

### LEXINGTON SMALL IN SIZE BIG ON PRIDE

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Northway Shopping Center



Lexington Fire Department

City Offices will be closed in observance of the following Holidays 2025

> **April 18th** Good Friday

May 26th Memorial Day

June 19th Juneteenth

July 4th Independence Day

September 1st Labor Day

November 11th Veteran's Day

November 27th Thanksgiving

**November 28th** Day after Thanksgiving

> **December 24th** Christmas Eve *Closed at Noon*

December 25th Christmas

**December 26th** Day After Christmas

**December 31st** New Year's Eve *Closed at Noon*  April ~ June 2025

The City of Lexington will celebrate 75 years as a town on May 21st of this year. We started out with a population of 569 residents when we incorporated as a village with a vote of 96 to 61. As of the 2020 census we have grown to 2,460 residents. Our 1st mayor

was Cyrus Palmquist. We have had a total of 19 Mayors with our current being Mike Murphy. Later that same year on November 11th the Lexington Fire Department was formally organized.

They became officially recognized by the State as a department in 1954. They purchased their 1st truck (1946 Ford) from a garage in Princeton. Over these past 75 years Lexington has continued to grow and develop as a community,

We are thankful to all the residents and businesses that call Lexington home, and look forward to many more years for our GREAT CITY!

Winter Parking Restrictions End *April 1st.* Continue to Follow Restrictions Where Signs are Posted for NO PARKING ~ NO OVERNIGHT or LIMITED PARKING

May 21st

1950<sup>° ~</sup> 2025

75 Year

Anniversary

Council Meetings 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month 7:00pm Stay informed of what is happening within our city. Residents are encouraged to attend. You can also watch them on cable channel 16 where they are broadcast live. Check out our Podcasts the day after the Council Meeting

www.northmetrotv.com/lexingtonpodcast/





Need to pay your utility bill? or looking for a business in town? Check out our city website.



## www.lexingtonmn.gov

There are many resources available to help you. Watch Council meetings, check out our calendar for upcoming events, research city ordinances, find transportation options, read community news and so much more.

Do you have a picture or video of something beautiful, fun or amazing in our city ? Email it to : brenda.beaudet@cityoflexingtonmn.org

and it could end up on our Seen Around Town page.





Spring is here, and along with that comes Hydrant Flushing. We flush water lines through the use of fire hydrants, which is an important preventive maintenance activity. Although it may appear to waste water, the process is part of a routine maintenance program necessary to maintain the integrity of the water system and allowing us to ensure the hydrants are in proper working order. As a result of the line flushing process, residents in the immediate vicinity of the work may experience temporary discoloration of their water. This discoloration consists primarily of harmless silt and air and does not affect the safety of the water. If you experience discoloration in your water after crews have been flushing in your neighborhood, clear the pipes in your home by running all cold water faucets for a few minutes. The same philosophy of water line and hydrant preventive maintenance is one that you should use in your own home to ensure the quality of water inside your home. Your home's water heater should be drained and flushed on a regular basis to keep it working effectively and efficiently.



For great deals on beer, wine, liquor & mixes 9271 South Highway Drive 763-786-0198

# Water Service Rates, effective 1/1/2025

NO CHANGE IN RATES FROM 2024

The following residential rates will be applied for quarterly water service (base plus usage):

	0-15,000 gal	15,001-30,000 gal	30,001-40,000 gal	40,000+ gal
Base	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52
Usage	\$3.01	\$3.72	\$4.97	\$6.89

The following commercial rates will be applied for quarterly water service (base plus usage):

	0-15,000 gal	15,001-30,000 gal	30,001-40,000 gal	40,000+ gal
Base	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52	\$18.52
Usage	\$3.01	\$3.72	\$4.97	\$6.89

### Wastewater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2025

The following rates will be applied for quarterly wastewater service:

Metered water service (base plus usage)						
Base	\$13.67					
Usage	\$3.88 for each increment of 1 to 1,000 gallons of water consumed summer usage based on October through March average water usage					
Non-metered water service		\$62.57 per unit				
Qualifying residential senior			\$37.68			
Qualifying residential senior is defined as a resident who is 62 years of age or older. Proof of age will be required by 1 (one) member of household and application for discount must be completed and filed at City Hall.						

## Stormwater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2025

The following rates will be applied for quarterly stormwater service:

For each Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) \$20.81

Additional Utility Fees, effective 1/1/2025

The following rates will be applied for guarterly service:



**MN Water Test Fee** 

\$2.43 PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF

THE CITY OF LEXINGTON THE 2nd, DAY OF JANUARY, 2025



# LEXINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT Spring Fire Safety



It's easy to associate at-home fire protection with the colder

months with the use of space heaters, fireplaces, decorative candles, and tangled strings of holiday lights. But, just because we're less inclined to turn the heat on doesn't mean we shouldn't still be vigilant when it comes to protecting ourselves and our property from fire hazards. As you transition from sweaters to shorts, deep fryers to grills, and indoor holiday parties to backyard barbecues, keep an eye on these areas:

#### Grills

Charcoal should be soaked with charcoal starter fluid only. Make sure the grill is clean. Make sure the grill is set up in an open, outdoor area with nothing flammable nearby.

