



May 21st  
1950 ~ 2020  
70 Year  
Anniversary

April ~ June 2020



The City of Lexington will celebrate 70 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. Our 1st mayor was Cyrus Palmquist. Later that same year on November 11th the Lexington Fire Department was formally organized. They purchased their 1st truck (1946 Ford) from a garage in Princeton.

Over these past 70 years Lexington has continued to grow and develop as a community, our population as of the 2000 census was 2,214.

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



Northway Shopping Center



Lexington Fire Department



Gordons Corner



The City of Lexington has been a GreenStep City since 2015. Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. This free continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, is based upon a menu of 29 optional best practices. Each best practice can be implemented, as decided by city elected officials, staff and community members, by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight

actions. These voluntary actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation. You can visit our website to see yearly assessments of what we have accomplished. or go online to: <https://greenstep.pca.state.mn.us/city-detail/12210> to view our page.

### Stay Healthy & Slow The Spread

Wash Your Hands

Avoid Close Contact

Stay Home if Your Sick

Cover Your Coughs

Wear a Facemask if Your Sick

Clean and Disinfect

### Minnesota State High School League's Section 4AAA 2020 Softball Tournament Lexington Memorial Park

#### Dates    Rain Back-up Dates

May 18th	
May 19th	(May 20th)
May 21st	(May 22nd)
May 26th	(May 27th)
May 28th	(May 29th)



### Campfires & Open Burning

Beautiful summer evenings and roasting marshmallows over a campfire is a fun way to spend time with family & friends. Just make sure you are doing it safely. The city of Lexington allows campfires from 8am ~ 2am with fire pits having a maximum circumference of 3 ft. They must be completely surrounded by natural rock, cement, brick, tile or blocks or ferrous metal only and which the area is depressed below ground, on the ground, or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor wood burning fireplaces. They cannot be located closer than 15 ft to any structure or lot line.

If you have a large brush pile that you want to burn, you are required to get an Open Burn Permit & have the site inspected by the Fire Marshal. Cost for the permit is \$25. You can find the application & all requirements on the city's website. On the home page under popular links click on Permits, Licenses & Forms than scroll down to Public Safety. You can also call city hall with any questions. Have a Wonderful & Safe Summer!

### **LEXINGTON SMALL IN SIZE BIG ON PRIDE**

#### City Hall

763-784-2792  
Fax-763-785-8951  
Cable Channel 16  
[www.ci.lexington.mn.us](http://www.ci.lexington.mn.us)

#### Mayor

Mike Murphy

#### Council Members

Diane Harris  
Kim DeVries  
John Hughes  
Brandon Winge

#### City Administrator

Bill Petracek

#### Finance Director

Chris Galiov

#### Deputy Clerk

Mary Vinzant

#### Admin Asst./Permit Tech

Brenda Beaudet

#### Building Inspector

Scott Jensen

#### Public Works Department

Jim Fischer  
Travis Schmid  
763-784-6849

#### Centennial Lakes

Police Department  
763-784-2501

#### Lexington Fire

Department  
763-784-1604

#### Lexington Liquor

Jack Borgen  
Karen Larson  
Andy Lyons  
763-786-0198

City Offices will be closed  
in observance of  
the following Holidays

Good Friday  
April 10th

Memorial Day  
May 25th



## Home Fires Tips & Facts

In the event of a home fire you have as little as **2 minutes** to get out safely. Prepare an escape plan & practice it with your family. visit: [www.NFPA.org](http://www.NFPA.org) for help.

A working smoke detector can reduce the chance of death by fire by **50%**. Make sure to test them & change batteries regularly.

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. On average **45%** of all home fires started in the kitchen.

### Safety Facts About Grease Fires

First and foremost, water & grease **DON'T** Mix!

#### NEVER POUR WATER ON A GREASE FIRE!

**Put a lid on it.** If a pan catches fire, slide a lid over the pan and turn off the stove burner. Leave the lid on until it is completely cool.

Use a fire extinguisher, or when in doubt, get out & call for help.

If a fire starts in a microwave or the oven, keep the door shut. Turn off the heat. If the flames do not go out immediately, get out and call for help.

