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info@burnsvillemn.gov.

Cover: Burnsville Firefighter/Paramedic
Drew McLaughlin explains how to safely
store and transport life-saving whole blood
(see story, page 22).

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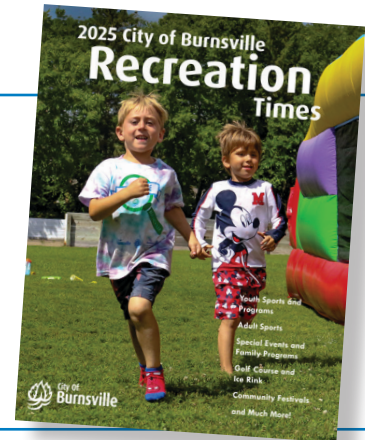


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events

Burnsville Summer Fun

From youth sports and adult leagues to community events – and everything in between – check out programs, activities and events in our annual *Recreation Times* at burnsvillemn.gov/rectimes or keep an eye on the City website, email/text alerts and social media for the latest seasonal fun.



State of the City

Ames Center, 12600 Nicollet Ave.

Join us as we celebrate 30 incredible years of leadership with Mayor Kautz!

This year's State of the City is extra special – it's a milestone moment! We're honoring Mayor Kautz's 30 years of service while sharing highlights from 2024 and our vision for 2025.

- Connect with neighbors, business owners and elected officials
- Celebrate our community's progress
- Enjoy appetizers, cake and entertainment

Admission is free! Let us know you're coming: bit.ly/4kCVvcr

**Monday, April 21
4 p.m.**

**Free and open to the public
Reception to follow**



Native Plant Market and Garden Tool Swap

126th St., directly adjacent to Nicollet Commons Park, 12550 Nicollet Ave.

**New
location**

Help birds, butterflies and bees by growing native plants! Browse multiple vendors offering beautiful native flowers that attract pollinators. Some vendors offer the option to pre-order plants in addition to shopping day-of. Deadline for pre-order is May 11.

Learn more at burnsvillemn.gov/nativeplants.

While picking out new flowers and grasses, stop by **Dakota Valley Recycling's Garden Tool Swap** to trade your gently used tools and lawn decorations for new ones. Learn more at dakotavalleyrecyclingmn.gov.



Landscaping for Clean Water

Your new garden can benefit both water quality and pollinators! Learn about the benefits these gardens provide and how to start your own project. Attendance is free with pre-registration at dakotaswcd.org/classes.

Additional Funding Opportunity

Dreaming of a rain garden? You may be eligible for a \$1,000 grant from the City through the Neighborhood Water Resources Enhancement Grant. This grant supports water quality landscaping projects.

Learn more and apply by May 23, 2025 at burnsvillemn.gov/WQGrant.

ONLINE

Tuesday, May 6

6 - 7 p.m.

Free with pre-registration



Jumpin' To Spring

Alimagnet Park, 1200 Alimagnet Parkway

Kids and families are invited to join us at Alimagnet Park for some fun!

Enjoy bounce houses, a hot dog lunch provided by the Burnsville Noon Rotary Club, family activities, local vendors, nature walks and music from KidsDance DJ.

May 17 marks the 15th annual *Kids to Parks Day* – an initiative that encourages families to get outside and enjoy their local parks!

Saturday, May 17

11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

All ages

Free



Summer Kickoff Jamboree

Neill Park, 13501 Upton Ave.

Want to get a feel for what our summer programs, Camp Explore or Playground Pros, will be like? Parents, caregivers and kids are invited to stop by Neill Park shelter to check out the facility, meet staff and get to know other families.

Ask questions and take part in some pop-in games and activities – come prepared to play!

Saturday, June 14

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

All ages

Free



Pop Up Party in the Park

Recreation leaders will be popping up in parks on select Friday mornings bringing themed games and activities on the go!

Attendees should bring tennis shoes and a water bottle. We'll provide the equipment and supplies.

This is a drop-in program. Kids will not be checked in or out, so parents/guardians are encouraged to stay at the park during program times.

Select Fridays
10 a.m. - noon
All Ages
Free



Friday	Park	Address	Theme
June 20	Colonial Park	1300 W. 139th St.	Everything Dodgeball
June 27	Crosstown West Park	401 E. Travelers Trail	Everything Nature
July 11*	Hollows Park	14500 Southcross Drive W.	Wet 'n Wild Water Slide
July 18	Neill Park	13501 Upton Ave.	One Big Kickball Game
July 25	Lac Lavon Park	15501 Lac Lavon Drive	Everything Arts and Crafts
Aug. 1	Wood Park	701 E. 143rd St.	One Big Capture the Flag Game
Aug. 8	Paha Sapa Park	15016 Chicago Ave. S.	Rock the Vote – Kid's Choice

* Program begins at 11 a.m.

