



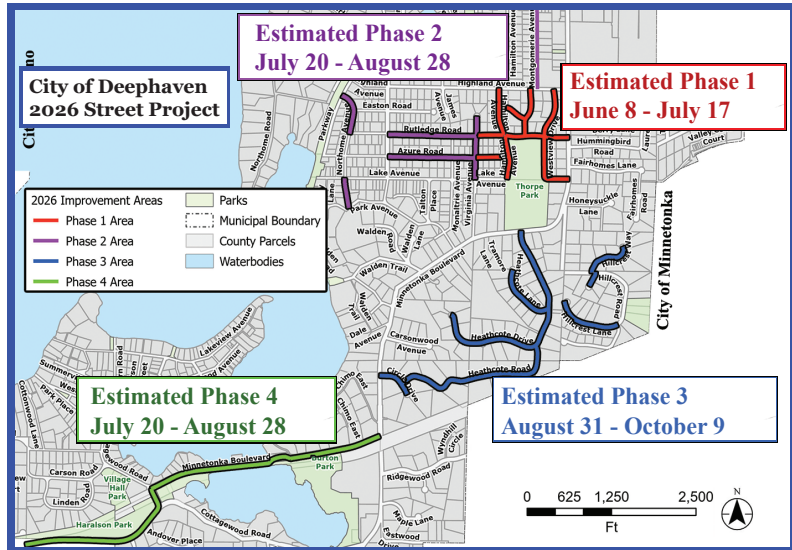
Welcome to Deephaven: ~~Two Square Miles of Construction~~ Six Miles of Road Tranquility

The 2026 Street Project is officially underway. The largest road project in our City's history started last month and promises to wrap-up by the end of October. If you were looking for reasons to have a Halloween party, completion of the road work projects around town can be added to your list.

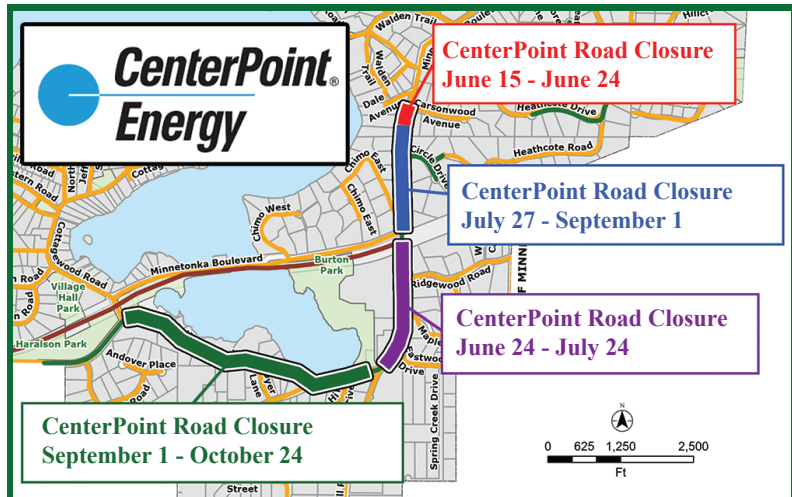
Repairing the roads throughout our community has been the most requested improvement City leaders have heard from our residents over the past several years. The Road Ratings Survey conducted in 2024 (which is available for review on the City's website) listed nine miles of Deephaven roadway that were in poor or failing condition. The 2026 Street Project, along with other associated area projects, are repairing six miles of those roadways, with the remaining three miles set to be repaired in the next three to five years. This project has been several years in the making and is now well underway.

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Roadway impact dates are current projections. Visit the project website for larger maps and up-to-date information: <https://bit.ly/2026StreetProject>



There are, of course, several other construction projects happening in Deephaven this summer as well. CenterPoint Energy, Midco Communications (fiber internet), the Met Council and Xcel Energy all have projects at various times and in differing locations this summer. The City's 2026 Street Project Website provides information on all of these projects, along with contact information for each project coordinator if you have questions or concerns that should be addressed. Also provided on the project website are the following diagrams (left) showing project areas and road impacts or closures at various times this summer.

