in case of fire or other mishap.
- ★ Make sure fireworks are **legal** in your area before buying or using them.
- ★ Light fireworks **one at a time**, then **move back** quickly.
- ★ More Fireworks Safety Tips – [www.cpsc.gov/fireworks](http://www.cpsc.gov/fireworks)

Source: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission 2012 Fireworks Annual Report



City Offices will be closed  
in observance of  
the following Holidays

Independence Day  
July 3rd ~ 4th

Labor Day  
September 4th



**NIGHT to UNITE!**  
Neighbors Joining Together

One of the best ways to keep crime from affecting you and your neighbors is to get to know one another, even if it is on a casual basis. This year Minnesota's Night to Unite will be held on **Tuesday August 1st**. The 1st Tuesday in August

For more information contact:

**WWW.CLPD.COM**  
763-784-2501



**Moving? Let Us Know**

If you are planning to move out of the Lexington service area, please contact us at **763-784-2792**

We will need your current address, phone number and move date to generate a final bill.

**Recently Moved into Town?**

Contact us to set up your water & sewer utilities

City of Lexington council meetings are the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month at 7:00pm. You are encouraged to attend, they can also be viewed on Cable Channel 16 or online at : [www.northmetrotv.com/lexington-stream](http://www.northmetrotv.com/lexington-stream)



### Pet Owners

With the warm summer weather bringing more walks and romps to the park and around the neighborhood, please remember by City Ordinance it is required to clean up after your animal and keep them on a leash.

It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality, and even human health. Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When this waste ends up in water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly, and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable, and have caused severe illness in humans. As you can see, animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet each and every time, and dispose of the waste properly!



## LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

For great deals on beer, wine, liquor, mixes and pop

9271 South Highway Drive  
Lexington, MN 55014

763-786-0198

*Gift Certificates available.*

**CLUB 50+ Discount ~ every Monday**  
**Wine Specials ~ every Wednesday**  
**Top Ten Beer Specials ~ every Thursday**

*We're thankful for your business and appreciate your loyalty!*

## LEXINGTON FALL FESTIVAL

*September 22nd-24th*



Lexington Fall Festival Fireworks September 23rd 9:00PM

**Car Show, Street Dance**  
**Vendors, Games**  
**Fire Dept. Open House**

Check [www.facebook.com/LexingtonFallFest](http://www.facebook.com/LexingtonFallFest)  
for information on additional events being added

## FARMERS MARKET

June 14th ~ October 4th  
hours 3pm to 7pm\*

Location: Back Parking Lot of Lexington Liquor  
9271 S. Highway Drive  
Enter from Lexington Ave & Woodland Rd

*If you are interested in being a vendor contact*  
*Karen Gregory*  
[kgregory244@gmail.com](mailto:kgregory244@gmail.com) / 612-272-3386



*Shop Local*  
*Dine Local*  
*Support*  
*Local*  
*Businesses*



Circle Pines City Hall Building  
Lower Level Back Entrance  
200 Civic Heights Circle  
Circle Pines, MN 55014  
763-784-2013  
[ccfoodshelf@gmail.com](mailto:ccfoodshelf@gmail.com)

**Food Distribution Hours:**  
**Mondays and Thursdays**  
**4:00 to 6:00**  
**No appointments necessary**  
**Donations by Appointment**

Utility bills for water & sewer are mailed out quarterly, the 1st week of the following months;  
January for 4th quarter of the previous year due February 15; April for 1st quarter due May 15;  
July for 2nd quarter due August 15th; October for 3rd quarter due November 15.