WORK
OUTSIDE
AND HAVE SOME
FUN ON THE JOB!



Now Hiring Seasonal Workers

- Full Time or Part-Time
- Weekend and weekday hours available
- Gain skills and experience

PAY RANGE

based on age and experience

18+ \$16.91 - \$20.17

17+ \$15.05 - \$17.95

15+ \$12.64 - \$15.07



burnsvillemn.gov/jobs

Community Safety Workshops

Our community outreach and risk reduction public safety teams are offering monthly workshops as part of our commitment to community safety and wellness. Each event offers helpful advice and plenty of time to ask questions.

The series takes a break for the summer, but look for more topics in the fall at burnsvillemn.gov/events.

Let's Talk Social Media Awareness

Join us for a conversation about how social media can be used to take advantage of or steal from you or your loved ones. Our officers will share how to identify phishing messages and the resources available if you are harmed.

Thursday, April 17

6 p.m.

Fire Station No. 1, 14275 Newton Ave.

Free



Let's Talk Out-of-School Resources for Kids

Join our School Resource Officers to learn about resources available for families with kids looking for summer activities and child care.

Thursday, May 22

6 p.m.

Fire Station No. 1, 14275 Newton Ave.

Free

CITY OF BURNSVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14 | 3:30 - 7 p.m.

Get an inside look at the trucks, tools and teams that serve Burnsville!

A young child wearing a yellow hard hat and safety glasses is sitting on a red forklift, smiling at the camera.

BURNSVILLE
PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY
13713 Frontier Court

The City of Burnsville logo, featuring a stylized flame and the text 'City of Burnsville'.

The Burnsville Police logo, featuring an eagle and the text 'BURNSVILLE POLICE MINNESOTA'.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
OPEN HOUSE**

THURSDAY, MAY 29
5 - 7 p.m.

Parking lot of 100 Civic Center Parkway

- Explore squad cars
- Learn about the drone team
- Meet our K-9s
- Crafts, snacks and more

Everyone is welcome

A young child is sitting in the driver's seat of a police squad car, looking out the window.

A police officer is kneeling on the grass, interacting with a white dog.

Reminder: Leash Your Dog!

As the weather warms, a friendly reminder that animals within the City must be on a leash and under the control of their owner or custodian at all times.*

Dogs are welcome to run freely at the enclosed seven-acre Alimagnet Dog Park as long as they enter and exit the park on a leash and stay leashed in the parking lot and all other park areas. Dogs can also be off leash in gated hockey rinks during summer months.

* Burnsville City Code (Title 6, Chapter 2 and Title 8, Chapter 5)





FREE!

MUSIC + FOOD + ART
KIDS' VILLAGE + CULTURAL EXHIBITS

**INTERNATIONAL
FESTIVAL
OF BURNSVILLE**

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Saturday, July 19
3-9 p.m.
Nicollet Commons Park
intlfestburnsville.org

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at your fingertips.**



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MyBurnsville App

Party on the Plaza

Fiesta en la Plaza

Xaflad Lagu Qabanayo Banaanka Xaafada

June 5 • July 10 • August 14

**Nicollet Commons Park
Thursdays | 5 - 9 p.m.**



Burnsville's ultimate summer celebration series! Food trucks, live music, entertainment, games, community booths, arts and crafts vendors and more.

Free admission; fun for all ages

advisory commissions now recruiting

The City Council invites you to apply to serve on one of the City's advisory commissions. As a commission member, you will research, review and advise on a variety of City activities. Terms begin July 1 and are a three-year commitment, open to Burnsville residents ages 18 and older, unless otherwise noted.

Interested in learning more? Visit burnsvillemn.gov/commissions.

Application deadline is May 5 at 4:30 p.m. Council interviews will be held in late May.

Economic Development Commission

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is an advisory body to the City Council and the Economic Development Authority that researches, reviews and makes recommendations on issues related to economic development, including zoning changes, business fee policies and more.

Meetings Second Wednesday in Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov.
6:30 p.m., 2 - 4 hours
Council Chambers

Vacancies

2 Regular, 3-year term

Members must be aged 18+ and either Burnsville residents or Burnsville business or property owners

Planning Commission

The Planning Commission researches, reviews and makes recommendations on issues related to land use and development in the City. Typical issues include review of development projects, land use regulations and long range comprehensive planning.

Meetings Second and fourth Monday of each month
6:30 p.m., 2 - 4 hours
Council Chambers

Vacancies

2 Regular, 3-year term

Members must be aged 18+ and Burnsville residents

Parks and Natural Resources Commission

The Parks and Natural Resources Commission makes recommendations on issues related to the park, recreation and open space needs of the community and the protection of Burnsville's natural resources. Typical issues include park development, priority setting for capital improvements, reviewing environmental ordinances, natural resources plans and park use policies.