**STOP, DROP & ROLL** if your clothes catch fire, smother them on the floor before getting out of the house.

## How To Use A Fire Extinguisher



**P** Pull the pin at the top of the extinguisher.

**A** Aim the nozzle at the base of the fire, NOT at the flames.

**S** Squeeze the handle to release the extinguishing agent.

**S** Sweep the spray back & forth across the fire.

### Fire Extinguisher 101

**A** "Class A" is used for wood & paper fires.

**B** "Class B" is used for grease & oil fires.

**C** "Class C" is used for electrical fires.

**ABC** "Class ABC" is a multipurpose extinguisher. It is recommended to have an "ABC" dry chemical extinguisher in your home as it can be used on multiple fire types.

### Minimize Other Fire Risks

Institute a **NO SMOKING** policy in your home.

Check all cords & replace any that are frayed or have bare wires.

Switch to flameless candles.

Keep matches & lighters high & out of reach of children in a locked cabinet.

## GRASS CLIPPINGS AND STORM DRAINS DON'T MIX

With summer time weather comes the mowing season. It is important to remember not to blow grass clippings into the street. Grass clippings in the street ultimately end up in a storm drain where they can build up and cause drainage issues and localized flooding. It is also a violation of Municipal Code to deposit grass clippings and other yard waste into the street. Keep grass clippings in the lawn and out of the street.

### Did you know...

- Grass clipping and other yard waste blown and left in the street are a flooding and water quality concern?

#### Localized Flooding:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste blown in the street can cause localized flooding by clogging curb inlets and pipes.

#### Water Quality:

- Grass clipping and other yard waste in the streets can cause high levels of nutrients in local creeks and streams, which can result in algae blooms.

- Keeping grass clippings on your yard can save money on fertilizer by returning nutrients back into the soil and save money on watering by building organic matter in your soil.

### Some solutions are...

- If your mower shoots grass clippings out of the side, mow a couple of passes with your mower blowing towards your yard and not the street before mowing the rest of your yard.

- If you bag grass with your mower make sure you keep the clippings out of the street, curb inlet, ditch, or creek.

- If you mulch mow, your mower will not blow grass out the side and you shouldn't have to worry about grass blowing into the street.



**No Grass Clippings in The Road**

## SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

**\*\*POSTPONED\*\***

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

Check our website for future dates

Examples of Acceptable Items (Fee for some items)	These items <b>WILL NOT</b> be accepted
Appliances Carpet & Padding Electronics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Laptop, CPU, VCR                              DVD, Printer, Fax                              Stereo, TV</li> </ul> Fluorescent Bulbs Mattresses/Boxsprings Small Engine Equipment Tires / General Debris (Pickup or Trailer load) Yard Waste (branches must be cut to 4'~ leaves unbagged on site)	HAZARDOUS WASTE Cleaning Products Paint, Varnish, Driveway Sealer, Anti-Freeze, Oil, Gas, Pesticides, Propane Tanks, Sharps Other household items that are corrosive, flammable poisonous CURBSITE RECYCLING

Donations of non-perishable food items will also be collected for the local food shelf

## Anoka County Compost Site Summer Hours

Bunker Hills 13285 Hanson Blvd NW Coon Rapids / Rice Creek 7701 Main Street Lino Lakes

### Hours of Operation:

*April - November, weather permitting*

Monday - Friday: 10 am - Sunset\*

Saturday: 9 am - Sunset\*

Sunday: Noon - Sunset\*

[www.anokacounty.us/359/Compost-Sites](http://www.anokacounty.us/359/Compost-Sites)

### 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.

## 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.

## LEXINGTON MUNICIPAL LIQUOR STORE

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

## Water Service Rates, effective 1/1/2020

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	\$12.86	\$12.86	\$12.86	\$12.86
Usage	\$2.09	\$2.58	\$3.45	\$4.78

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	\$12.86	\$12.86	\$12.86	\$12.86
Usage	\$1.85	\$2.28	\$3.05	\$4.22

## Wastewater Service Rates, effective 1/1/2020

The following rates will be applied for quarterly wastewater service:

Metered water service (base plus usage)	
Base	\$11.81
Usage	\$3.20 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	
	\$54.05 per unit
Qualifying residential senior	
	\$32.55
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 1/1/2020

The following rates will be applied for quarterly stormwater service:

Residential	\$8.15
Commercial	\$11.05

## Additional Utility Fees, effective 1/1/2020

The following rates will be applied for quarterly service:

MN Water Test Fee	\$2.43
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PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEXINGTON THE 2nd, DAY OF JANUARY, 2020.



