Mendota News



**City of Mendota**

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**Building Permits:**

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Kelly McCarthy, Chief of Police:

Non-emergency: 651-452-1366

Emergency: 911

**Fire:**

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**City Attorney:**

Tom Loonan, City Attorney:

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**The City of Mendota holds City Council Meetings at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the**

**VFW Post 6690**

**1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy.**

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 SPRING 2020

 **Recycling at home:**

Paper, newspaper and inserts, magazines and catalogs, mail and office papers, cardboard, corrugated cardboard, paperboard – cereal, cracker and tissue boxes, cartons, milk and juice cartons, soup, broth, and wine cartons, juice boxes, metal cans, aluminum, tin and steel, glass bottles and jars, plastic bottles, containers and jugs. Containers number 1, 2,or 5(NOTE: recommend using triangles with 1, 2, 5.)

Soda, juice and water bottles, milk and juice jugs, margarine, cottage cheese, cream cheese and other tubs and lids. Laundry detergent bottles and jugs, clear berry and produce containers.

**DO NOT put these items in your recycling cart**.

Batteries

Black plastic

Food

Paper plates, cups, and napkins

Plastic bags and film

StyrofoamTM

Tanglers (chains, extension cords, hoses, string lights)

Trash

**Standardized Message Requirements**

1. Use the term Recycle or Recycling and Trash (not rubbish or garbage)

2. Use preparation language for recycling

a. Do not use plastic bags for your recyclables

b. Empty and dry containers

c. Replace cap

3. Use the category and item names in the above list. Paper and cardboard categories may be combined if needed.

4. When listing materials, use images for recycling and “No” graphics provided.

5. When demonstrating how to recycle at home, choose pictures that show best practices:

• Paired containers: Trash and recycling containers within 10’ from each other

• Appropriate label on each container (color, text, images)

• No plastic bags in recycling container

6. Recommend keeping the same order of listed materials for each category.

7. Must direct residents to Dakota County website: www.dakotacounty.us, search home recycling

**What is Stormwater Runoff?**

Stormwater runoff is rainwater that runs off of lawns,

rooftops, houses, buildings, driveways, parking lots,

paved and unpaved roads, compacted dirt, sidewalks

and other impervious surfaces which prevent

the water from naturally soaking into the ground. **Why is stormwater runoff a problem?**

 Urbanization increases the need for effective stormwater

 management because land development alters the natural

 vegetation and flow of surface water, resulting in an increase

 in the volume and velocity of stormwater runoff. This can

 cause flooding, stream bank erosion and impervious surfaces

 pollutants. Stormwater pollution can have detrimental effects

 to our water resources.

**Things You Can Do to Reduce Stormwater**

Runoff Pollution

1. Educate your friends and family about stormwater topics

and downstream pollution.

2. Put litter in its place, not on the ground!

3. Recycle your car batteries, used motor oil and vehicle

fluid properly.

4. Compost your yard waste.

5. Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly.

6. Sweep extra fertilizer, grass clippings and dirt on your driveway or road back onto your lawn.

7. Reduce, reuse and recycle the amount of cleaning and maintenance chemicals used.

8. Never dump or pour any motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, trash, dirty or soapy water, leaves, grass, fertilizers, pesticides or anything else down a storm drain or in a drainage ditch!

**How can homeowners and business owners help with pollution?**

When Your Pet Goes on the Ground

If pet waste is left on sidewalks, streets, yards or

other open areas, it can be washed away by rainwater into

nearby storm drains. Pet waste can be a source

of harmful bacteria. Some storm drains flow directly

into lakes, streams and rivers delivering bacteria and other

pollutants to the water. Whether in one’s own yard or

walking a dog in a public area, it’s easy to do the right

thing by collecting pet waste with a “pooper-scooper” or a

plastic bag. Many parks and apartment complexes provide

special pet waste posts with garbage cans and disposable bags

or “pet mitts” to help clean up after pets. When finished, just place

the waste and bag in the garbage

**Mendota Days:**

The Mendota Day committee has decided due to the pandemic to cancel Mendota Days this year. Let’s all stay safe and well during these difficult times.

Hope to see everyone again soon.