Meetings First Monday of each month
6:30 p.m., 2 hours
Council Chambers

Vacancies

3 Regular, 3-year term
2 Youth, 1-year term

Must be Burnsville residents; adult members must be aged 18+ and youth members must be high school students in the fall of 2025.

street improvements

Road construction season is generally early-May through late-October. Here's what you can expect in neighborhoods this year:

Street Reclamation

In street reclamation, we first grind up the existing asphalt and mix it with gravel before grading and repaving the street. Next, we repair and upgrade storm and sanitary sewers and broken curbs. Street reclamation projects are a cost-effective way to upgrade a street that is too deteriorated for rehabilitation and has existing utilities and curbs that do not need total replacement. Street reclamation projects are planned for:



Public Works contractors lay down new asphalt

Morgan Area

- Frontage Road S. from Old County Road 34 Place to approximately 600 feet north
- Morgan Ave. S. from Williams Drive to Old County Road 34 Place
- Old County Road 34 Place

Rio Loma Area

- Coronado Court
- Lannon Court
- Mirada Court
- Rio Loma Drive
- Rio Loma Lane
- Rodeo Drive
- Sierra Court

Carriage Area

- Carriage Lane
- Carriage Place Drive
- Southpointe Curve
- Southpointe Court
- Williamsburg Curve

Southwest Burnsville

- Alcana Lane
- Crest Drive
- Oriole Court
- Valley Lane
- Valley View Road
- Wren Court

Street Rehabilitation

In street rehabilitation, we grind up the top two inches of pavement and replace it with new asphalt. If needed, we'll repair or upgrade curbs and sewers. This year's street rehabilitation projects are planned for:

