



Hopkins Highlights

April
2010

Spruce Up Your Lawn During Free Brush & Yard Waste Pick Ups

Yard Waste Pick Up

Yard waste is collected the same day as regular refuse. **Pick up is FREE April 19–29.** Starting May 3, bags must display yard waste stickers. Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling containers. Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings, and similar garden waste.

REMINDER: Residents who bag their yard waste for collection must use compostable bags (either paper bags or compostable plastic bags) that meet ASTM D6400 standards for composting and that are labeled “compostable.”



Brush Pick Up

Brush is collected on **Tuesdays** weather permitting (excluding holidays). To schedule a pick-up, call before 2 pm on Monday. **Brush is collected FREE from April 20–May 4.** After May 4, fees apply. Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard NOT in the street (NO alley pick-up)—but ends all one way, parallel to the street. Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, fences, refuse containers, parked cars, etc. **DO NOT** put brush in your refuse containers. Only brush that is generated on Hopkins’ residential properties will be picked up. Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs, and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length. No logs or lumber are accepted.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/.

Storm Water Meeting Is April 14

The City of Hopkins will hold its annual Storm Water Informational Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at 6 pm.

Staff will make a brief presentation outlining the City of Hopkins Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), followed by a question and answer period. Public input will be taken on the content of the SWPPP, and public participation is encouraged.

The goals of this meeting are to inform the public on the current SWPPP, receive oral and written public comment on the SWPPP, and raise awareness of the importance of good storm water management. You can view a copy of the SWPPP at City Hall.

Contact the City’s Engineering Department for more information at 952-548-6357.



Rain Barrels For Sale

The City of Hopkins has a limited number of rain barrels available for sale.



Regular Price: \$115.00
Sale Price: \$65.00 + tax

The rain barrels have a 55-gallon capacity and are 32 inches high with a 54-inch circumference. Rain barrels collect rain from your rain gutter for use in your garden. This saves money by cutting down on water usage and is good for the environment.

Ordering Information

To order a rain barrel call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382. Quantity is limited and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Payment (cash or personal check only) will be made at time of pick up. No credit or debit cards accepted. Limit three rain barrels per household.

Rain barrels will be available for pick up at the Hopkins Public Works Facility, 11100 Excelsior Blvd, during Earth Week, Monday–Friday, April 19–23, between 8 am and 3:30 pm.

Additional Rain Barrels

You can also buy different kinds of rain barrels from the Recycling Association of MN (www.recycleminnesota.org), the Nine Mile Creek Watershed District (www.ninemilecreek.org), and the Hopkins Lions (Dave at 612-961-0372).

Wanted: Part-Time/Paid On-Call Firefighters

The Hopkins Fire Department is accepting applications for Part Time/Paid On-Call Firefighters. For more information go to www.hopkinsmn.com/jobs or call 952-935-8474.



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City Council Calendar

April 6, 7:30 pm
Meeting

April 13, 6:30 pm
Work Session

April 20, 7:30 pm
Meeting

April 27, 6:30 pm
Work Session

May 4, 7:30 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/citycouncil/.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

April 6, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

April 19, 6:30 pm
Park Board

April 27, 6:30 pm
Zoning & Planning Commission

May 4, 7 pm
Housing & Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/cityhall/boards/.

Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning & Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable channel 16 live and are replayed on:

Monday & Wednesday
7:30 pm

Thursday Sunday
2:00 pm 1:00 pm

Elected Officials

Mayor
Gene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Kristi Halverson ■ Bruce Rowan
Rick Brausen ■ Cheryl Youakim

Bulk Item Drop-Off Is Just Around The Corner

Twice a year the City offers a bulk item drop-off service for Hopkins **residential refuse customers only**. A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown to prove eligibility.

April 15 & 16
3-7 pm

April 17
9 am-4 pm

Drop-Off Site: 1414 7th St S (old landfill site)

Each eligible residence is allowed to dispose of **a maximum of 3 cubic yards of material**, the equivalent of one pick-up truck load.

Guidelines

- **\$10 fee per vehicle depositing material at drop-off site.** Fee will not be collected the day of drop-off, but will be placed on your utility bill.
- \$20 fee for each recyclable appliance. Fee will not be collected the day of drop-off, but will be placed on your utility bill.
- Maximum 3 cubic yards (one pick-up truck load) per household.
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction materials, appliances, and metal materials will be separated and recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs, and wheels must also be removed prior to taking them to the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products are accepted at the drop-off site (concrete products containing steel will not be accepted).

Items not accepted at the bulk drop-off include, but are not limited to:

- Tires
- Car parts
- Gas refrigerators
- Hazardous waste
- Junk cars
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Car batteries
- Concrete containing steel
- Waste oil
- Paint products
- Metal barrels or drums

Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call Hennepin County at 612-348-3777 for more information. 🍷

Spring Cleaning Time For Sanitary Sewers

The City of Hopkins has a sanitary sewer cleaning program that includes cleaning the sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2010 is located north of Mainstreet, south of Highway 7, east of Shady Oak Rd and west of 5th Avenue North.**

If you live in the cleaning area...

A sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean the sanitary sewer. This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling or bubbling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this does occur, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. The water that comes out is the water that is normally in the home's system (drain traps), not the water from the sanitary sewer in the street.

For more information on the sanitary sewer cleaning program call the Utilities Superintendent at 952-548-6373 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php. 🍷

Refuse & Recycling

Recycling collection is April 12-15 and 26-29.

Refuse collection will take place on your normal pick up day, Monday through Thursday of every week.



Tree Concerns?

City employees are currently trimming boulevard trees city-wide to shape them and protect them from damage caused by snow plow trucks, garbage trucks, or street sweepers hitting low hanging branches. If you have a tree-related concern please call Public Works at 952-939-1382. 🍷

