

# Hopkins Highlights

April  
2014

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## Get Rid Of Your Bulk Items April 25–26

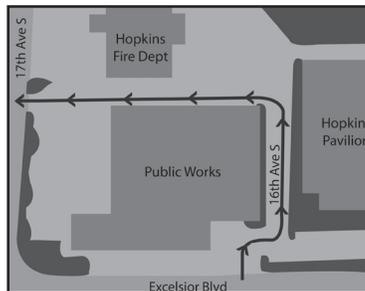
Twice a year the City offers a bulk drop-off service for Hopkins **residential refuse customers only**. A valid Minnesota ID/current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.

**April 25:** 3–7 pm, **April 26:** 9 am–4 pm  
**Drop-Off Site:** 11100 Excelsior Blvd (Public Works)

Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of **3 cubic yards of material**, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.

### Guidelines

- **\$10 fee per vehicle depositing material at drop-off site. \$20 fee for each recyclable appliance.** Fees will be placed on your utility bill.
- Residents must separate recyclable materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted at the drop-off site (concrete products containing steel will not be accepted).
- **Items not accepted include:** tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums and hazardous waste.
- Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777 for more information.



Traffic drop-off route for disposal

### The Salvation Army will be on site Saturday, April 26, only to collect:

- **Clothing:** women's, men's, children's and infants'.
- **Household Goods:** bedding, blankets, curtains, drapes, towels, rugs and lamps.
- **Kitchen Items:** pots/pans, bakeware, dishes, utensils, working small appliances and drinkware.
- **Electronics (working):** flat panel TVs, flat panel monitors, CDs, DVDs, DVD/VHS/Blu-ray players and radio/CD/MP3 players.
- **Misc:** collectibles, antiques, sporting equipment and working lawn equipment.
- **Vehicles:** cars, trucks and boats.
- **Furniture:** couches, dining sets, bed frames and dressers (state law: no mattresses).

## Spring Cleaning For City's 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 2014 is located south of Excelsior Blvd, from 16th Ave S to Meadowbrook Rd.** A sanitary sewer jet-cleaning machine uses high-pressure water to clean them. **This high water pressure may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing.** You may experience gurgling water in the toilet bowl or you may smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If you do, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system. For more information, call the Utilities Superintendent at 952-548-6373 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php).

### Change In Fire Hydrant Flushing Dates

Public Works utility crews will be flushing fire hydrants throughout Hopkins April 14–May 2. Flushing the hydrants may cause water discoloration problems. Residents are cautioned against doing laundry while crews are in the neighborhood. It is not possible to determine where sediment/discoloration problems will occur.

**April 14–18:** Hydrants north of Excelsior Blvd and West of Hwy 169

**April 21–25:** Hydrants south of Excelsior Blvd and west of Hwy 169

**April 28–May 2:** Hydrants east of Hwy 169



## Experience the UPSIDE of AGING

**Stay Active at the Hopkins Activity Center**  
Located at 33 - 14<sup>th</sup> Ave N in Hopkins. Call 952-939-1333 or email [activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com](mailto:activitycenter@hopkinsmn.com) with questions or to register.

**April is National Volunteer Month:** "I age well by giving back to the Community I love." Community members are invited to volunteer for the Hopkins Activity Center. Current volunteer needs: Beginning Computer Instructor, Walking Group Leader, Tablet Lab instructor, Twitter instructor or share your sewing, knitting & crocheting talents for area service organizations. Call or email to receive a volunteer application or visit [www.hopkinsvolunteers.org](http://www.hopkinsvolunteers.org).

### 4-Hour Defensive Driving Refresher Class for People 55+

Tuesday, April 22, noon–4 pm.

Members \$18; Others \$21.

Maintain your 10%, 3-year auto insurance discount. Class taught by Bud Emerson, Minnesota Safety Council. Pre-requisite: 8-hour class. Advance registration required.

### Health Care Directives

Tuesday, April 22, 1 pm.

Learn what a Health Care Directive is, legal requirements and why you may want to consider completing one. Assistance will be provided. Presented by a representative of the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging.

### Bridge Lessons

Tuesdays, April 29–May 20

Members \$19; Others \$22.