While all of these projects will cause some level of disruption with our summer activities, the 2026 Street Improvement Project and the CenterPoint Energy natural gas main replacement project will have the greatest impact. The City's Street Improvement Project will result in reduced driving lanes, but the roads will generally not be closed to traffic outside of brief times for spot-repair projects. The larger impact on our community will be caused by the CenterPoint project. Their plans require complete road closure at different times along Minnetonka Boulevard, Vine Hill Road and Cottagewood Road. The maps to the left show the anticipated timing of these projects over the summer months. Please note that the timing of these projects will change depending on weather conditions and how these projects progress.



Scan Me



Beachhaven Season III, Welcome to the Beaches

Yes indeed - that plural “beaches” in the title is not a typographical error. Makayla Kryck, manager of the Beach Patrol, is back for her third season with us and has led the expansion of lifeguards from Main Beach to Robinsons Bay Beach. Kryck is also planning on staffing Sandy Beach in the Cottagewood neighborhood in July once schedules and operations at Robinsons Bay Beach are well in hand.

Back in 2023, when Minnetonka Community Education and the Aquatic Center discontinued their lifeguard services, nearly all cities with public beaches in our area abandoned their lifeguard programs. That was when Deephaven was able to hire Kryck, who had been coaching teams since 2019, worked as the Head Lifeguard at the University of Minnesota

Aquatics Center during college, and currently serves as a coach for the Minnetonka High School Swim Club. She is a certified lifeguard instructor, including the open water certification course necessary to work at public beaches, and spent several summers as a lifeguard at our Deephaven beaches through Minnetonka Community Education. All of those experiences have helped Kryck build out our Beach Patrol program that continues to grow year after year.

This year, the Beach Patrol has 18 lifeguards, 14 of which are returning guards from last year. These numbers work well for the Beach Patrol staffing model, with three to four guards needed for Main Beach and two guards needed for Robinsons Bay Beach and Sandy Beach, respectively. While the Robinsons Bay and Sandy Beaches are significantly smaller than Main Beach, two guards are still needed to maintain safety and support in the event of a serious situation. If you are out and about, or if you are enjoying a nice summer day at one of our beaches, make sure to stop by and say “hi” to our awesome team of lifeguards. We are fortunate to have them helping keep our beaches safe.

Deephaven Main Beach

Monday through Sunday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Robinsons Bay Beach

Wednesday through Sunday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sandy Beach

starting Friday, July 3
Wednesday through Sunday
11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



(Members of the 2026 Beach Patrol)

2026 Election Information for Deephaven Residents

The City of Deephaven will have two Council Member positions and the position of Mayor on the ballot this year. These are all four-year terms and will begin after the swearing-in ceremony held at the first Council Meeting in January, 2027. The candidate filing period opens at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, and closes Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must file an Affidavit of Candidacy with the City Clerk during the official filing period and pay a filing fee of \$2 to be included on the ballot. Residents interested in serving on the City Council are encouraged to consider filing for office. You can contact City Staff with any questions you may have during normal business hours at Deephaven City Hall: 20225 Cottagewood Road, Deephaven, Minnesota 55331.



In other election news, absentee voting for the local, state and federal elections begins June 26, 2026; absentee/early voting for Deephaven residents will take place at Deephaven City Hall.

Deephaven residents will vote this year for both the Primary Election (Tuesday, August 11, 2026) and the General Election (Tuesday, November 3, 2026) at either City Hall (Precinct 1) or at Calvary Church (Precinct 2): 18360 Minnetonka Boulevard.

This year, the General Election will consist of voting for the Federal and State offices for the United States Senate, United States Representatives, Minnesota Governor & Lieutenant Governor, Minnesota Secretary of State, Minnesota State Auditor, Minnesota Attorney General, Minnesota Senators, Minnesota Representatives and Judicial Seats. For more information on the Federal, State and Local Elections, please visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website: www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/.

For questions on running for local office, voting, or on our area polling places, please contact City Clerk, Kimberly Lenarz-Greenwaldt: kimberlyl@deephaven.gov | (952) 474-4755.





Heaps of Benefits - The What, Why and How of Composting

Why compost? First, to save yourself a trip to the garden store, and second, to shrink what you put in your trash bins before they're dumped into our increasingly overflowing landfills. These dumpsites are costly. Not just financially but in terms of their environmental impact when a lot of our household waste is considered organic material and can be composted instead.

