



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

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

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:

September 1
September 15
October 6
November 3
November 17
December 1



City of Kimball

September 2015

Be Weather Aware!

Stearns County Emergency Management has re-established an opt-in system that allows people from Stearns County or the City of St. Cloud to sign up for alerts and warnings regarding severe weather. The opt-in system is managed through Everbridge, the County's mass notification system. Residents can sign up for the alerts, indicate which alerts they want to be notified about and the method of delivery for these messages. Available weather alerts include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, floods and winter storms. Delivery methods include telephone, text message and email.

In addition to these two methods NOAA weather radios and outdoor warning sirens remain important components in getting the message out to the public. NOAA weather radios work in conjunction with the National Weather Service watches and warnings and provide information about a wide variety of weather events. Outdoor warning sirens are usually located in municipalities and are meant to alert people who are outdoors to take shelter and seek additional information. Outdoor warnings sirens are not intended to provide warning to people who are indoors.

By utilizing all of these methods we have a more comprehensive approach to getting timely and accurate information out to the public so they are better able to respond to keep themselves safe during severe weather events. If you are interested in signing up for the opt-in weather alerts please visit the Stearns County website at www.co.stearns.mn.us and look for the Emergency Alerts sign up (left hand side of web-page).

Have you signed up to receive your utility bill by email yet? You can easily do so by visiting our website!

We're on the web!
www.ci.kimball.mn.us

Brush & Compost Pick Up

Offered Tuesday Mornings

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 visit the City website or contact the Public Works if you have questions regarding proper disposal at (320)980-4906

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

WWW.TRICAP.ORG

**"This program is funded by the Minnesota Department of
Commerce and U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services"**

When is a building permit required?

You are going to do a project at your home or business and you want to know if a permit is required. Let's see what the administrative section of the building code says.

Section 1300.0120 Permits – Subpart 1. states: "An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment, the installation of which is regulated by the code; or cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit."

You may be asking: **Are there any exceptions?** Yes, certain types of projects may not require a permit. To be safe and avoid getting charged a penalty fee, call our office prior to beginning any project.

Another good question is: "**When** do I pull the permit?" That question was also answered in Section 1300.0120. Didn't catch it? Look at the last sentence: ". . . shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit." A permit needs to be issued before starting any work.

Once again, there is **one exception**: when there is an emergency. The code states "If equipment replacement and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted to the building official within the next working business day." Perhaps now is a good time to offer some clarification – Not an emergency: "My contractor had an opening today and I had to take it." An emergency: "It was 20 degrees below zero and my grandma's furnace went out." If in doubt, call our inspections office Inspetron - 1-800-332-6153.

Building permits are available on the City Website along with a link to project information handouts on Inspetron's Website.