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Energy Efficient Holidays

As you prepare for the holidays, consider making the switch to LED holiday lights. LED lighting uses up to 90% less electricity and lasts up to 10 times longer than regular lighting.

Fairmont Public Utilities is offering our electric customers rebates of up to $12 for each plug-in string or decoration of energy-efficient LED holiday lighting purchased through the end of 2019.

fairmont.org/rebates

When Snow Is Here, You Have 24 Hours to Clear!

Winter can be a difficult time for pedestrians using sidewalks and paths to safely get to school, work and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Fairmont City Code requires property owners or tenants with a sidewalk next to their property to fully remove snow and ice within 24 hours after the snow and ice has stopped falling.

Fairmont City Code: Section 23-3(a): All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within twenty-four (24) hours after such snow or ice has ceased to be deposited.
During large snowfalls, crews may begin plowing as early as 3 a.m. and continue to plow throughout the day. Snowplow drivers rely on the public’s help to ensure streets can be plowed safely and efficiently.

Remember:

- Stay alert to the winter weather forecasts.
- Place refuse and recycling containers in your driveway, not on the street, to prevent waste from being scattered.
- Please use off-street parking when possible to make it easier for snow to be cleared from the roadway.
- Do not dump snow into the street, in addition to being illegal, blowing snow in the street makes it difficult to see roadways. Snow should be blown onto your property, piled or removed off site.
- It is your responsibility to keep mailboxes clear to ensure postal delivery.
- Exercise caution when driving in icy and snowy conditions. Keep a safe distance back when following a snowplow and use caution when passing plowing equipment.
- Talk with children about snow and snowplow safety. Children should stay away from snow piled at the curb and avoid building forts in those piles.
- Please be aware of the snow emergency signage, implemented in 2018. Snow emergency routes, plow routes and snow removal information can be found at: [fairmont.org/snowroutes](http://fairmont.org/snowroutes) and [fairmont.org/snowpolicy](http://fairmont.org/snowpolicy)
LESS IS MORE WHEN SALTING

Save money and protect our waters by using less salt this winter. While salt helps keep driveways and sidewalks ice-free, melting snow and ice can wash salt into nearby waters and harm aquatic wildlife.

Try these salt reducing tips.

- **Shovel.** The more snow and ice you remove manually, the less salt you’ll have to use and the more effective it can be.

- **15 degrees (F) is too cold for salt.** Most salts stop working at this temperature. Use sand for traction, but remember sand does not melt ice.

- **Slow down.** Drive for the conditions and give snowplow drivers plenty of space.

- **Apply less.** More salt doesn’t mean more melting. Use less than 4 lbs. of salt per 1,000 square feet. One pound of salt is approximately a heaping 12oz. coffee mug. Consider purchasing a hand-held spreader to help apply a consistent amount.

- **Sweep up extra.** If salt is visible on dry pavement, it is no longer doing any work and will be washed away. Use this salt elsewhere or throw it away.

*Information acquired from MN Pollution Control Agency*
IF A HYDRANT’S NEAR . . . KEEP IT CLEAR!

- Clear at least 3 feet of snow all the way around the hydrant.
- Create a path from the hydrant to the street, but never shovel snow into the street.
- Use off-street parking when possible to allow access for emergency vehicles and for the roads to be cleared more efficiently.

If there’s a fire hydrant near your property, do your part to keep it accessible this winter.

Thank you for your cooperation.

~ The Fairmont Fire Department
It’s coming in 2020 and its success is dependent on everyone’s participation! By April 1, 2020, the Census Bureau plans to send a letter or door knocker to every U.S. household as part of its once-a-decade tradition of counting every living person in the United States. The massive undertaking of acquiring and compiling this data is important for states, counties, and communities.

WHY IT’S IMPORTANT

The data that will be collected by the 2020 Census are critical for states, counties, and communities. They will shape political representation, funding of government programs, the flow of business and commerce, and the planning and delivery of services to local communities. As the examples below show, the Census has far-reaching effects, holding relevance to many facets of our everyday life in Minnesota.

REPRESENTATION
Census data determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as the size of voting districts for state and local governments.

Minnesota is at risk of losing a seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

FUNDING
Census data guides approximately $589 billion in federal spending allocated to local communities each year, including more than $15 billion distributed to Minnesota communities.

Even one missed person could mean forfeiting almost $28,000 in funding for the next ten years.

PLANNING
Census data helps decision-makers plan roads, schools, hospitals, senior centers, and emergency services to best serve changing populations.

With accurate demographic data about Minnesota we can understand shifting community needs and efficiently direct resources to address them.

BUSINESS
Census data assists businesses in locating factories and stores, recruiting employees, and conducting market research.

Chambers of Commerce and other business organizations across Minnesota gain valuable insights by using census data.
Submit a request, track the progress and receive updates by email. Ask a question or find an answer to a commonly asked question. Do all this and more with the City of Fairmont Citizens Portal. With this easily accessible portal, you can be sure you are receiving complete, accurate information in a reasonable time frame. Access the 24/7/365 portal in one of two ways:

**WEB PORTAL**

- Visit: www.fairmont.org
- Click: “I Want To”
- Select: “Submit A Citizen Request”

**MOBILE APP**

- Open: the App Store or Google Play
- Search: “Fairmont MN 311”
- Download the App

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### HOLIDAY HOURS

#### CITY HALL

- Thanksgiving Day: Closed
- Day after Thanksgiving: Closed
- Christmas Eve: Closed
- Christmas Day: Closed
- New Year's Eve: Open 8 am – 4:30 pm
- New Year’s Day: Closed
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Closed
- President’s Day: Closed
- Good Friday: Closed

#### FAIRMONT LIQUOR STORE

- Thanksgiving Day: Closed
- Day after Thanksgiving: 9 am – 10 pm
- Christmas Eve: 9 am – 4:30 pm
- Christmas Day: Closed
- New Year’s Eve: 9 am – 9 pm
- New Year’s Day: Closed
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day: 9 am – 9 pm
- President’s Day: 9 am – 9 pm
- Good Friday: 9 am – 10 pm

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Have a safe and happy holiday season!

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### City Council

- Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5:30 pm
- City Hall Council Chambers

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- Office hours Monday-Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
- 100 Downtown Plaza, Fairmont

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SHOP WISELY
THIS HOLIDAY SEASON.

Your choice to shop Fairmont Liquor is an investment in our community!

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