



City of Kimball

April 2013

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- April 23
- April 30

City Hall Office Hours:

Monday:
8:00am – 4:30pm

Tuesday:
8:00am – 6:00pm

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday:
8:00am – 6:00pm

Friday:
8:00am – 4:30pm

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

April 2
May 7
June 4
July 2
July 16
August 6
September 3
September 17
October 1
November 5
November 19
December 3

We use how much water?

Did you know that the average 4 person household uses 12,000 gallons of water each month? If you multiply that by the number of households it adds up fast, and that's not even including businesses, schools, churches and other government buildings that also use water!

According to some reports, it is estimated that by 2030 some Minnesota cities will start seeing water shortages.

We can help to combat this by reducing the amount of chemicals we apply to the land as well as limit the amount of wells that are drilled in conjunction with reducing the amount of water we use.

Did you know that in 2012, 35,503,000 gallons of water was pumped from the City's wells?

Just where does all of that water go?

- It can take up to 50 gallons to fill a bathtub
- A front-load washing machine will use about 20 gallons of water, while a top-load will use up to 40
- A dishwasher can use as much as 10 gallons per cycle
- an American home can waste, on average, more than 11,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household

Not only can water leak in a home, but it can also leak in underground piping; this could be in the supply line to your home or the water main in the street.

Tips to conserve water

- make sure your water level matches the size of the load of clothes you are washing
- only run your dishwasher when it is full to make the best use of water, energy and detergent
- Clean vegetables in a sink or pan partially filled with water rather than running the water continuously from the tap — then use re-use that water to water houseplants
- Instead of waiting for water to get cold — keep a pitcher of water in the fridge

City-wide water usage in 2012

Residential usage (homes): 14,283,760
Commercial usage (businesses): 3,503,456
Industrial usage (meat processing): 740,100
Public building usage (churches and schools): 2,324,200

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We are once again hosting a City-wide Clean-up Day on May 4 from 8:00am —11:00am in the parking lot adjacent to A.M. Maus & Sons and Gohmann's Foods. Check out the enclosed flyer for further details! This is a great opportunity to take care of those nuisance items in your yard, clean out the garage and do some spring cleaning!

The new City website will be up and running soon at www.ci.kimball.mn.us. Also coming - the ability to pay via credit card or ACH withdrawal.

Thank you to everyone that attended the 36th Annual Kimball Firemen's Relief Association Pancake Breakfast!

Thanks to the generous donations received each year, we are able to purchase new equipment that is needed for the Kimball Fire & Rescue Department. Some of the items purchased are: ice rescue suits, 800mhz radios, pagers, SCBA's, turn-out gear, defibrillators and extraction equipment. This year's donations will help replace our Rescue Rig, which is approximately 20 years old. The Rescue Rig responds to 100% of the calls that the Fire & Rescue Department receive and has accumulated much wear and tear over the years.

Brush & Compost Pick Up

Tuesdays beginning April 23

RULES TO FOLLOW

- Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundled and tied.
- Compost, not to exceed 50 lbs. **ONLY** Corn-based self composting bags will be picked up or containers approved by the Public works department. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them. If you don't see them ask an employee at the store.

Biodegradable bags are NOT accepted

COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY

- All brush/compost must be placed at the curb by **6:30 am**.

If you have questions contact the Public Works Department at (320) 980-4906