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.



**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** call or stop in and speak to Scott or Brenda if you need assistance or have any questions.

(763) 784-2792

We are here to help!

**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**

**Lexington Market**

**Wednesday's  
June 17th  
Thru  
October 7th**

Location  
Lexington Municipal Liquor Store  
Back Parking Lot  
Enter off Lexington Ave & Woodland Rd

**3pm  
thru  
7pm**

## It's time to get back to the basics of good recycling.

The advent of single stream or putting all your recycling in a cart led many people to recycle more than they ever had before. But having a big cart to throw everything into has led to higher contamination in the recycling. Let's get back to basics and clean up our recycling habits.

The fact is that some recycling actions make a bigger impact than others. Please remember these three basic rules the next time you recycle:

1. Recycle all empty plastic bottles, cans, paper cartons, clean paper and cardboard boxes.
2. Remove food debris, liquid, plastic film and greasy or hazardous items from your recycling.
3. Place recyclables directly in your cart. Do not bag them. (Paper bags are preferred if you need to use bags.) Return plastic bags to a local grocer or retailer.

You'd be amazed by how big of an impact just following these simple rules can have! There are increasing amounts of non-recyclables being sent to recycling sorting facilities, and every single one of them must be removed by hand or mechanically sorted, or they end up contaminating valuable recyclables. Non-recyclable items placed in recycling containers end up in the garbage, which increases the cost of the recycling process. The right thing to do is put the correct recyclables in the containers and don't hope or wish that the haulers can magically recycle them. Avoid "wish-cycling". **When in doubt, throw it out.**

### Place these items loose in your recycling cart. No plastic bags.

**Glass (empty, labels OK):** food and beverage bottles and jars.

**Metal (empty, labels OK):** food cans, beverage cans.

**Plastic cups and containers (empty, rinse, lids on):** yogurt, pudding and fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws), margarine, cottage cheese and similar containers, clear produce, deli and take out containers.

**Plastic bottles and jugs (empty, rinse, caps on):** water, soda and juice bottles, milk and juice jugs, ketchup and salad dressing bottles, dish soap bottles and detergent jugs, shampoo, soap and lotion bottles.

**Paper (clean, staples OK):** mail, office and school papers, magazines and catalogs, newspapers and inserts, phone books.

**Boxes (flatten):** cardboard, cereal, cracker and pasta boxes, shoe, gift and electronics boxes, toothpaste and other toiletry boxes, tissue boxes.

**Cartons (empty, rinse):** milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth and wine cartons.

### Leave these out, since they...

**Get tangled in or damage sorting equipment:** plastic bags, ropes, hoses, shredded paper, chains, scrap metal, and other bulky items.

**Harm workers:** medical sharps, diapers, batteries, hazardous products.

**Are not recyclable:** foil drink pouches, chip bags, candy wrappers, dishes, vases, mirrors, plastic straws and utensils, refrigerator and freezer boxes, Styrofoam, pizza boxes, black food trays and egg cartons.



## Master Gardener Plant Sale Fundraiser

**NEW LOCATION**

**Anoka County Fairgrounds ~ Building # 2, 3200 St. Francis Blvd NW, Anoka**

**Save the Dates ~ May 12th & 13th**

12th \* 3:00pm ~ 7:00pm / 13th \* 9:00am ~ Noon & 1:00pm ~ 3:00pm

Shop for great values on perennials, annuals, vegetables, herbs, native plants, houseplants and more while supporting the programs of the Anoka County Master Gardener program. There are thousands of plants to choose from. There is plenty of parking nearby. Come early as some selections run out quickly.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anoka County Extension Office  
Hours: 8am-4:30pm, Monday-Friday  
Phone: 763-324-3495

[www.anokamastergardeners.org/event-details](http://www.anokamastergardeners.org/event-details)

## Solicitors License is required by the city

### SECTION 6.05

#### CARRYING OR POSTING

All solicitors shall at all times when so engaged, carry their license on their person. All other licensees shall post their licenses in their place of business near the licensed activity. Provided, however, that in the case of machine or other device licensing, the City may provide a sticker for the current license year which shall be affixed to each machine or device requiring such sticker. **All licensees shall display their licenses upon demand by any officer or citizen.**

Applications can be found on the cities website under :

**Government/Permits & Licensing  
Business Regulations & Licensing**