What is Composting

Composting is the controlled, natural biological decomposition of organic materials by microorganisms. It recycles waste into a nutrient-rich soil amendment known as "black gold" that fortifies gardens, retains soil moisture, and reduces landfill waste. Composting simply speeds up what happens naturally on a forest floor by creating the perfect environment for bacteria, fungi, and insects to thrive. These microbes need four key elements to work efficiently:

Nitrogen: wet materials like fruit / vegetable scraps, coffee grounds and fresh grass clippings that provide quick energy for microbes;

Carbon: dry materials like dead leaves, twigs and shredded cardboard that provide structural strength and air pockets;

Moisture: the pile should feel like a wrung-out sponge, squeezing would produce one or two drops of liquid;

Oxygen: turning the pile regularly ensures aerobic decomposition, which prevents foul odors and speeds up the process.



What composting can do for you

Composting is free to compost and helps improve soil quality, a critical component in maintaining a healthy garden. Plants need food, and a high-nutrient soil is key to providing it. That's where composting comes in. Once decomposed, it becomes an earthy, fertile soil to spread into your flower beds. It directly delivers extra nutrients to the plants and into your existing soil, improving its diversity, structure and moisture retention, and allowing the soil particles to bind and form aggregates that make the texture more crumbly and aerated. And all these benefits start with a compost heap! The best part? The warmer the weather, the faster the microorganisms from the compost work—so get to composting!



Learning how to compost

If you're new to composting, don't worry - it's simple! All you need is a small area of land for the compost heap, a fork or pitchfork to turn the pile, some clippers to chop up any long sticks and vines (2-inch lengths are OK), and easy water access. Toss your organic waste on top, and voila - you have your own compost heap! The best and most nutrient-rich compost heaps have a variety of organic materials, so for optimum benefits, ensure yours has a nice range. For example, aim for a mix of fruit/vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells, plate scrapings, and plant trimmings, along with a combination of brown and green leaves. Weeds are OK as well - yes,

really! It will take about 12 months to turn into a rich soil amendment, which is why having two compost heaps is a good idea - a newer, active one you "feed" for the season and an older one reserved for the earthworms and beneficial bugs to do their thing! Pure magic!



Tour de Tonka, Saturday, August 1, 2026

Minnetonka Community Education invites cyclists and volunteers to join the 21st annual Tour de Tonka bike ride on Saturday, August 1st, 2026. This ride has become a staple of the west metro community, growing from 819 riders in its inaugural year of 2006 to nearly 3,500 riders annually. Riders from more than 166 Minnesota cities, 73 counties and 42 states have participated in the event. Countless riders from across the state tell us each year that Tour de Tonka is Minnesota's ride.

Tour de Tonka partners with the ICA Food Shelf to give participants an opportunity to make an impact with their ride. A portion of each rider's registration fee is donated to the ICA. Since 2006, Tour de Tonka has raised over \$83,000 to support the ICA. Riders can also donate money or non-perishable food items on or before the day of the ride. Remaining proceeds support Minnetonka Community Youth Education and Early Childhood Programs.

<https://www.bikemn.org/events/tour-de-tonka-2026/>.

Managing the “Other” Minnesota State Bird



It's summertime, which also means it's mosquito-time. Here are some tips and tricks from our friends at the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District (MMCD) on how to manage the flocks of mosquitoes that tend to frequent our outdoor events. The best way to eliminate these pesky pests is to get rid of their breeding habitats. Mosquitoes look for any standing water to lay their eggs and most backyards have a variety of sites where they can flourish. Check your yard frequently for anything that could hold water. Below are some of the common mosquito-breeding locations along with solutions:

Landscape Ponds: Ponds may add a decorative flair to your backyard, but they can also be a breeding ground for mosquito larva especially if they are shaded or if the water isn't cycled through with a pump. **Solution:** There are a couple of options for backyard ponds: 1) Stock the pond with small fish that would eat mosquito larva, 2) Empty the ponds and refill with fresh water once a week, 3) Purchase a pellet designed for larval control and use in the pond.

Bird Baths: The stagnant water in a bird bath is a perfect breeding site for mosquito larva. Take a few steps to make sure that your bird baths are enjoyed only by your feathered friends and not biting pests. **Solution:** Refresh the water in your bird bath at least once per week.

Tree Holes: One common mosquito breeding ground that people forget to check is trees that may contain holes that hold water. Check high and low on any older trees to see if there are any openings. **Solution:** Fill the holes with sand or an expandable foam that can be purchased at your local hardware store. You can also contact a local tree removal service or arborist.

