

CITY OF ST. CLAIR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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PET OWNERS

BE RESPECTFUL OF YOUR NEIGHBORS ... FOLLOW THE CITY PET ORDINANCE

Keep your dog or cat on a leash or under your control at all times. Provide adequate leashing, fencing or other means to insure that your pet stays in your yard and doesn't run loose.



Don't allow your dog to habitually bark and howl!!!

Don't allow your dog to wander onto neighboring property to poop. When walking your dog, pick-up after him, don't leave the mess behind.



Get your pet (dog & cat) license at City Hall.

Call City Hall, 245-3494, to make a dog or cat complaint, to report a stray dog or cat, to report a violation to the Pet Ordinance, or to request a copy of the Pet Ordinance.

Dogs and cats found running at large will be picked-up and impounded in Mankato. Retrieving an animal from the impound is very costly!!



Call 9-1-1 to report a dog bite or a potentially dangerous dog. A potentially dangerous dog is a dog exhibiting behavior that poses a threat or danger to public safety, including biting, nipping, growling, snapping, chasing and similar behavior.

RECREATIONAL CAMPFIRE



A 3' X 3' recreational campfire using clean, dry, untreated wood (twigs, branches, cordwood, etc.) in lengths of three (3) feet or less and approved starter materials is the only type of burning permitted in St. Clair. Burning of construction materials (including – dimensional wood, plywood, wood trim, treated, painted, stained, varnished and preserved wood), demolition materials, hazardous materials, food waste, industrial waste, mixed municipal solid waste, oils, rubber, plastics, garbage, green wood, wood with leaves or needles, rotten wood, wet wood, oil soaked wood and the burning of leaves, grass or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke, odor or soot is not allowed.



REPORT STREET LIGHT OUTAGES

Call City Hall to report any street light problem or outage (including: light out, light on during the day, light going on and off, dim light, etc.).

CALL 911 TO REPORT ANY POLICE, FIRE or MEDICAL EMERGENCY



Since 1970, the City of St. Clair has contracted with the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept. for police protection.

Call 911 to report any fire, medical emergency (including: chest pain, choking, difficulty speaking, shortness of breath, drowning, numbness, poisoning, sudden intense pain, severe burns, a suicide threat, etc.), police emergency (domestic violence, vandalism, burglary/theft, vehicle accident, etc.) or when witnessing/observing any unusual or suspicious person, vehicle, activity or behavior.

If in doubt as to whether to situation warrants a 911 call ... **CALL 911** ... it's always better to be on the safe side!!



MEDICATION DROP-OFF SITE

The Blue Earth County Environmental Services Dept., the Blue Earth County Sheriff's Dept., Xcel Energy and Mayo Clinic Health System have partnered to bring the Medication Collection Program to Blue Earth County residents.

DROP BOX LOCATION:

Blue Earth County
Sheriff's Department
Justice Center
401 Carver Road
Mankato MN 56001
Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Monday-Friday)

Items ALLOWED:

- Prescription Medications
- Over-the-Counter Medications
- Narcotics and Other Controlled Substances
- Medication Samples
- Pet Medications
- Vitamins and Supplements
- Medicated Ointments and Lotions
- Inhalers
- Liquid Medications in Glass or Leak-proof Containers

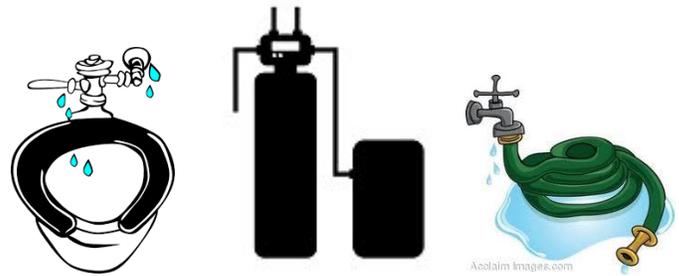
Items NOT Allowed:

- Needles, Syringes or other Sharps
- Thermometers
- IV Bags
- Bloody or Infectious Waste
- Hydrogen Peroxide
- Business Waste

For disposal through the Blue Earth County Medication Collection Program, medications do not need to be in the original container. Remove as much packaging as possible. Containers with liquid contents should be placed in a plastic bag.

Medications dropped-off at the collection site are taken directly to an incinerator, where a deputy watches their destruction.

For more information visit the Blue Earth County website www.co.blue-earth.mn.us or call 507-304-4242.



HIGHER THAN USUAL WATER BILL?

The water and sewer portion of your City Utility bill is based on your water consumption ... so, if your water bill is higher than usual, you're using more water than usual.

A number of factors can contribute to an increase in water usage; do some investigating both inside and outside your home.

INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Do you have a toilet that won't shut-off after flushing? A toilet that keeps 'running' or 'sticks' after you flush, can account for hundreds of gallons of water in just 1 day.
- Do you have a dripping or leaky faucet? Even a slow drip or a small seemingly insignificant leak can add up quickly.
- Is your water softener functioning properly? Make sure your softener (especially if it's an older model) isn't cycling more frequently than necessary.
- Have you had additional people staying with you? More people in the household means more showers, more laundry and more water use in general.

OUTSIDE WATERING

- Have you been doing extra outdoor watering or sprinkling? Watering your lawn or garden can increase your water consumption substantially.
- Have you filled your pool or washed your vehicle?
- Was an outside faucet left on accidentally?

Any of these factors can drastically increase water consumption.

Still not sure what the problem is ... CHECK YOUR WATER METER ... when you are sure that no one in your household is using any water (make sure the dishwasher, washing machine, etc. aren't running), look at your water meter ... if the center triangular dial is moving, you have a leak or are using water somewhere!!