



# CITY MONTHLY NEWS

**Dear residents and business owners,**

On March 25, 2020, the Governor of Minnesota issues a stay-at-home order, intended to slow the spread of COVID-19 across the state. The order was extended to May 18, 2020.

The City continues to monitor and follow orders by the State of Minnesota.

In response to that order, the City of Mayer closed access to City Hall, 413 Bluejay Avenue, until the order is lifted. City staff had been and continues to be accessible by city phone and email. Appointments for essential services are available. Essential services will continue. This includes water, sewer, fire and police services, and snowplowing.

Utility payments can still be made at City Hall in the drop box, online or by mail.. No walk-in payments will be accepted. No water will be shut off at this time

Minnesotans are still able to do things outside their home - social distancing is recommended.

## Thank You

Thank you for your continued cooperation and diligence in helping reduce the spread of COVID-19. In addition, for your patience as situations and expectations change and evolve rapidly. We understand that our residents and businesses expect a high level of service from the city, and we intend to work to meet those expectations as this situation continues to evolve.

### Supporting Local Business

**Businesses are getting hit hard during this time.**

**Remember to support local business when you can!**

**Please, continue to monitor the city web site:**  
[www.cityofmayer.com](http://www.cityofmayer.com)  
**for resources and information**

**Follow City of Mayer on our social media sites**



**Carver County Helpline:**  
**952-361-1559.**

Carver County Helpline is there to assist if you need help or resources needed due to COVID-19.

This includes helping residents find access to food, transportation, childcare, and more.

### 2019 Water Consumer Confidence Report

The 2019 Drinking Water Report is now available on the City web-site. [WWW.CITYOFMAYER.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFMAYER.COM). You may also call the City Office at 952-657-1502 to request a paper copy.

The Minnesota Department of Health has more information about the drinking water report and about water in the state at the following link:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/water/>



# CLEAN UP DAY - JUNE 6, 2020

## City of Mayer Spring Clean Up Day - June 6, 2020

The City of Mayer is working with Republic Services to provide residents with curbside cleanup this year. On Friday, June 5 please have your items placed at the curb for a Saturday, June 6, pickup.

**Items placed at the curb in an area no more than 8 feet wide, by 8 feet long, by 4 feet high. Accepted materials include:**

Regular household trash  
Kids toys, household items  
Furniture (disassembled)  
Carpet/carpet pads (rolled securely)  
Mattresses and box springs  
Miscellaneous construction materials

### **Materials not accepted**

Appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters, a/c, ranges, refrigerators)  
Electronics (phones, computers, televisions)  
Hazardous materials (paint, batteries, oil, tires, bulbs)  
Concrete, bricks, shingles  
Brush, leaves, glass, and any other organic material

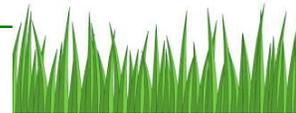
### **Lawn Watering Reminder -**

As it gets warmer out, the need to water lawns increases. Just a friendly reminder that there is no water between the hours of 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The City also has an Odd - Even Policy in which watering is only allowed on even days if your house number ends in an even number and on odd days if your house number ends in an odd number. Watering can take place after 5:00 p.m. Special circumstances do allow watering outside of the Odd-Even Policy. Contact City Hall for the exceptions.

### **Irrigation Reminders -**

Know how much water your irrigation system uses.

- Read your irrigation water meter then run a cycle.
- Read your meter again. This will tell you how much water you are using during one cycle.
- Take the difference, round down to the nearest 1000 gallons and multiply by \$5.57.
- See [cityofmayer.com](http://cityofmayer.com) website for water rates.
- Understanding how much water you use on lawn irrigation can prevent water waste and an unanticipated high water bill.



## **SPRING CODE ENFORCEMENT & REMINDERS**

Be a good neighbor and help the Mayor maintain a higher quality of life, safety and property value within our community. Often residents are not aware of city codes that affect your property. The following is a summary of items that arise most often in Mayer. For more information on maintaining your property and home, visit the City website at [www.cityofmayer.com](http://www.cityofmayer.com).