Clogged Gutters: Gutters are not designed to hold water, but once in a while - especially in the Spring and Fall they can become clogged and water will either stop draining or drain slowly. **Solution:** Check your gutters several times a year to ensure there are no clogs and water is not sitting.

Low Spots: Sometimes there are low spots in your yard that tend to hold onto water for days after a big rain. These may seem mostly harmless, but if water tends to stand undisturbed for more than three days, these spots could produce mosquitoes. **Solution:** Fill these areas in and level out your yard or use larval control.



Additional Suggestions and Ideas

Keep grass short and reduce overgrown shrubs. During the daytime hours mosquitoes hide out from the sun on the underside of plants where there is shade. Vegetation management around the house can reduce the number of adult mosquitoes. Keep your grass under 2 inches in length and reduce overgrown shrubs and other vegetation to avoid giving adult mosquitoes harborage.

Check screens, create barriers, and turn on a fan. A simple way to reduce bites is to make it more difficult for mosquitoes to get to you. Check your screens to make sure there aren't any holes or openings. If you have an outdoor seating area, consider purchasing a screened in porch that you can put up during peak mosquito

hours. Mosquitoes are weak fliers, so turning on a fan can go a long way at keeping them away and will also provide some relief from the heat on sweltering summer nights.

We hope these tips are helpful to control mosquitoes on your property and in your area. For more information on mosquito, gnat or other pesky insect management, contact the Metropolitan Mosquito Control District: mmcdmosq@mmcd.org | (651) 645-9149 | www.mmcd.org

NOTICE
PLEASE
DRIVE
SAFELY

Summer is finally here, which means everyone is getting out to take advantage of the sunshine. Please help keep everyone safe this summer by paying close attention to posted speed limits and slowing down while driving. Be especially cautious near corners, intersections, construction areas, and areas where visibility may be limited, as pedestrians or cyclists can appear quickly. A few extra seconds of caution can make a big difference.

This year, more than any year before, safe and attentive driving is of critical importance. There are currently more than six miles of roadway under construction and four different companies doing some type of utility work in the road rights of way. This added congestion, along with road closures and detours, can complicate already busy roadways. Help keep everyone safe by driving slowly and paying extra attention to the roads. Thank you for helping keep everyone in our community safe by driving responsibly.



Minnetonka Yacht Club Stars, Stripes and Sails

For decades, the Minnetonka Yacht Club (MYC) has celebrated the Fourth of July on Lighthouse Island. This year they are taking the festivities to a whole new level. For the first time ever, a dedicated fireworks barge will be positioned directly offshore from Lighthouse Island, creating the ultimate front-row seat to Lake Minnetonka's largest Fourth of July fireworks show.

The MYC will play host to an unforgettable two-day celebration featuring family activities, live music, great food, and front-row seats to the biggest Fourth of July weekend on the lake.

Whether you are interested in the Family Fun Party on July 3, the Fireworks Party on July 4, or both, you will be a part of the energy, excitement, and environment that make Lighthouse Island special.

The July 3rd Family Fun Party will be held from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. and will feature a dunk tank, bounce house, kid-friendly DJ and a summer party atmosphere. This event is open to the general public. The July 4th extravaganza may have limited public tickets available. For more information, visit the MYC Event Website:

<https://www.minnetonkayachtclub.org/stars,-stripes-&-sails>.



E-bikes and Lawful Operation, Please Ride Safely

Electric bicycles, or “E-bikes,” have been wildly popular over the past few years and continue to be the latest transportation trend in the Minnetonka Lakes area. E-bikes are available for purchase in many local shops and are legal for use on city streets, bike lanes, bike routes, trails and wherever else normal bicycles are allowed. Some types of electric bicycles, however, are built to exceed the limits set by Minnesota Statute and are not allowed to be operated in the same areas – or in the same manner – as E-bikes. Regardless of type or style, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 15 to operate an E-bike on public rights of way in Minnesota.

There are three “classes” of E-bikes, all of which have different requirements and regulations. Class 1 E-bikes have to be pedaled in order to activate any assistance from the motor and have an assisted top speed of 20 miles per hour or less. Class 2 E-bikes can be used either by pedaling or using the throttle control, the throttle function cannot exceed a speed greater than 20 miles per hour. Class 3 E-bikes are similar to Class 1 E-bikes in that they need to be pedaled to activate motor assistance.

