

LAKELAND NEWS



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Event Schedule

August 4th, 2021
Recycle Pickup

Brush Site Open
August 14, 2021
8:00 AM - 10:50 AM

August 17, 2021
City Council Meeting
6:00 PM

August 18th, 2021
Recycle Pickup

It is important that you
call to locate utilities
BEFORE YOU DIG –
call Gopher State One at
1-800-252-1166 or
651-454-0002

WATERING RESTRICTIONS

For All Customers of

Lakeland Water Utility

**Even Number Address
water on EVEN Days**

**Odd Number Address
water on ODD Days**

**No watering between the
Hours of 12:00 Noon
and 5:00 PM All Days**

**Effective June 20th,
2021**

BRUSH SITE

Aggregate Industries has OPENED the Brush Pit at 16164 Hudson Blvd N, Lakeland, MN 55043. The Brush Day Schedule for the 2021 Season is as follows:

August 14th, September 18th &
October 16th

HOURS OF DUMPING ARE: 8 am - 10:50 am
(THE GATE WILL BE SHUT AND LOCKED AT
11 AM).

AGGREGATE INDUSTRIES ONLY
ACCEPTS BRUSH, NO COMMERCIAL
DUMPING.

THOSE WHO BRING BRUSH ONTO THE
SITE WILL NEED TO STAY IN THEIR
VEHICLES, EXCEPT WHEN DUMPING AT
THE DESIGNATED DUMP SITE.

FOLLOW ALL SIGNS AND DIRECTIONS.

Aggregate Industries does not accept any construction materials. They will accept only brush such as limbs, trees, and shrub trimmings. No leaves or grass. Participants will be required to provide identification.

PFAS Contamination Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What is PFAS and why is it a concern? PFAS are a family of manmade chemicals that have been widely used for decades in products like Teflon and Scotchgard™. PFAS are extremely stable and do not breakdown in the environment. Long-term exposure to PFAS in small amounts might affect the most vulnerable members of the population. Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) continues to monitor the growing body of science about PFAS and will adjust health advice as needed. PFAS is actively being studied for health effects. Some studies found that higher levels of PFAS in a person's body were associated with higher cholesterol, changes to liver function, reduced immune response, thyroid disease, and increased kidney and testicular cancer. The latest information (and the reason why MDH recently lowered the health-based guidance values) indicates that fetuses and infants are more vulnerable. Long-term exposure to certain PFAS substances leads to a buildup of these chemicals in women of child bearing age which results in more exposure to the fetus and breastfed infants.

What is a GAC POET System? GAC stands for granular activated carbon. POET stands for point of entry treatment. These systems are a series of two tanks installed in the utility room of a home. This system is plumbed in to filter out PFAS from water use inside the home (domestic use) only. Irrigation or outdoor use does not get filtered.

Does my private well have to be sealed if I connect to the municipal water system?

Yes, the rationale for sealing wells upon connection to a municipal water system, as stated by the co-trustees:

The primary purpose for treating a private well is to provide for the needs of a domestic water supply. It is ultimately up to the individual home owner to decide whether or not to connect their house to a municipal system. More information on that can be found on the 3M PFC Settlement page. If a private well is not sealed, it can act as a pathway for other contaminants to get into the groundwater, potentially contaminating the drinking water source.

The rationale for sealing wells upon connection to a municipal water system, as stated by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH):

- PFAS do not break down in the environment. Sealing the well prevents further spread of PFAS in the environment (surface water, wildlife, garden produce, etc.).
- Prevent infiltration of PFAS into shallower aquifers that may not be contaminated.
- Reduce or eliminate minor exposures (soil, gardening, swimming pools, etc.) and possibly important exposures (consumption of contaminated fish, wildlife, livestock).
- Prevent the possibility of future cross-connection and contamination of the public water supply. Eliminates the need for the state to track private wells whose uses are uncertain.
- Consistency/fairness - other Washington County residents have had to seal their wells once on municipal water.

What are the steps to sealing of a well and how much does it cost?

The sealing process starts with removal of the pump, inner pipe to the pump, and any materials or obstructions in the well by a licensed well contractor. This is followed by filling the well with grout. After the well is properly sealed, the contractor sends a "Well and Boring Sealing Record" to the MDH and well owner. The average cost is around \$2,700, but depends on the circumstances of each well.

Will there be an option for the property owners to have a hybrid option, i.e., using municipal water for household use and well water for outside lawn irrigation and livestock use?

No, the State can consider exemptions from well sealing (for example, agricultural purposes). However, lawn watering is not considered an agricultural purpose for exemption purposes.

What additives would come with the municipal water system?

As required by MOH, chlorine and fluoride will be added to the municipal water system. It should be noted that chlorine is applied for disinfection and is monitored to be at an extremely low and safe level. If consumers are sensitive to taste and odor (which commonly goes away over time), a filtration system can be privately installed or one can allow the chlorine smell to leave the water by putting it in a pitcher in the refrigerator and letting it sit uncovered for a few hours. Fluoride is natural to our environment and is tasteless and odorless.

Does the chlorine in a municipal water system impact the functionality of our septic systems?

Washington County Environmental Division stated no concerns with septic systems due to the small chlorine concentration in municipal water supply systems. They have this same situation within the County and it has not been an issue. Household cleaners (i.e., bleach) are put into septic systems at a much higher concentration and the septic systems handle it fine.

My well water is free, why would I want to pay a water bill?