### **Lawns.**

Grass and weeds cannot be taller than 12 in height. To keep grass and weeds less than 12 inches, mowing must be conducted weekly during the months of May through October.

### **Lawn Sprinkling.**

Sprinkling your lawn is allowed on an odd/even basis. Properties that end in an odd number may sprinkle on odd numbered days. Properties that end in an even number may sprinkle on an even numbered days. The only exception to the odd even sprinkling is with the placement of new sod and/or seed. Watering must be done after 5 p.m.

### **Exterior Storage.**

Furniture, appliances, car toppers, car parts, building materials, brush, junk, debris and miscellaneous items not meant for outdoor storage and daily use cannot be stored outside or in your yard.

### **House Maintenance.**

Houses must be kept in sound condition and free from deterioration. All house numbers must be visible from the street. If emergency personnel cannot find your home in a timely manner, it could be a difference between life and death.

### **Garbage Services.**

All properties must have garbage and recycling services. Garbage containers must be placed and removed from the curbs within 24 hours of pickup.

### **Sump Pumps.**

Sump pumps should drain into the yard or be hooked to a drain tile. They CANNOT be hooked into the Sanitary Sewer collection system. For additional information, please call City Hall at 952-657-1502.

### **Sheds and Fences.**

Please remember that all fences and sheds require zoning permits. Sheds over 200 square feet also require a building permit. Please see City website for additional information. [www.cityofmayer.com](http://www.cityofmayer.com).



## Green up your lawns, not your lakes and rivers

How and when you care for your lawn directly affects the ponds, lakes, and streams near you. Fertilizers and pesticides can wash off lawns with rain. Rainwater carries them through stormdrains and into ponds, lakes and streams. Be careful not to apply fertilizers or pesticides before rainstorms and only apply what you need. See below for more tips on each.

### Smart fertilize use

- Start with a soil test. Learn what your soil really needs. Get test info at [soiltest@umn.edu](mailto:soiltest@umn.edu) or 612-625-3101. Follow your soil test result's guidelines, not the guidelines on the fertilizer bag.
- If results show fertilizer is needed, use a slow-release fertilizer. They are safer for lakes and rivers and are more evenly distributed and less work to apply over the season. Slow release fertilizers can be harder to find. Look for organic fertilizers containing animal manures, corn gluten meal or "stabilized nitrogen," and avoid those containing ammonium.
- The best time to fertilize is late summer/early fall. Remember turf grass can only use a limited amount of nutrients. Excess nutrients applied are washed into lakes and rivers and cause algae blooms.
- Leave grass clippings on the lawn when mowing and mulch/shred leaves in the fall. This is equal to one application of FREE fertilizer a year.



### Smart pesticide use

- Spot treat for weeds instead of treating your whole lawn. This is better for lakes and rivers and saves money. Do not use weed and feed mixes because the optimal time for fertilizing and weed control is different.
- Weeds grow where grass is thin and weak. So before jumping straight to herbicides, try and figure out why that area of lawn is stressed. Does the lawn have enough organic matter? Is it compacted. Both impact lawn health. Fix the underlying cause and reseed those areas in fall when there is less competition from weeds.
- If you feel you must use herbicide, determine if your weeds are an
  - (1) annual (lives 1 year) grass,
  - (2) a perennial (lives more than 1 year) grass,
  - (3) an annual broadleaf,
  - (4) or perennial broadleaf.
- The most commonly treated weeds are broadleaf weeds. To treat annual broadleaf weeds such as cocklebur, lambs quarters, ragweed, use a post-emergent herbicide when the plants are very young and weak (in June).
- For perennial broadleaf weeds such as dandelion, broadleaf plantain, thistle, clover, it's most effective to treat in the fall when the plants energy is directed towards its roots.