Unlike Class 1, Class 3 E-bikes are equipped with a speedometer and have a maximum speed of 28 miles per hour.

EBIKE CLASS	CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
EBIKE			
MAXIMUM MOTOR SPEED (MPH)	20 MPH	20 MPH	28 MPH
EQUIPPED WITH A MOTOR	✓	✓	✓
THROTTLE COMES STANDARD	✗	✓	✗



Looking beyond regulations and classifications, the safe operation of any bicycle – and especially an E-bike – is of critical importance to our community. Regardless of the speed or class of E-bike, unsafe or risky operation is directly related to numerous accidents along the City’s roadways and trails. The Deephaven Police Department routinely receives calls about the reckless or hazardous operation of E-bikes, and all too often they are called to respond to an accident where a pedestrian has been struck by an E-bike while walking along a local roadway or trail. While E-bikes can be fast, fun and exhilarating, it is important to always operate them in a safe and responsible manner. To combat reckless cycling, the Deephaven Police actively stop people improperly operating E-bikes in an unsafe manner. The first encounter with our officers is

typically used as an opportunity to educate the operator about the importance of safe behavior and proper cycling conduct, often accompanied by a call to the parents of a juvenile unsafely operating an E-bike. The second instance of unlawful E-bike operation usually results in a citation and can result in the impoundment of the E-bike.

Summertime is one of the best times of the year in Deephaven, and getting out and enjoying the lakes is what life in Deephaven is all about. If you are out riding around the City’s streets or trails, please remember to ride under control and help keep our community bike-friendly and safe.



Gnome Gnews: Putting Down Roots One Magical Year with Alvin the Gnome

Can you believe it? It has been one year since Alvin the Gnome quietly moved into the tree outside Deephaven City Hall. And what a year it has been! After what must have been a very restful winter, Alvin has certainly been busy. Over the past year, many in the community have enjoyed watching his cozy little home undergo quite the transformation. Whether he won the gnome lottery, discovered a hidden treasure, or simply decided that Deephaven was where he wanted to put down roots, one thing is clear—our tiny resident appears to be settling in quite nicely.

When Alvin recently left behind a remittance to pay for his lawn maintenance, it became clear that our tiny friend takes great pride in being a good Deephaven resident. Rather than

using checks or online bill pay, Alvin prefers paying with acorns. His remittance even revealed that he has entrusted his savings to Oak Tree Savings & Loan, conveniently located at the intersection of Branch Avenue and Root 66.

Apparently, a gnome doesn't open an account there unless he's serious about putting down roots. And judging by all the recent upgrades to his cozy home, we'd say Alvin plans on staying awhile. And then, there is Alvin's sense of style...

We've recently spotted our tiny friend sporting a designer "Gnucci" sash. That's right—Gnucci, not Gucci. Has Alvin become a social media influencer? Is there a Gnome Vogue magazine we don't know about? We may never have the answers, but one thing is certain—Alvin knows how to dress for the occasion.

With summer in full swing, Alvin seems perfectly situated to enjoy all that Deephaven has to offer. With the bike trail passing right by his home and the marina just down the road, one can imagine our tiny friend taking in a sunset sail on Lake Minnetonka before making his way to the fireworks celebrating America's 250th birthday at the Lake Minnetonka Yacht Club. Perhaps Alvin will stop by the Cottagewood Store festivities for a little face painting before heading over to “Thorpe” of July. We can only imagine what he might think of the giant slip-and-slide. Then again, knowing our tiny friend, he may skip the line altogether and catch a ride down on the back of an unsuspecting youngster—surfer style, of course!

One thing is certain: Alvin has brought smiles, laughter, and just a touch of magic to the Deephaven community. And while we may never know exactly what adventures he gets himself into, we're awfully glad that one year ago, a little gnome decided to call Deephaven home. After all, every magical little town deserves a gnome.



Summer Hours

May 25 to September 8

Monday to Thursday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Closed Saturday, Sunday
and Holidays.

City Hall Hours and Closures

Regular Hours

Monday to Friday
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Closed Saturday, Sunday
and Holidays.

Early Voting Begins

Friday, June 26
Friday, September 18
* Council / Planning start at 7 p.m.
* Park Board starts at 6 p.m.

