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Upcoming Regular Council Meetings

September 6th & 20th
October 4th & 18th
November 1st & 15th
December 6th & 20th

September Recycling Weeks:
7th & 20th

City Hall will be closed on September 5th in observance of Labor Day

Annual Notice to All Residential Customers

Bills can pile up just like snow. 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 1st to April 30th. The rule, established under *Minn. Stat. § 216B.097* means that your utility cannot disconnect your residential electric service during the period of October 1st and April 30, if the disconnection affects the primary heat source for the residential unit and all of the following conditions are met:

- The household income of the customer is at or below 50 percent of the state median income.
- A customer enters into and makes reasonably timely payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.
- A customer receives referrals to energy assistance, weatherization, conservation or other programs likely to reduce the customer's energy bills.



Annual Notice for Military Personnel

Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements for 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 due to non-payment.

An application for a utility payment agreement 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 non-payment 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 at (320)398-2725.

Brush & Compost Pick-Up Starts May 3rd & Ends October 25th

Tuesday Mornings: All brush/compost must be placed at the curb by 6:30am.

Rules to follow:

- ⇒ Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & it must be bundled and tied.
- ⇒ Compost not to exceed 50 lbs. **ONLY** corn-based self-composting bags and brown paper bags will be picked up. Do not use tape to secure your bags. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or 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 AND BROWN PAPER BAGS ONLY!**
- ⇒ **DO NOT USE TAPE TO SECURE YOUR BAGS!**



Watch Out for School Buses

In Minnesota, school buses make at least 10,000 school bus trips daily. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, school buses are the safest mode of transportation for children—children are eight times safer riding in a bus to school than any other vehicles.

Stop for School Buses: It's the Law!

- ⇒ State laws requires all vehicles to stop for school buses when the bus driver activates the flashing lights and has the crossing arm full extended.
- ⇒ Drivers who violate the law face a \$500 fine.
- ⇒ Drivers can face criminal charges for passing a school bus on the right, passing when a child is outside the bus, or injuring or killing a child.

Motorists

- ⇒ Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights or a stop arm when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.
- ⇒ Motorists should slow down, pay attention and anticipate school children and buses, especially in neighborhoods and school zones.
- ⇒ The best way to be aware of your surrounding at all times is to put the distractions away.

Students

- ⇒ When getting of a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder.
- ⇒ Wait for the bus driver to signal that it's safe to cross.
- ⇒ When crossing the street to get on the bus or to go home, make eye contact with motorists before proceeding.

Danger in the "Danger Zone"

More children are killed outside of a school bus than they are as bus occupants. Motorists must anticipate children in a school bus "danger zone"- the area around a bus where most injuries and deaths occur.

School Bus Safety Tips for Children

When waiting for the bus: Be patient, stand back from the road and no running or rowdy behavior.

When on the bus: stay seated, listen to the diver and use quiet voices.

Its important for parents to discuss and demonstrate pedestrian safety with their children and reinforce safe crossing after exiting a bus:

- When getting off of a bus, look to be sure no cars are passing on the shoulder (side of the road).
- Before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen.
- Wait for the driver to signal that it's safe to cross.
- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped. Keep watching traffic when crossing.

School Bus Safety Tips for Motorists

- Motorists must stop at least 20 feet from a school bus that is displaying red flashing lights and/or its stop arm is extended when approaching from the rear and from the opposite direction on undivided roads.
- Red flashing lights on buses indicate students are either entering or exiting the bus.
- Motorists are not required to stop for a bus if the bus is on the opposite side of a separated roadway (median, etc.) - but they should remain alert for children.
- Altering a route or schedule to avoid a bus is one way motorists can help improve safety. In doing so, motorists wont find themselves behind a bus and as a result, potentially putting children at risk.
- Watch for school crossing patrols and pedestrians. Reduce speeds in and around school zones.
- Watch and stop for pedestrians—the law applies to all street corners, for both marked and unmarked crosswalks (all street corners) - every corner is a crosswalk.

****Information acquired from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety website**