You can pay your bill online on the cities website

[www.ci.lexington.mn.us](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us)

there is also a drop box located on the West side of the building

FIND-IT-FAST

Pay City Bills Online

Powered By MunicipiPAY



## Things Lexington residents may find interesting about their Fire Department...

- ◆ The Lexington Fire Department was established in 1950 and the current station was built by the firefighters in 1973. Its first truck was a 1946 Ford.
- ◆ There are no full-time positions. Currently, the Lexington Fire Department has 17 paid-on-call members that respond from home or work when called. All firefighters are "toned out" via a pager activated by Anoka County Dispatch. Most Lexington firefighters are fully employed outside the involvement of the fire department.
- ◆ The average age of the Lexington Firefighter is 36 years old and the department combined years of experience is 98 years. Fully staffed, the department can employ up to 20 members.
- ◆ When responding to an emergency, each fire fighter responds to the Fire Station first to get on their turn-out gear and get aboard the appropriate vehicle for the type of call. Rescue #1 is the rescue truck used for medicals and vehicle accidents; Engine #1 is the first out for fires; Engine #2 is used as water supply, vehicle accidents, and mutual aide, and Utility #1 used as a support vehicle.
- ◆ There are no sleeping quarters or a fire pole in the Fire Station.
- ◆ The Lexington Fire Department holds the second oldest Charitable Gambling license in the State of Minnesota and operates pull tabs, Bingo, and meat raffles at Cowboys Saloon located on South Highway Drive. The engines and equipment are paid for without using tax payer dollars. In addition, the Relief Association has donated funds for student scholarships, Little League, Special Education, Summer Enrichment programs for kids afterschool programs, Lexington Fall Festival and Fireworks, and the Lexington Holiday Lights contest to name a few.
- ◆ The Fire Department hosts and participates in special events throughout the year such as Santa Around Town/Food Drive, Power Packs/Food Drive, Department Open House, Neighborhood Night Out, Easter Egg Hunt, Lexington Fall Fest, Fight for Air Stair Climb for the American Red Cross, local parades, and many more...
- ◆ Training is conducted three times per month and consists of medical and fire related skills and drills to keep fire fighters certified with the State requirements and prepared for emergencies.
- ◆ A firefighter's tank is filled with compressed air, not oxygen, and allows for 30 minutes of breathable air.
- ◆ A firefighter's turnout gear weighs almost 70 lbs. It is expected that fire fighters stay in good physical health to be able to perform operational duties in excruciating environments. In 2022 there were 304 medical calls and 43 fire related calls in the City of Lexington.
- ◆ There are 9 Emergency Medical Technicians on the Fire Department and 4 soon to begin EMT training.

For more history of the Lexington Fire Department and the surrounding community stop in at Lexington City Hall and purchase a book by Stephen Lee, "Circle Pines & Lexington Minnesota, History of the 1800's to 2000." Purchase price is \$15.00 each while supplies last.

### Want to become a firefighter for the city of Lexington?

To qualify you must live within 7 minutes of the fire station, have a valid MN driver's license, pass a background check, the interview process, and pass a physical and psychological evaluation. All training is paid and we offer a pension for retirement.

To start making a real difference go to the City of Lexington offices at 9180 Lexington Ave, Lexington MN 55014 and ask for an application to be a firefighter.

Be Safe!!  
Erik D. Edwards  
Lexington Fire Chief

### City of Lexington Ordinance Chapter 10 sect 10.40 subd 2



**Recreational fires** can only burn between 8:00 am and 2:00 am & no more than one recreational fire is allowed on any property at one time.

**Recreational Fire Site** an area of no more than a three (3) foot diameter circle (measured from the inside of the fire ring or border); completely surrounded by non-combustible and non-smoke or odor producing material, either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile or blocks or ferrous metal only and which area is depressed below ground, on the ground, or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor wood burning fireplaces.

Be a part of the largest service organization in the WORLD... People who care about the community, schools, kids, people in need. People who are willing to give a few hours in a month to help make a difference are needed and wanted...



Put your family, your church and your job first and then give us some time...when you can.

