



# City of Kimball

October 2014

## 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

## **Upcoming City Council Meetings:**

October 7  
November 10  
November 18  
December 2

## October 5 - 11 is Fire Prevention Week

### **Fire Facts:**

- Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 93% of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 79% of the time.
- When smoke alarms fail to operate, it is usually because batteries are missing, disconnected or dead
- According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan
- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it
- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment
- Two of every five home fires started in the kitchen
- Unattended cooking was a factor in 34% of reported home cooking fires
- Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials
- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys
- About half (48%) of home electrical fires involved electrical distribution or lighting equipment. Other leading types of equipment were washer or dryer, fan, portable or stationary space heater, air conditioning equipment water heater and range
- On average, there are 32 home candle fires reported per day
- Nearly three in five candle fires (56%) start when things that can burn are too close to the candle

## Brush & Compost Pick Up

**Last Pick-up Day is October 28**

### **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. 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 and Regular Garbage bags are NOT accepted and will NOT be picked up!**

### **COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY**

- All brush/compost must be placed at the curb **by 6:30 am.**
- Residents also have the option of bringing brush and compost to the City's compost site on their own.

Please contact the Public Works for proper disposal instructions at (320)980-4906

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In this economy more and more people and families are having difficulties making ends meet.

If you are having difficulty paying your heating and/or electric bill we encourage you to contact your local Energy Assistance provider.

### How can Energy Assistance help you?

Energy Assistance programs can provide:

Assistance towards a household's home energy bill

Emergency assistance if a household's home energy service is shut off

Emergency assistance if a household is unable to get fuel delivered

Advocating with energy-related services such as weatherization improvements, furnace equipment repair and replacement, and budget counseling.

#### LOCAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDER FOR:

**BENTON, MORRISON, SHERBURNE, STEARNS  
COUNTIES:**

TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM, INC

1210 23RD AVE S

WAITE PARK MN 56387

(320) 251-1612 or 1-888-765-5597

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## Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. However, the Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15 to April 15. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the winter if the customer meets the following requirement:

- (1) Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- (2) The customer has declared inability to any on forms provided by the utility (Note: Customers receiving "any form of public assistance, "including energy assistance, are deemed to have qualified for inability to pay status);
- (3) The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level, as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- (4) The customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bill, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The state Department of Human Services recommends you call the county in which you live.

If you know you're going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please contact utility company ahead of time to try to work out a payment schedule.