**Beginners at 10 am:** Learn the basics.  
**Refresher at 11 am:** Refresh your skills.

## Save the Date! Hopkins Farmers Market

**Saturday, June 14, 7:30 am–noon.**

The Hopkins Farmers Market will kick off its 2014 season on Saturday, June 14. It's been a long winter and we can't wait to see you! Like us on Facebook!





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## Refuse and Recycling

Recycling collection is April 7-10 and April 21-24. Refuse Collection is Monday-Thursday pick-up for the month of April.

## Report a Pothole

Visit the City website and click "Report a Pothole" in the Quick Links box or call Public Works at 952-939-1382.

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## Upcoming Meetings

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, April 15, 7 pm**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, April 22, 6:30 pm**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, May 6, 7:05 pm**  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/). Watch City Council meetings live: [www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Monday, April 21, 6:30 pm**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, April 29, 6:30 pm**  
Zoning and Planning Commission

**Tuesday, May 6, 7 pm**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/).

### Cable Channel 16

City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings can be seen on cable Channel 16 **live**. Meetings are replayed on Channel 16 at the following days and times:

Every day except Tues - 7 pm  
Thurs - 2 pm and Sun - 1 pm

### Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
Eugene Maxwell  
(952-935-5270)

### City Council

Molly Cummings  
Jason Gadd  
Kristi Halverson  
Cheryl Youakim

### Turf Tots

**Monday-Friday, Now-May 9.**  
**9 am-2 pm.** No registration. \$4/child.  
(No session April 25 or May 2.)

### Skyhawks Summer Sports Camps

Ages 4-12. Register at [www.skyhawks.com](http://www.skyhawks.com) or [www.hopkinspavilion.com](http://www.hopkinspavilion.com).

### Hop-Kids Mini Kickers Soccer Program

**Mondays, April 7-May 12. 6:30-7:30 pm.** Ages 3-5. At Gatewood Elementary Gym. \$44. Call Recreation Services at 952-939-8203.

## Free Brush & Yard Waste Pick-Ups Soon

**YARD WASTE** is collected the **same day** as regular refuse. **Pick-up is FREE April 28-May 8.** Starting May 12, 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.

**Between April 21-May 1, BRUSH** will be picked up for **FREE** on the **same day** as your garbage day. No call-in is required to schedule a **FREE** pick-up. Starting May 5, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting (excluding holidays). To schedule a pick-up after May 1, call 952-939-1382 before 2 pm on Monday. Fees will apply starting May 5. Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick-up)—butt 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.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/). **Both free pick-ups are provided only for residential refuse customers.** ♻️

## Adopt a Park or Trail

The City of Hopkins is looking for individuals or groups who will help us care for our neighborhood parks and trails. These individuals or groups will commit to picking up litter in the park or trail of their choice a minimum of one time a year. In appreciation, the City of Hopkins will provide the bags and disposal services, as well as a posted sign in the park or on the trail, recognizing the individual or group. Contact Public Works to learn more 952-939-1382. ♻️

## Compost Bins

The City of Hopkins has compost bins available for \$55 + tax. Call the Public Works Department at 952-939-1382 to purchase one. Payment (cash or personal check only) will be collected at time of pick up. ♻️



**\*Hot Club of San Francisco**  
**Saturday, April 26**  
**7pm Social Hour | 8pm Concert**

**Keri Noble**  
**Tuesday, April 29**  
**6pm Social Hour | 7pm Concert**

### Tickets on sale now:

Call 952-979-1111 or visit [www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com](http://www.HopkinsArtsCenter.com)

**\*Musical Notes:** Kevin Barnes, producer and on-air host, Jazz88-KBEM Radio. Pre-concert talk at 7:15 pm; seating is limited.



## Drop-Off Site Opens April 12

The Yard Waste & Brush Drop-Off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad will open **Saturday, April 12** (weather permitting). The site is located approximately one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd intersection. It is the only driveway on the west side of Hopkins Crossroad, and will be open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am-3 pm.

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload/debag their materials at the site. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet or 6 inches in diameter. ♻️

## Reason No. 10 to Buy Local

### Product Diversity

A multitude of small businesses, each selecting products based, not on a national sales plan, but on their own interests and the needs of their local customers, guarantees a much broader range of product choices.

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