



October 2017

October 8-14 is Fire Prevention Week

P.O. Box 238
1 Main Street N
Kimball, MN 55353

Phone: (320) 398-2725
Fax: (320) 398-2720
E-mail: cityofkimball@meltel.net

City Hall Hours

- Monday 8:00am to 4:30pm
- Tuesday 8:00am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday 8:00am to 1:00pm
- Thursday 8:00am to 6:00pm
- Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Closed 12:00pm to 1:00pm daily
for lunch

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

October 3
October 17
November 7
November 21
December 5
December 19

IN A FIRE, SECONDS COUNT. SECONDS CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF OUR COMMUNITY ESCAPING SAFELY FROM A FIRE OR HAVING THEIR LIVES END IN TRAGEDY.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: "Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!" is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan. Here's this year's key campaign messages:

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave – this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning

The Fire Department will be coming around with calendars & batteries on Oct. 11th



- Half of home fire deaths result from fires reported between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. Only one in five home fires were reported during these hours.
- One-quarter of home fire deaths were caused by fires that started in the bedroom. Another quarter resulted from fires in the living room, family room or den.
- Three out of five home fire deaths happen from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.
- In 2015, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 365,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 2,560 deaths, 11,075 civilian injuries, and \$7 billion in direct damage.
- Cooking equipment is the leading cause of home fire injuries, followed by heating equipment.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people..
- During 2010--2014, roughly, one of every 338 households reported a home fire per

MnDOT asks motorists, farm equipment operators to safely share the road during harvest season.

“Harvest season is getting in full swing across the state and farmers and their equipment are out on the highways,” said Jay Hietpas, state traffic engineer. “Motorists need to be prepared to encounter slow-moving farm vehicles, especially on rural, two-lane roads.”

From 2011 to 2015, there were 688 crashes involving farm vehicles that resulted in 23 fatalities and 348 injuries. Nearly half of the fatalities were an occupant of the farm vehicle.

“Twenty-two percent of all farm equipment crashes and 29 percent of the fatalities were distraction-related,” Hietpas said. “Other factors were speed-related and alcohol-related.”



Motorists Should:

- Watch for debris dropped by trucks hauling crops. It is safer to brake or slowly drive through debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.
- When approaching farm equipment, slow down & use caution. Put additional space between your vehicle & the farm equipment. Don't assume the equipment operator can see you.
- Be patient & wait for a safe place to pass.
- Wear seatbelts
- Drive with headlights on at all times.

Farm equipment operators should:

- Use lights and flashers to make equipment more visible
- Use slow-moving vehicle emblems on equipment traveling less than 30 mph.
- Drive slow-moving vehicles in the right-hand lane as close to the edge of the roadway as possible.
- Avoid encouraging or signaling motor to pass. Pull over when safe, and let traffic pass.
- Pick up any debris left on the highway by the equipment or contact MnDot to remove it.
- Plan their routes so wide equipment will not hit or damage signs, guardrails, light poles and other roadway structures.
- Consider using an escort vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night and if the equipment is large enough that it may extend across the center line.

Halloween Safety Reminders for Parents & Kids:

1. Make sure mask holes are large enough for you child to see through.
2. Make sure children cannot be tripped by loose costumes
3. Take a flashlight along for dark streets.
4. There is safety in numbers – the bigger the group the better.
5. Do not eat unwrapped candy or fruit until your parents have inspected them.
6. Stay on the sidewalk and away from traffic as much as possible.
7. Be careful when you cross a street and make sure you look both directions before crossing.
8. Wear bright reflective colors so that cars can see you when it is dark!

**Trick
or
Treat!**

***** Have a fun and safe night of Trick and Treating! *****

Last brush & compost pick up day is October 31st...weather permitting.