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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 5:00pm
- ◆ Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm

Upcoming Council Meetings

October 6
October 19
November 10
December 1
December 15

October Recycling Weeks:
6th & 20th

Hydrant Flushing will be October 7.



October 2020



Fire Prevention Week October 4 - 10, 2020 Serve Up Fire Safety in the Kitchen!

Cooking Safety

Cooking brings family and friends together, provides an outlet for creativity and can be relaxing. But did you know that cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires and home injuries? By following a few safety tips you can prevent these fires.

“COOK WITH CAUTION”

- Be on alert! If you are sleepy or have consumed alcohol don't use the stove or stovetop.
- Stay in the kitchen while you are frying, boiling, grilling or broiling food. If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.
- Have a “kid-free zone” of at least 3 feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared.
- If you are simmering, baking, or roasting food, check it regularly, remain in the home while food is cooking, and use a timer to remind you that you are cooking.
- Keep anything that can catch fire - oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains - away from your stovetop.



If you have a small (grease) cooking fire and decided to fire...

- On the stovetop, smother the flames by sliding a lid over the pan and turning off the burner. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

If you have any doubt about fighting a small fire...

- Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.
- Call 9-1-1 or the local emergency number from outside the home.



Smoke Alarms at Home

Smoke Alarms are a key part of a home fire escape plan. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. Working smoke alarms give you early warning so you can get outside quickly.

Safety Tips:

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom. They should also be outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. Install alarms in the basement.
- It is best to use interconnected smoke alarms. When one smoke alarm sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working.
- A smoke alarm should be on the ceiling or height on a wall. Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe light and bed shakers.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

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 the winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 15th to April 15th. 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 requirements:

- ⇒ Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heating source;
- ⇒ 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);
- ⇒ 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;
- ⇒ 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.

Annual Notice to Military Personnel

Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements military service personnel in the following situation. If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment or change in duty station and the residential customer meets specific income criteria, the City of Kimball must not disconnect the utility service of that qualifying residential customer.

An application must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. The City of Kimball may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. § 325E.028.

If you would like a copy of this law, please contact Kimball City Hall.

MN Dot asks Motorists, farm equipment operators to safely share the road during harvest season

Motorists traveling on Minnesota roads this fall should be aware of large farm equipment transporting crops to markets, grain elevators and processing plants, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

Farm equipment is large and heavy, making it hard for operators to accelerate, slow down or stop. The equipment also makes wide turns and can sometimes cross over the center line. These vehicles can also create large blind spots, making it difficult for operators to see approaching vehicles. All of these factors can cause serious crashes.

Motorists should:

- ⇒ Slow down and use caution when approaching farm equipment. Don't assume the operator can see you.
- ⇒ Watch for debris dropped by trucks. It is safer to brake or drive through debris than to veer into oncoming cars or off the road.
- ⇒ Wait for a safe place to pass.

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.
- ⇒ Consider using a follow vehicle when moving equipment, especially at night
- ⇒ Properly secure your load.

Winter Parking Reminder

No person shall park a vehicle upon any street in the City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., on any date that falls between 12:01 a.m. November 1st and 11:59 p.m. April 30th of 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 impound.

Just a friendly reminder...utility bills are due the 28th of each month. Payments can be made at the city office during business hours, placed in the drop slot, mailed or pay online (follow the links on the City of Kimball website). The City of Kimball also accepts credit cards in person and over the phone.

Brush & Compost Pick-up

Rules to follow:

- Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundle 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 bags are **NOT** accepted and **WILL NOT** be picked up!

COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY!

- All brush and compost must be placed to 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, by appointment only.

Please contact the Public Works Departments for additional information or for an appointment at (320) 980-4906.

Last Brush & Compost pick up day is October 27th...weather permitting.