



Circle Pines City News

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November 2023

When the Snow Flies, Crews are Ready to Plow



When a storm hits in the middle of the night, Public Works crews are called to clear the roads for the morning commute. The goal is to clear the roads within 4-8 hours. The biggest challenge is seeing other drivers and anticipating how they will react to the snowplow. Another challenge is trash containers in the street. Here are a few things you can do to help make plowing activities safe and efficient.

- Do not park in the street when 2 inches or more of snow is forecasted or between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This ensures more effective plowing, but also helps you avoid a citation.
- Keep trash and recycling containers in the driveway and off the street.
- Make sure kids are not building snow forts near the street.
- Keep sleds and toys away from the street.
- Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until plow trucks have completed their street before cleaning the end of the driveway. City plows are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveway areas.
- If possible, snow at the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you face the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway.
- Residents using contractors to plow their driveway should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. This also makes it difficult for city crews to keep the streets clean.
- Ensure your mailbox can withstand a Minnesota winter. Inspect for repairs. For uninterrupted mail service, keep mailboxes clear of snow. The city does not replace or repair mailboxes or posts damaged by snow movement. However, in the event a box or post is unintentionally hit by a plow, the city will reimburse residents up to \$30 for the post and up to \$20 for the mailbox for repair or replacement.

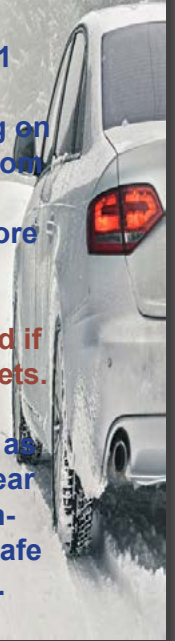
Winter Parking Regulations

November 1 to April 1

There is no parking on city streets everyday from 2 a.m. – 6 a.m. or anytime it snows more than 2 inches.

Vehicles will be ticketed if they are left on the streets.

This is important, as snowplows need to clear the entire street to ensure safe driving and safe streets for everyone.



City Hall Holiday Hours

Closed Friday, November 10



VETERANS DAY
-HONORING ALL WHO SERVED-



Closed Thursday & Friday,
November 23 & 24 for
Thanksgiving.

Garbage Pick-up
Garbage pick-up for the week
of Thanksgiving is Saturday,
November 25.



City Hall

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October Public Meetings

City Council
11/14 & 11/28 7 p.m.

Park Board

11/14 6:00 p.m.

Utilities Commission

11/15 5 p.m.

Planning Commission

11/20, 7 p.m.

You can also view the latest Council meeting at any time on the internet on the City Website at www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us. Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

Recycling Holiday Lights and Extension Cords

Long, stringy items like holiday lights and extension cords get caught up in the recycling facility machines when they are put in recycle bins. Recycle holiday lights and extension cords at drop-off centers or [drop off your christmas lights at Circle Pines City Hall.](#)



Additional Recycling Opportunity

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8 a.m.-Noon

Recycle Technologies
1525-99th Lane NE, Blaine

Accepted for Free:

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones and Scrap Metal, Holiday Lights, Extension Cords and Cables

(\$7 charge if computer or laptop has a hard drive in it)

Accepted for a Fee:

Fluorescent Bulbs and CFLs (\$.50-.95) H.I.D. Lamps (\$2.50)

DVD, VCRs, Radios, Speakers, etc. (\$6)

Residential Inkjet Printer (\$10), All-In-One Printer (\$35), Residential Laser Printer (\$35)

TVs and Monitors (\$20-50)

Console TV's and Rear Projection TV's (\$85)

Scanners & Fax Machines (\$10)

Appliances (\$12-30)

Mattresses & Boxsprings (\$20) King Size (\$25)

Tires (\$7-11.25)

Treadmill (\$40) Non Electric Exercise Equipment (\$25)

Larger items may require more than 1 coupon item for free.

A Photo ID will be required.

Please enter at 99th Ln NE. Exit at Davenport St NE.

Cash or Checks are acceptable payment types.

If you would like to recycle four free items, be sure to bring the coupon.



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Recycle
4 items for Free
(\$55 Maximum)

Coupon valid only on
November 11, 2023
8 a.m.-Noon
Recycling Technologies

Winter Salt Use

To help melt snow and ice during the winter months, salt is applied to the roads. As the snow and ice melts, it travels into stormwater systems. Because of salt, the concentration of Chloride has increased in surface and ground water. Chloride does not degrade in soil and water, and it can create toxic conditions for fish and other animals that live in our lakes and streams.

Tips for residents:

- Support local and state winter maintenance crews in their efforts to reduce their salt use.
- Work together with local government, businesses, schools, churches and non-profits to find ways to reduce salt use in your community.
- Shovel. The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you will have to use and the more effective it will be.
- 15 degrees F is too cold for salt. Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand instead for traction, but remember that sand does not melt ice.
- Slow down. Drive for the conditions and make sure to give plow drivers plenty of space to do their work. Consider purchasing winter (snow) tires.



