

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- February 17

City Hall Hours:

- Monday 8:00am - 4:30pm
 - Tuesday 8:00am - 6:00pm
 - Wednesday - Closed
 - Thursday 8:00am - 6:00pm
 - Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
- Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm daily for lunch

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

- February 12
- March 4
- April 8
- May 6
- June 3
- July 15
- August 5
- August 19
- September 2
- September 16
- October 7
- November 10
- November 18
- December 2

City of Kimball

February 2014

Utility Rate Adjustment

The City of Kimball's Utility Departments are responsible for maintenance of the water system that supplies about 20 million gallons of treated water annually to residents and businesses. The City also manages a sanitary sewer system which collects and transfers sewage to the City's wastewater treatment plant.

As time progresses, the City of Kimball must replace water and sewer mains. Extensive work was recently completed in 2013 by the City with assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development program that allowed the City to replace some of the City's aging water and sewer mains.

Utility rates are the means by which the City recovers its costs of buying and distributing water and disposing of wastewater. These rates also allow the City to maintain adequate reserve levels to cushion against unforeseen future variations in cost and/or usage and plan for future replacement of aging infrastructure.

At their January 28, 2014 meeting, the City Council enacted a rate increase that will become effective with usage starting March 1, 2014. The base rate for water will increase from \$20.00 for the first 1,000 gallons to \$22.50 for the first 1,000 gallons. Likewise, the base rate for sewer will also increase from \$20.00 for the first 1,000 gallons to \$22.50 for the first 1,000 gallons.

A Wellhead What?

The City recently received notice from the Minnesota Department of Health that its Wellhead Protection Plan had been approved. "Wellhead Protection is all about creating awareness about where drinking water comes from and simple things landowners and the public can do to help protect groundwater resources" stated Bruce Olsen, Minnesota Department of Health.

Nearly all of Minnesota's public water supply systems rely on groundwater as their source of drinking water. In Minnesota, a community public water system relying on groundwater as their water source is required under Federal and State legislation to develop a "Wellhead Protection Plan."

The goal of a Wellhead Protection Plan is to prevent drinking water from becoming polluted by managing possible sources of contamination in the area which supplies water to the City's wells. Protecting and keeping our groundwater clean and free of contaminants costs much less than the cost to treat and remove them from our drinking water! The Minnesota Department of Health is the State Agency responsible for administering the Wellhead Protection Program. Minnesota Rural Water Association works closely with community's in both developing and implementing Wellhead Protection plans.

How is a Wellhead Protection Plan Implemented?

Action strategies are developed locally to protect the drinking water supply of your community and are identified in Part II of the Wellhead Protection (WHP) Plan. Steps to implement a WHP Plan include:

1. **EDUCATE** the citizenry about what Wellhead Protection is through brochures, media and local events.
2. Create **AWARENESS** about local groundwater conditions and how the drinking water supply can be protected.
3. Citizens will take **OWNERSHIP** in how their actions can impact the public water supply.
4. Citizens will then support and adopt voluntary changes in **LAND USE** that will help protect drinking water supplies.

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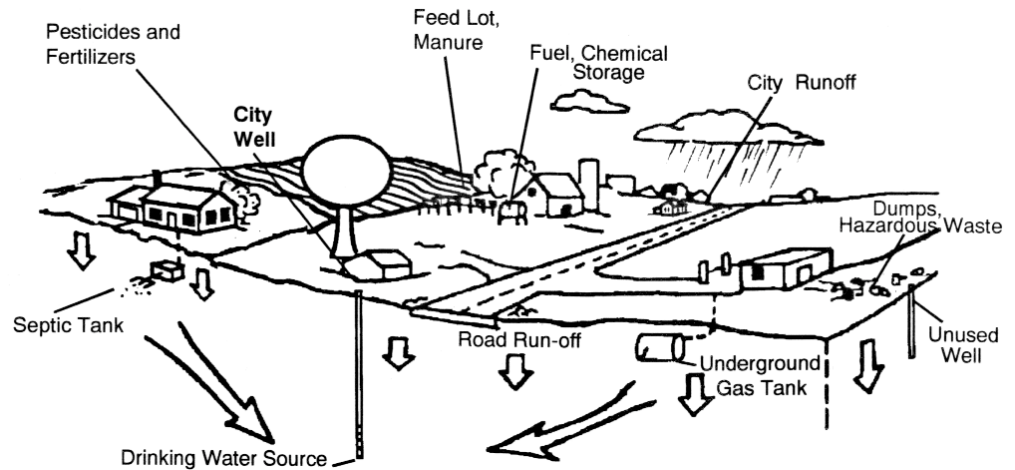
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What can you do?

To help implement a plan:

- Volunteer to serve on work groups and at educational events.
- Help identify land uses and possible sources of contamination on your property
- Recognize and manage possible sources of contamination on your property
- Use hazardous products as directed and dispose of them properly
- Conserve water



Examples of Source Water Contamination

Hang in there Spring will be here soon! But in the meantime please see the severe weather reminders below.

Severe Weather Reminders

Please remember all snow and ice needs to be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours after the precipitation has ceased to fall. It is the property owners responsibility to clear the abutting sidewalk to their property. If your sidewalk is not cleared within the allowed amount of time, the City will follow the abatement process.

Snow Plowing & Ice Control Policy: Snow accumulation must be over 2 inches before the plowing operation begins. Priority streets are plowed first. The sand and salt mixture will be minimized to certain areas. When cleaning snow off of private property, **DO NOT** push snow onto the street or on to another property. This is a violation of MN Statute 160.2715. Any one violating this statute will be guilty of a misdemeanor. Cleaning adjacent to mailboxes is the resident's responsibility. The city will get as close to the curb as possible.

Winter Parking Reminder: No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the City between the hours of 10:00 pm – 6:00 am, on any date that falls between Nov. 1 (12:00 am) and April 30th (11:59 pm) the following year. The City of Kimball may, in its sole discretion, tow any vehicle parked in violation of this section to an impound lot. The cost of the tow and impound fee shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle prior to the vehicle being released from the impound. Any person who violates the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor.