

MINNETONKA MEMO

A publication from the City of Minnetonka



Summer programming and events update

June is typically one of Minnetonka's most festive months, but to ensure the health and safety of our community, we've made the difficult decision to cancel several of our signature events, as well as a number of recreation programs.

Thank you for understanding, and for doing your part to slow the spread of COVID-19. We're looking forward to providing opportunities for us to come together as soon as it's safe!

Cancellations and closures

The following June events have been canceled:

- Special Community Drop-Off Day - June 6
- Pollinator Field Day - June 16
- Theatre in the Park - June 18-19
- Summer Fest - June 27
- Music in the Park series
- Music in the Park - Canceled through at least July 1

These summer facilities are closed until further notice.

- Shady Oak Beach
- Burwell House



Other ways to stay connected

Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov and our social media accounts for fun (and socially distant) engagement opportunities. And follow Williston Fitness Center on Facebook to participate in free, virtual fitness classes!

Stay tuned

See Page 2 for additional COVID-19 updates and resources, and visit minnetonkamn.gov for updates as the city responds to this evolving situation.

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Thank you, Minnetonka!

Thank you to everyone who has given time, money or resources to help Minnetonka persevere through this challenging time. We're inspired by the way our community continues to rally around those in need!

Mask collection

In late April, Governor Tim Walz asked Minnesotans to donate homemade masks to local fire departments - and Minnetonka residents went above-and-beyond to answer the call. Our fire department collected approximately 1,250 masks, which were eventually donated to care facilities throughout Minnetonka.



Face shield donation

Our fire and police departments also received a generous donation of more than 100 face shields and homemade masks from the Indian Association of Minnesota and Fit-and-Fab Volunteers. The face shields and masks are being used to protect our public safety employees as they continue to keep our community safe, and the extras were also donated to local care facilities.

How you can help

Numerous organizations have made an immeasurable difference during these difficult times, including ICA Food Shelf, Metro Meals on Wheels, ResourceWest, Second Harvest Heartland and more. Thanks to everyone who has contributed to their efforts.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus to learn how you can help, or to find resources if you're in need.

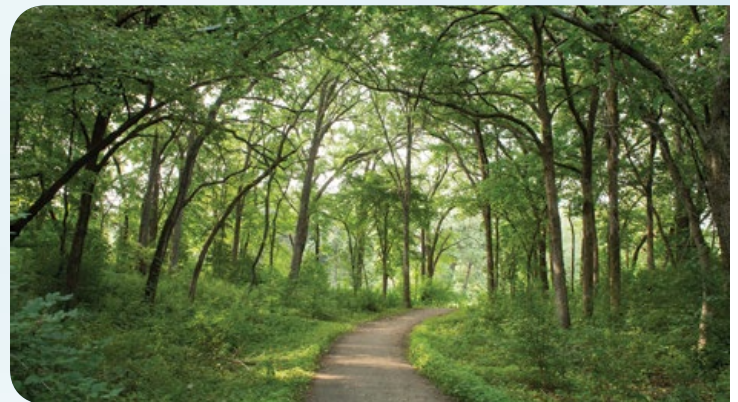
How we're responding to COVID-19

As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact the world, the health and well-being of our community remains the city's top priority.

Essential services - including public safety, emergency services and water and sewer utilities - have continued, and city employees who are able to work from home continue to do so. The city is continually assessing when it will be safe to reopen city hall and return to business as normal.

Virtual meetings

City council, planning commission, charter commission and EDAC meetings are being held virtually. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/virtual-meetings to learn how to watch and participate in the meetings. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/calendar for meeting dates and times.



Stay updated

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/coronavirus for news, resources and to subscribe to email or text updates. New resources for residents and businesses are frequently added.

2020 election update

Though the coronavirus pandemic will likely impact the way we cast our votes in the Aug. 11 primary and Nov. 3 general election, city staff is working hard to ensure a smooth and safe voting experience for everyone.

Vote by mail

The best way to safely cast your vote and ensure social distancing is to vote absentee by mail. All eligible Minnesota voters can participate. Learn how to apply for an absentee ballot and how to vote by mail at minnetonkamn.gov/election.

Important dates

- **Primary election**
 - Aug. 11
 - Absentee voting scheduled to begin June 26
- **General election**
 - Nov. 3
 - Absentee voting scheduled to begin Sept. 18

Stay tuned and subscribe to updates

Stay tuned to minnetonkamn.gov/elections for up-to-date election details as the pandemic unfolds. Call 952-939-8200 to ask questions or learn more.

Subscribe to receive email or text notifications about city news at minnetonkamn.gov/subscribe.



EVERYBODY COUNTS

Complete the 2020 census!

Visit my2020census.gov or call **844-330-2020** to complete the census.

Learn more at minnetonkamn.gov/census.



**Tuesdays, 3-7 p.m.
June 9-Sept. 29**

Minnetonka Civic Center Campus
Ice Arena B Parking Lot
14600 Minnetonka Blvd.

The Minnetonka Farmers Market returns June 9! Vendors and visitors will be asked to follow social distancing measures to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/farmersmarket to learn more and subscribe to updates, and follow the city on social media for weekly highlights.



Ask a city planner

In each issue of the Minnetonka Memo, our planners answer a common question to help residents and businesses learn more about the planning process and available city resources.

Question:

I'm preparing for a summer project. What should I know? How do I apply for a permit?

Answer:

- Determine where the project will be on your property.
- Find your property survey or hire a surveyor to identify your property lines.
- Find project zoning information and fees at minnetonkamn.gov/planningresources.
- Review permit requirements and apply for permits at minnetonkamn.gov/permits.
 - If a contractor is doing the work, they should obtain the permit.
 - All permit applications must be submitted online. Once you've applied, you'll receive an email with instructions to upload project information.
- Call 952-939-8394 or email permits@minnetonkamn.gov for questions or more information.

Have a question?

Do you have a planning or zoning question? Email us at zoning@minnetonkamn.gov, call 952-939-8290 or visit minnetonkamn.gov/planning for more information.



Council to consider ordinance to allow for ranked choice voting

The Minnetonka City Council is expected to consider an ordinance to amend the city charter to allow for the possibility of ranked choice voting in city elections.

The ordinance was expected to be introduced at the Monday, May 18, 2020 city council meeting, which took place after the Minnetonka Memo went to print. If the ordinance was introduced, the council will hold a public hearing and act on the ordinance at its June 8, 2020 meeting.

If adopted, the ordinance will be submitted to the charter commission for review. The council would then decide if and when to include the ordinance on an upcoming ballot.

Minnetonka voters - not the city council - would ultimately decide if ranked choice voting will be used for city elections.

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/rankedchoicevoting to learn more.



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Join the conversation and stay connected to latest news, events and updates!

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Protect elm trees in our community forest

Large American elm trees are an iconic part of Minnetonka's beautiful community forest. Here's how to identify and protect this important species from the threat of Dutch elm disease (DED).

How to identify American elm



Leaves: Jagged edges, pointed tip, uneven base



Fruit: Small, papery wafers that blow off in June

Signs of Dutch elm disease

- Wilting leaves that turn yellow or brown
- Death of whole branches, usually begins at the top and spreads downward

DED inspections and removal

Beginning in early June, certified tree inspectors will scout public and private property to identify and mark infected elms. Property owners will be given 30 days to remove any infected trees found on their land.

Call 952-988-8407 to request an elm inspection or report a diseased elm in Minnetonka. Please provide the address and symptoms.

Thank you for protecting our valuable community forest!



Sign up for natural resources news

Learn more about Minnetonka's abundant natural resources and how you can help protect them!

Visit minnetonkamn.gov/natural-resources to subscribe to our email and text message notifications and receive monthly news, tips and events.



2019 Minnetonka Drinking Water Report

The City of Minnetonka is issuing the results of monitoring done on its drinking water for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2019. Each of the past 20 years, Minnetonka Public Works has distributed this annual report to summarize drinking water quality for the previous year; advance residents' understanding of drinking water; and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

This report fulfills an obligation. The city's water utility has to provide accurate and timely information about your drinking water and the city's water system. If you have questions about your drinking water or for information about opportunities for public participation in decisions that may affect the quality of water, please contact Tom Pletcher at tpletcher@minnetonkamn.gov or 952-988-8427.

Water source

The City of Minnetonka provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: 18 wells ranging in depth from 444 to 575 feet that draw water from the Prairie du Chien-Jordan aquifer.

Generally, sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Before a water source is used for a supply, it is tested for contaminants and other water quality parameters. Test results for the City of Minnetonka water supply are listed on the next page. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents.

If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. The report may also be viewed online at health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa.

Are contaminants a concern?

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Drinking water regulations

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

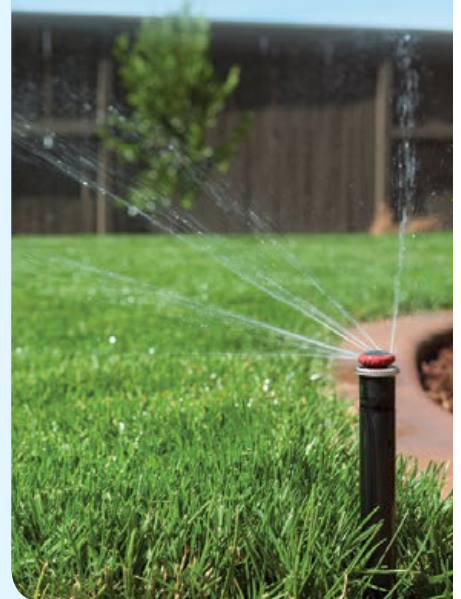
To learn more visit minnetonkamn.gov/drinkingwater.

Lawn watering schedule

To conserve the community's water resources, City of Minnetonka ordinances permit watering under the following conditions:

- No watering between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses can water on even-numbered calendar days, and odd-numbered addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar days before 11 a.m. and after 5 p.m.
- Watering by handheld hose can be done at any time.
- Watering of new sod, seed, shrubbery, or landscaping can take place outside of restricted times if residents have obtained a permit number from Minnetonka Public Works.

Private wells are exempt from these regulations provided the well has been registered and the resident posts a furnished yard sign. For more information or to obtain a permit number, call 952-988-8400.



Laboratory results for Minnetonka tap water: 2019

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. The table that follows shows the contaminants that were detected in trace amounts last year. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2019. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date the detection occurred.)

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff and residential uses.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Water Testing Terms and Definitions

MCLG – Maximum Contaminant Level Goal
The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

MCL – Maximum Contaminant Level
The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MRDLG – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal

MRDL – Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level

AL – Action Level
The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirement which a water system must follow.

90th Percentile Level
This is the value obtained after disregarding 10 percent of the samples taken that had the highest levels. (For example, in a situation in which ten samples were taken, the 90th percentile level is determined by disregarding the highest result, which represents 10 percent of the samples.)

Note: In situations in which only five samples are taken, the average of the two with the highest levels is taken to determine the 90th percentile level.

pCi/l – PicoCuries per liter
A measure of radioactivity.

ppb – Parts per billion
This can also be expressed as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

ppm – Parts per million
This can also be expressed as milligrams per liter (mg/l).

nd – No Detection

N/A – Not Applicable
Does not apply.

Average/result
This is the value used to determine compliance with federal standards. It sometimes is the highest value detected and sometimes is an average of all detected values. If it is an average, it may contain sampling results from the previous year.

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MCLG	MCL	Range (2019)	Average/result	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alpha Emitters	pCi/l	0	15.4	0.0–4.9	4.9	Erosion of natural deposits.
Combined Radium	pCi/l	0	5.4	1.6–4.3	4.3	Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	ppm	4	4	.68–.77	.73	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive to promote strong teeth
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	ppb	N/A	60	8.0–8.3	8.3	By-product of drinking water disinfection
THM (total trihalomethanes)	ppb	N/A	80	19.9–22.7	22.7	By-product of drinking water disinfection

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	MRDL	MRDLG	Monthly Average	Highest Quarterly Avg.	Typical Source of Contaminant
Chlorine	ppm	4	4	.30–.49	.41	Water additive used to control microbes

Contaminant (units)	Units of measure	Comparison Value	Range	Average/result
Manganese	ppb	100	0.41–7.20	7.2
Haloacetic Acids (HAA6Br)	ppb	N/A	3.95–4.43	4.19
Haloacetic Acids (HAA9)	ppb	N/A	14.15–17.60	15.88

Contaminant (units)	Units of Measure	AL	MCLG	90% Level	# sites over AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Copper (6/14/16)	ppm	100	0	1.4	4 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (6/14/16)	ppb	15	0	1.3	0 out of 30	Corrosion of household plumbing systems

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Minnetonka is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When water has been sitting for several hours, minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing the tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If there are concerns about lead in the water, consider having the water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Monitoring may have been done for additional contaminants that do not have MCLs established for them and are not required to be monitored under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Results may be available by calling 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 during normal business hours.

City of Minnetonka Calendar

- 4** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 8** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 11** Economic Development Advisory Commission, 6 p.m.
- 18** Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m.
- 22** City Council, 6:30 p.m.
- 29** City Council Study Session, 6:30 p.m.

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Many local businesses and restaurants continue to serve our community, despite restrictions to limit the spread of coronavirus. Please shop local to support our wonderful business community!

Resources for our senior residents

During these challenging times, the city remains committed and connected to our valued senior residents. Below are some great local resources that offer a wide range of support options.

Senior Community Services

- Grocery delivery, caregiver services, and Medicare information
- 952-541-1019; seniorcommunity.org

Senior Linkage Line

- Prescription delivery, housing options and other services
- 1-800-333-2433; seniorlinkageline.com

ICA Foodshelf

- Emergency food assistance
- 952-938-0729; icafoodshelf.org

ResourceWest

- Emergency financial assistance and other social services
- 952-933-3860; resourcewest.org