- Be patient. Just because you don't see salt on the road doesn't mean it hasn't been applied. These products take time to work.
- Apply less. More salt does not mean more melting. Use less than 4 pounds of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12-ounce coffee mug. Leave about a 3-inch space between granules. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help you apply a consistent amount.
- Sweep up extra. If salt or sand is visible on dry pavement it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt or sand somewhere else or throw it away.
- Hire a certified Smart Salting contractor, visit the MPCA website for a list of certified contractors.
- Watch a video. This video, produced by the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization, provides tips to homeowners about more environmentally friendly snow and ice removal — Improved Winter Maintenance: Good Choices for Clean Water

Turkey Fryer Safety Tips

from Centennial Fire District

- Keep outdoor fryers off decks, out of garages and a safe distance away from the house and other structures.
- Never operate the fryer in the rain or snow.
- Place fryer on a level surface and never move once in use.
- Most fryers are made to fit an 8 to 10 pound turkeys.
- Never leave fryer unattended.
- Leave 2 ft between the tank and the burner.
- When possible purchase a fryer with temperature controls and watch the oil temperature carefully.
- Cooking oil that is heated beyond its smokepoint can catch fire. If you notice the oil is smoking, turn the fryer off immediately and cover the pot with a lid.



Anoka County Compost Site

Rice Creek Chain of Lakes
7701 Main Street in Lino Lakes
651-429-3723

November Hours (weather permitting)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday-Closed
Tuesday & Thursday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.
(or sunset, if earlier)
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Noon-5 p.m.

December-March Hours

Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Acceptable materials: acorns, garden waste, grass clippings, leaves, pine cones and needles, sod, soft-bodied green plants and weeds.

Where to call for more information:

Contact the Rice Creek site directly at 651-429-3723 regarding compost availability, residential tree waste questions and commercial drop off of yard or tree waste.



Leaf Pick-up

Leaf pick-up is scheduled for Saturday, November 4. Please place your compostable bags of leaves at the curb before 6 a.m. on the date of the pick-up.

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links at
northmetrotv.com/circlepinespodcast



Yard Waste Carts

Yard waste carts will be picked up until November 25. Weather permitting. Check city website for updates.



Recycle Organics- Receive Three Months Free

Circle Pines offers curbside organics recycling as part of its year-round weekly service to customers.

Cost for the program is \$7.50 per month and will be added to your regular utility bill. Subscribe to the Organics program today by calling City Hall at 763-784-5898 or emailing cityhall@ci.circle-pines.mn.us.

Receive three (3) free months when you sign up. Also once you have paid into the program for 12 months, you will receive three months free as a thank you.

Library News Centennial Branch

As we near the end of 2023 and the beginning of winter, November arrives and brings with it colder weather and shorter days. But November is also a cozy time of year, and a great time to visit the library and pick up some new reads, enjoy a program, or just sit and enjoy the community. With that in mind, here is some of what's happening at your library this busy month:

Storytimes

Storytimes have started and will run through November 18. We have three options for you; please note that **preregistration is required for Baby Storytime**. You may register by phone, online, or by asking at the desk.

Baby Storytimes are Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children under 2.

Toddler Storytimes are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children between ages 2-3.

Family Storytimes are Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.; any age is welcome to these sessions.

Children

Japanese Paper Marbling: Suminagashi, Thursday, November 9, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Get your groove on and make some wonderful wavy paper art in this fun introductory marbling program! We will first learn about the fascinating history of suminagashi and how it was used historically in Japan. Then we will get a chance to try it ourselves. We will float oil based colors on water and then use paper to capture our gorgeous designs. Participants can expect to leave with around 5 decorative papers then can then use for other papercrafts, cards, or just keep as wonderful works of art! This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Read to a Dog: Monday, November 20, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Children are invited to practice their reading skills in 15-minute sessions with licensed, trained therapy dogs. Program geared towards grades K-3. Registration is required. Please call the Centennial Library at 763-324-1540 to register.

Family Fun Night: Wednesday, November 15, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Join us for our monthly Family Fun Night! This program is targeted at school-aged children (4-10) and their parents or caregivers. Each month we'll have different stations for your family to explore crafts, games, and other fun literacy and STEM based activities.

Adults

Minnesota Lumberjack Legends and Lore with Chad Lewis, Monday, November 13, 2023, 5:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m. Chad Lewis will present Lumberjack Legends and Lore. From Paul Bunyan to the Hodag, this program is filled with all of the Lumberjack traditions, superstitions, and legends. Filled with tall tales of mysterious creatures lurking in the woods, boasts of supernatural feats, and every yarn told in-between, this program celebrates our lumberjack history. This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund

Centennial Bookclub for Adults. Monday, November 27th, 6:45pm-8:00pm. Interested in trying out a new book group? Join us for the Centennial Book Club! Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. This month's book is *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in a Silicon Valley Startup* by John Carreyrou.

Everyone

The library will be closed Friday, November 10 for Veteran's Day, as well as Thursday and Friday November 23 and 24 for Thanksgiving.

Centennial's hours of operation:

Monday: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Thursday: 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

Friday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday: 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday: Closed

Centennial Fire District's *Santa's Fire Engine Parade*

The Centennial Fire District Firefighters will be hosting the Santa Parade on Thursday, December 7th this year. Santa leaves the Station at 5:30 pm. To participate, have any non-perishable food and new, unwrapped toys you would like to donate ready and, as Santa makes his way through your neighborhood, come out to visit us and put your food and toys in the truck! Santa will have treats for the kids along the route. If you won't be available during the time Santa visits your neighborhood, simply leave your food donation by your mailbox with a label that reads "Santa Parade Donation" and Santa will pick it up on his way. All donations will go to the Centennial Community Food Shelf that serves residents of Blaine, Lexington, Circle Pines, Lino Lakes and Centerville. We look forward to seeing you all along the parade route. See maps below for approximate times Santa will be on your street.