### CIRCLE PINES LEXINGTON LIONS

Contact:

Lion Ginny Hestekind

Phone: (763) 786-3474

Email: vhestekind@comcast.net

### FACTS

**July** is the peak month for grill fires

45% of home grill fires escalate to **structure fires** that begin on either a patio, deck, open porch or exterior balcony

Roughly half of the **injuries** involving grills are thermal burns

**Remember that per city ordinance, Grills (Propane, Charcoal, Gas, Electric) Are NOT ALLOWED on apartment Decks or Patios**



*Independence Day  
July 4th*



*September 4th*

**LABOR DAY**



## Centennial Lakes Police

*Serving the Cities of Centerville, Circle Pines and Lexington*

**54 North Road - Circle Pines, MN 55014**

**Office: 763.784.2501 - Fax: 763.784.0082**

**Dispatch: 911 / 763.427.1212**

**www.clpdmn.com**

# Recycle Smart

Keep large plastic items out of your recycling cart



## Recycle Smart – Bulky Plastics Are Not Recyclable!

It might be tempting to put that broken hamper in your curbside cart or bring your kid's old toy to the recycling center... it's plastic, so it's recyclable, right? Actually, that is NOT correct. Curbside programs are set up to sort plastic bottles, cups and containers #1, #2 and #5.

Large, bulky plastic items like children's toys, kiddie pools, lawn furniture, laundry hampers, plant pots, buckets and other plastic household items, are not meant for curbside recycling programs. Drop-off centers don't want them either. They ARE NOT recyclable.

If not damaged, consider reuse and donate these types of items. If damaged, contact your hauler before throwing away for more details and to see if there is a charge for disposal.

### Used Sharps

- Hypodermic needles
- Syringes
- Lancets
- Pen needles
- IV needles
- Used Epi-Pens®



Place sharps in rigid, puncture resistant container. Label container: "Do Not Recycle: Household Sharps." Seal to prevent spills.

## Tips for reducing waste at home, school and work

- Avoid disposable, single-use items
- Purchase products with recyclable or minimal packaging
- Use refillable spray bottles
- Use reusable bags
- Purchased reused, consignment or thrift
- Set all printers to double sided printing
- Purchase only what you need
- Pack a no waste lunch
- Buy concentrates
- Borrow or rent seldom used items instead of purchasing them
- Before you recycle junk mail, call the senders 1-800 number and ask to be removed from their mailing list
- Buy in bulk

## Anoka County Compost Site Summer Hours

Bunker Hills 13285 Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids

### Hours of Operation:

April - November, weather permitting

Monday - Friday: 10 am - Sunset\*

Saturday: 9 am - Sunset\*

Sunday: Noon - Sunset\*

Rice Creek 7701 Main Street Lino Lakes

### Hours of Operation:

April - November, weather permitting

Monday: closed

Tuesday: 10 am - sunset\*

Wednesday: closed

Thursday: 10 am - sunset\*

Friday: closed

Saturday: 9 am - sunset\*

Sunday: Noon - sunset\*

### \* Sunset Closing Hours

In October and November, sunset occurs before 7 pm. The compost sites have limited lighting. For the safety of our workers and customers we cannot allow access to the site after sunset. Please allow at least 15 minutes before closing time to pay for and unload your yard waste.



## Waste Reduction Hints and Tips

### Tips for reducing waste at home, school & work

- ◆ Avoid disposable, single-use items
- ◆ Purchase products with recyclable or minimal packaging
- ◆ Use refillable spray bottles
- ◆ Use reusable bags / Attend a fix-it clinic
- ◆ Purchase reused, consignment or thrift
- ◆ Set all printers to double sided printing
- ◆ Purchase only what you need / Buy in bulk
- ◆ Pack a no waste lunch / Buy concentrates
- ◆ Borrow or rent seldom used items instead of purchasing
- ◆ Before you recycle junk mail, call the senders 1-800 number and ask to be removed from the mailing list



Anoka County Recycling & Resource Solutions  
763-324-3400  
AnokaCounty.us/recycle

**REDUCE**  
THE AMOUNT OF  
MATERIALS  
YOU USE, WHICH



**REDUCES**  
THE AMOUNT OF  
WASTE  
YOU CREATE.

**REUSE**  
MATERIALS  
WHEN POSSIBLE



**RECYCLE**  
WHENEVER  
POSSIBLE



**RETHINK**  
THE MATERIALS

**YOU USE**

**AND THOSE**

**YOU THROW AWAY**