Mendota News



**City of Mendota**

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**Building Permits:**

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Emergency: 911

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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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**Reduce & Reuse**

​It takes time and money to handle all the waste we throw away. When we reduce the amount of stuff we buy and eventually throw away, we end up with more time, space, money and happiness.

**Top ways to reduce waste at home**

Shop smart

Ask yourself these simple questions when you’re thinking of purchasing an item:

Do I need this and do I need it now?

Was it made sustainably?

Can I rent or borrow this item?

Can I buy this used?

How much time and money will I spend maintaining this item?

Does it have too much packaging?

What will I do with it when it breaks or I no longer want it?

**Get used**

Learn how to shop at secondhand stores and how to donate what you don’t need.

**Repair what you have**

Attend a Fix-It Clinic to get free help repairing and mending household items.

**Stop junk mail**

The average American receives more than 26 pounds of junk mail every year. Find ways to reduce catalog delivery, credit card offers and more using our partner, Hennepin County's Hold the Mail brochure.

**Avoid wasted food**

Food we throw out wastes a lot of resources — energy, water, land and money. Learn how to reduce your food waste at home.

**Water**

Water is one of Minnesota's most abundant and precious resources. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency helps protect our water by monitoring its quality, setting standards and controlling what may go into it.

**Stormwater**

Rain and snow melt run over the abundant impervious surfaces in urbanized areas — roads, sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, roof tops, etc. — and pick up pesticides, fertilizers, oils, metals, road salt, sediment, trash, and other pollutants and carry them into storm drains. Storm drains discharge directly into lakes rivers, streams, and wetlands, so stormwater runoff is a leading source of water pollution.

In addition, stormwater runoff from impervious surfaces travels faster and in larger quantities, which results in damage to rivers, streams, and wetlands; destruction of aquatic habitats; and elevated pollutant levels reaching surface waters. Impervious surfaces also prevent stormwater from soaking into the ground and recharging groundwater. Local public entities that own or operate municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4) play a key role in preventing stormwater runoff from harming Minnesota’s valuable water resources.

**What is an MS4?**

A municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is a conveyance or system of conveyances (roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, storm drains, etc.) that is also:

Owned or operated by a public entity (which can include cities, townships, counties, military bases, hospitals, prison complexes, highway departments, universities, sewer districts, etc.)

Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater

Not a combined sewer

Not part of a publicly owned treatment works

MS4s in Minnesota must satisfy the requirements of the MS4 general permit if they are located in an urbanized area and used by a population of 1,000 or more or owned by a municipality with a population of 10,000 or more, or a population of at least 5,000 and the system discharges to specially classified bodies of water. Minnesota state rule (Minn. R. 7090) establishes criteria and a process for designating future MS4s; see the Stormwater rules page for more information.

The MS4 general permit is designed to reduce the amount of sediment and other pollutants entering state waters from stormwater systems. Entities regulated by the MS4 general permit must develop a stormwater pollution prevention program and adopt best practices. Learn more on the Complying with the MS4 general permit page. A general permit covers multiple entities with similar operations and types of discharges. Issuing general permits allows for faster and more efficient permitting compared to issuing individual permits.

**Mendota Days:**

The Mendota Day committee has decided to cancel Mendota Days again this year.