Owning and maintaining a private well is not "free". We've spoken with local well drillers in the area and priced out the following expenses and life expectancies (keep in mind the costs are averages and will vary up or down depending on the situation): Well pump motor longevity= 15 to 25 years Well water pipe longevity = 50 to 100 years Cost to drill and install a new well= \$12,000 to \$20,000 (depth, geology, and accessibility) Cost to replace a failed well pump motor= \$2,500 to \$3,500 (depth, accessibility, and pump) Cost to seal a well= \$2,000 to \$2,500 Electrical cost to operate a well pump (without irrigation) = \$50 to \$100 per year (based on usage)

Washington County Parks
Annual Vehicle Permit Photo Contest

The Washington County Parks Vehicle Permit Photo Contest is now open!

Visitors who have been snapping photos in Washington County Parks now have the opportunity to submit those photos with the possibility of being featured on the county's annual 2022/2023 parks permit!

This year, Washington County will be highlighting St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park as it celebrates its 25th anniversary as a county regional park. Submit your photos taken at St. Croix Bluffs Regional Park via e-mail to

ParksPhotos@co.washington.mn.us. The submission deadline is October 4, 2021.

How to Enter: Submit a Photo (maximum of 3 entries) to ParksPhotos@co.washington.mn.us.

Include your first and last name, phone number, e-mail address, and a short description.

Wait to see if your photo is selected! The winner will be notified directly by early November.

Photo Contest Rules & Guidelines: Visit the Washington County Parks website for more information.

Please be aware of the following provisions in the Lakeland Code of Ordinances:

Outdoor Implements

Except as hereinafter provided, any power lawn mower, snow blower, power hedge clipper, power saw, or such other implement designed primarily for outdoor use, shall be operated only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on weekdays, or between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sundays, and State/Federal holidays.

Vehicle and Street Parking

Vehicles parked outside an enclosed building on private property must have current licenses and be operable.

All-Terrain Vehicles

Operation of all-terrain vehicles or unlicensed motor vehicles is prohibited on any public street or highway or right-of-way in the City of Lakeland. Use of such vehicles is allowed ONLY on private property with written permission of the property owner.

Residents in the Restricted Parking Area

The area of the City between I-94 and Upper 5th Street North and CSAH 18 and the St. Croix River is a designated parking area where permits are required for residential street parking. Annual permits cost \$2 each, and five permits are allowed for each residence. Event permits are available for single-day parking and cost \$10. Permits may be obtained at City Hall.

Boat trailer parking is not permitted in the designated area, except on 7th Street North between the River and Quinnell Avenue North.

Washington County Library
Upcoming In-Person Events

- On Our Quilt Time Do you have a quilting project you are working on? Join fellow quilters at Park Grove Library on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for camaraderie, inspiration, and ideas. Bring your own sewing machine and project supplies. Come and go as needed. Join the fun!
- Oakdale Backyard Event: Bubbles – Visit the backyard at Oakdale Library for some fun games and adventures! We'll explore what ingredients make the best bubbles, and how to make different shapes with different wands. Registration is required.
- Storytimes! – Join us indoor and outdoors for storytimes this summer. Visit our calendar to find a storytime at your local branch or out in the community.

Upcoming Virtual Events

- Virtual Performer Series – Visit our website for a full line up of virtual performances by some of our favorite local magicians, dancers, storytellers, and musicians!
- Looking for something new to do this summer? Consider joining our community book scavenger hunt! Every Tuesday at 11 a.m., check Facebook, Instagram, or our website for a clue leading you to a book bundle hidden somewhere in Washington County. Each bundle will include books for kids, teens, and adults all about a theme. If the books aren't found, we'll post a second clue on Thursday.
- Storytime on the Go! – Enjoy storytime segments with your favorite Washington County librarians on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook. Find all our archived storytime videos on our website.

**Building Permits
Issued**

| Address | Permit |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 590 Quant Ave N Lakeland | Replace Furnace/ AC |
| 1151 Rivercrest Rd N | Patio Bar and Sinks |
| 16260 5th St S | New Home |
| 16233 5th St S | Roof |
| 16684 7th St S | Replace Water Softener |
| 485 Quinlan Ave N | Window Replacement |
| 16074 2nd St N | Window Replacement |
| 303 Quentin Ave X 3 | Windows, siding & Roof |
| 271 Quehl Court N | Siding |
| 235 Quality Ave N | Roof |
| 16087 1st St N | AC Replacement |

Trim Your Trees The City receives a number of complaints concerning trees and hedges growing over lane ways, obstructing street signs, and interfering with sight lines at intersections. Please trim your trees and shrubs back at least 5 feet from the road and 12 feet up. This is especially important at 4- way intersections.

Headliner ALMOST COOPER

Also playing
Anderson Daniels
Wayward Boyz Klub
Westside Band

in September for the Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley. Field of Bands September 14 Noon to 8 p.m. Washington County Fairgrounds in Baytown Township. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$30 day of show; children 12 and under are free. The Yellow Ribbon Alliance Lower St. Croix Valley raises money to provide support and assistance for troops, veterans and their families residing in the Lower St. Croix Valley area.

Use the South entrance on 40th Street Free parking • wine and beer • food trucks

• kids

area NO coolers • limited bleacher and picnic

table seating • bring your own chairs

For more information, go to Facebook Yellow Ribbon Alliance or <https://5cityyellowribbon.com/events/>.



Water; inside and out...did you know?

Outside: Cities use many ways to prevent, control and treat storm-water runoff. But did you know that you can also help the cause?

Reducing impervious surfaces on driveways and creating drought-resistant landscapes are great ways to hold and filter water. The

objective is to get the land to act like a sponge and soak up the rain water and return it to the ground.

This also limits storm-water flow which ultimately reduces the amount of polluted runoff reaching our waterways.

Inside: The average daily water used per person in the 7-county metro area is about 125 gallons.

That's a whole lot of water being tapped from aquifers and the

Mississippi River! Fortunately Minnesota is graced with an abundant supply however it is not unlimited.

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