Weekend Voting:

Saturday, August 8
Saturday, October 24
Saturday, October 31
Sunday, November 1

JULY
2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 City Hall Closed	4 4TH OF JULY
5	Council Meeting	Park Board	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	Council Meeting	Planning & Zoning	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

AUGUST
2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	Council Meeting	Park Board	5	6	7	8 Saturday 8 Voting 9-3
9	10	11 Primary Election	12	13	14	15
16	Council Meeting	Planning & Zoning	19	20	21	22
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SEPTEMBER
2026



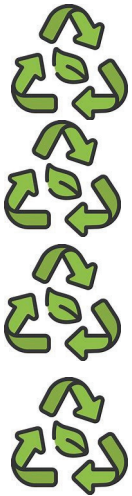
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			2	3	4	5
6	LABOR Day	Council Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Early Voting Starts	19
20	Council Meeting	Planning & Zoning	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Clean City Corner

PSA From Public Works - To Flush or Not to Flush

Certain items should NEVER be flushed down the toilet as they cause problems with the sanitary sewer system. The damage can be extensive and can cause unintended environmental damage, sewer backups, and a higher sewer bill for residents. Avoid flushing the following "Dirty Dozen":

- **Rags, disposable wipes, personal cleansing cloths, Kleenex and tissues** - Some of these are marketed as flushable but they do not break down in the wastewater system, causing blockages and ruined equipment.
- **Fats, Oils and Grease (known as FOG)** - A byproduct of cooking that accumulates in the sewer pipes and hardens, causing clogs.
- **Garbage, feminine products and "flushable" kitty litter.**
- **Unused pharmaceuticals and medicines** - These chemicals seep into the water aquifers and waterways with unintended consequences to humans, fish and animals who might consume them. Dispose of your medications at a hazardous waste facility.



Organics Recycling is Available in Deephaven!

Organics recycling is a great way to reduce what you throw away and put it to better use as compost. About 25% of household trash is organic material like food, paper towels, or certified compostable products. The organics drop-off container is located at 20260 Minnetonka Blvd (Haralson Park, at the end of the parking lot). It is available 24 hours a day and equipped with a combination padlock to prevent illegal dumping. To sign up, contact us at info@deephaven.gov and we'll send you a registration email with more information.

Another Way to Help the Environment—Take the Stop Food Waste Challenge!

Team up to fight food waste with the Stop Food Waste Challenge this August! The average family of four spends more than \$2,500 on food that goes to waste every year. The challenge is a month-long effort starting August 1 to help you notice when you are wasting food, commit to actions that will have the greatest impact in your household, save money, fight climate change, provide for your family, improve your cooking skills, connect with helpful resources, and receive support and motivation along the way. Signup opens July 1—find out more at stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org.

**stop
food waste
challenge**



Lawn Care Tips For Summer

Your yard and the nearest lake, stream, or wetland are connected by the nearest storm drain or ditch, so the actions you take on your property affect the local water bodies. Stormwater runoff brings along any pollutants it has picked up along the way, but you can help reduce the amount (and save money) by following a few simple steps:

- **Water wisely** – if your lawn needs water, do it in the morning when it's cooler to avoid evaporation, and make sure to aim sprinklers so they don't water hard surfaces. Lawns typically only need one inch of water per week, so if it rains, you can skip the watering.
- **Mow three inches or higher** – This makes your lawn thicker, healthier, and more resistant to weeds, drought, and erosion.
- **Sharpen your mower blades** – They will cut grass to an ideal height more effectively. Dull blades damage grass, which can discolor it.
- **Leave grass clippings on lawn** – This puts the same amount of nutrients back into your grass as one application of fertilizer. If you don't want them on your lawn, compost them. Be sure to sweep up any clippings that blow into the street so they don't run down the storm drain.
- **Fertilize smartly (if you need it)** – If you choose to fertilize, only do it in the fall when it's most effective, in only the amount directed. Choose a zero-phosphorus fertilizer. Many lawns already have plenty of phosphorus in the soil and any excess will just run off into local waters and produce algae (do a soil test first if you aren't sure about your lawn). Another alternative to fertilizing is aerating your lawn.
- **Pick up pet waste regularly** – In addition to preventing lawn burns, regular pick-up keeps bacteria from running off into storm drains and local waters.

Following these tips will help keep your lawn healthy while keeping our waters clean and safe this summer!

Mayor Carlson's Mentions



- Kent Carlson

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