#### **Outdoor Fire Pits**

Never leave young children unattended near a fire in the pit. Fill a bucket with water and set it next to the pit before you even begin building the fire. Avoid throwing leaves, pine cones, pine needles and paper into the fire.

Unless there's an emergency, avoid dumping the entire bucket of water on the fire to put it out. Instead, spread the pieces of fuel as far apart as possible and gently sprinkle water over them until there are no more glowing embers. Toast your marshmallows over the embers rather than the flames.

#### Chimneys

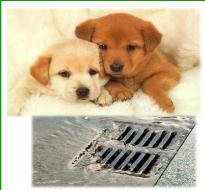
The NFPA recommends having a chimney inspected and thoroughly cleaned at least once a year and getting it out of the way this time of year often means ridding it of buildup that would only cause more damage if it hung around until the fall.

#### **Smoke Alarms**

The batteries should be changed once a year , test the smoke alarms (there should be at least one on every floor of the house) each month.

#### Dryers

the leading cause of clothes dryer-related fires is a failure to keep them clean. Scooping out the lint basket takes all of about 12 seconds, so be sure to clear it out every time you throw a load in. The NFPA recommends cleaning out the vent pipe at least once a year.



<u>Pet Owners</u>

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 animals 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!

PLEASE DO NOT FLUSH ANY **ITEMS DOWN** THE TOILET OR DRAIN THAT ARE NOT FLUSHABLE **MATERIALS! THIS MEANS NO** DIAPERS, **FEMININE** HYGIENE PRODUCTS, OIL, GREASE, RAGS, TOWELS. TOILET DEODORIZERS, **ETC.! ANYTHING** THAT IS NOT **BIODEGRADABLE** WILL NOT BREAKDOWN AND THEREFORE WILL CLOG THE LIFT STATION. THESE ITEMS ARE TO BE **DISPOSED OF PROPERLY INTO** YOUR GARBAGE, NOT DOWN THE SEWER.



#### Do you have a spring or summer building project? Be aware that you will need a building permit.

Permits can be filled out online on the city's website. Look under :

Government / Permits, Licenses & Forms Scan the QR Code call or stop in and speak



to Pete or Brenda if you need assistance or have any questions. (763) 784-2792 We are here to help!

#### REMEMBER

If someone stops by your house selling anything, they must have a Peddlers/Solicitors License issued by The City of Lexington. Make sure to ask to see their license. If they do not have one they are not allowed to sell in our city.



Thank you for Recycling and for Protecting our waterways by keeping grass clippings out of the storm sewers!

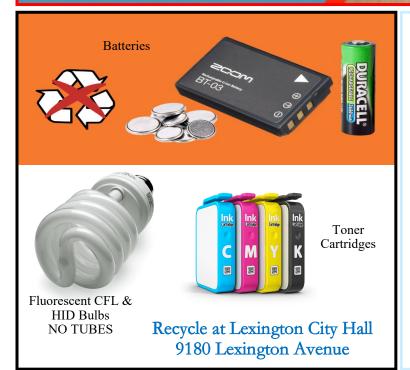
FOR YOUR CONVIENIENCE There is a drive up drop box located in the parking lot on the west side of City Hall. Enter from Woodland Road and it will be on your drivers side.

REMINDER

# Recycle Better NO! Shredded Paper

Don't toss bagged or loose shredded paper into the recycling cart. Its small size falls through recycling processing equipment and contaminates other recyclables for capture.

**MN Recycling Education Committee** 



# SPRING CLEAN UP DAY \*DATE CHANGE\*

# <u>May 3rd</u> ~ 8am-Noon 9100 Hamline Ave MEMORIAL PARK

Here is your opportunity to get your Yard and Garage ready for the summer.

Dispose of Old Mattresses, Worn out Small Engine Equipment, TV's, Small Appliances, Printers Yard Waste (Unbagged and cut into 4' pieces)

See Included Flyer for More Details

# A Stic (bottles/jugs/tubs)

Yes! Always in the recycling cart

Trash the sprayer/nozzle. Recycle the bottle.



Put Waste In Its Place!

Plastic Bags

**DO NOT** Belong in the recycling bin. Plastic bags wrap around the sorting equipment in recycling facilities. Bags should be dropped off at a participating retailer to be recycled.