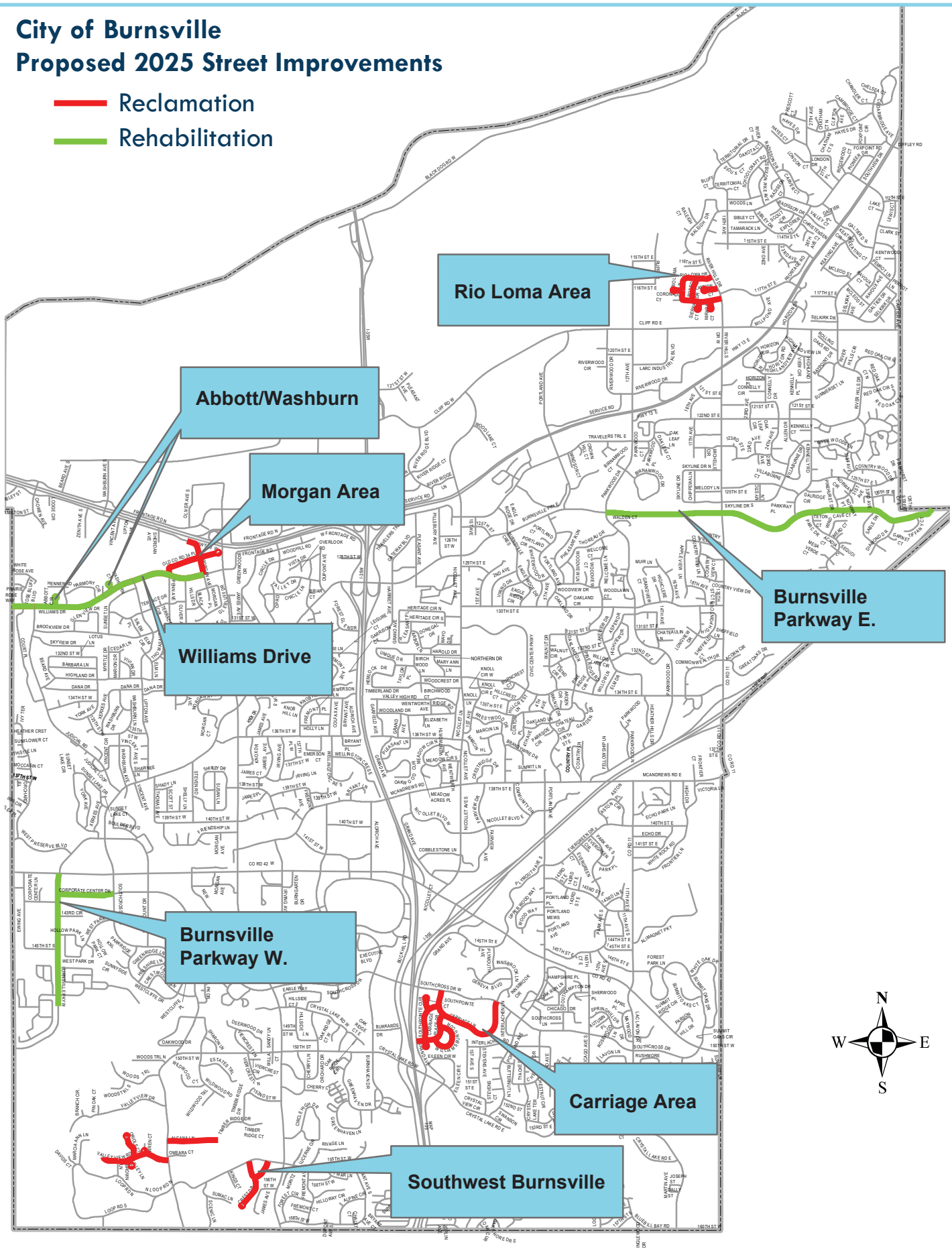


An example of curb repair

- Burnsville Parkway E. from Parkway Drive east to the Eagan border at Slater Drive, except for the County Road 11 intersection
- Burnsville Parkway W. from County Road 42 to approximately 300 feet south of 145th St. W.
- Williams Drive from Savage border, east to Morgan Ave. S.
- Abbot Circle and Washburn Court

City of Burnsville Proposed 2025 Street Improvements

- Reclamation
- Rehabilitation



neighborhoods

Building Stronger Communities

Come together as homeowners, renters, businesses, churches and schools as a neighborhood organization. Neighborhood Organizations encourage community members to connect with one another and improve their neighborhood experience in collaboration with the City.



Step 1: Define Your Neighborhood

The first step is defining your neighborhood's boundaries. A neighborhood typically includes multiple blocks and uses natural landmarks – such as major streets or parks – as boundaries. It's essential to consider including diverse housing types, such as multi-family residences, to represent the entire community. We'll help you define your neighborhood when you get started.



Step 2: Connect With Your Neighbors

Organize a meeting to brainstorm ideas. Discuss what types of resources, events and improvements could make a positive impact. Think about areas where community resources and activities could benefit a broad range of residents. This is a chance to hear everyone's ideas and build a shared vision for the neighborhood.



Examples of projects include:

- Events that bring neighbors together, like block parties or clean-up days
- Neighborhood signs or shared resources, like benches
- Community gardens or green spaces



Step 3: Apply for Funding

Once your neighborhood has been established and has defined its project and goals, you may request an application for funding for projects up to \$10,000. The grant application deadline is September 1; approved grants will be notified in the fall of 2025, with reimbursement issued in 2026.

Join Us in Building a Stronger Burnsville

Whether you want to connect with neighbors, solve challenges or leave a lasting legacy in your community, we hope you'll join us. To learn more or get started, visit burnsvillemn.gov/neighborhoods.

Let's build stronger, more vibrant neighborhoods together!

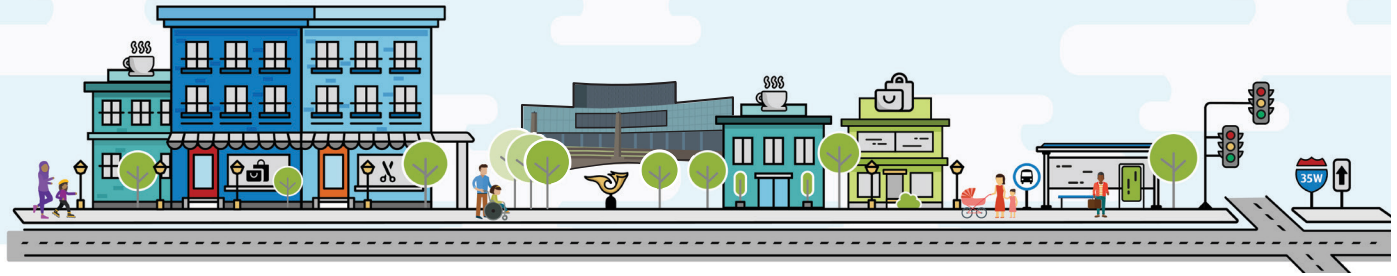


City of Burnsville
NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATIONS



City Of
Burnsville

2025 COMMUNITY SURVEY



We are committed to the quality of life of our entire community, and want to know what we're doing well and need to improve. We recently launched our 2025 Resident and Business Surveys, and we'd love to hear from you. Your responses will help shape policies and priorities for Burnsville now and in the future.

1. You may receive a paper survey in the mail.

If so, you can complete the survey and return it in its postage-paid envelope. You are also welcome to complete the survey online (see the appropriate links below). If you complete the survey online, type in the STUDY ID number shown at the top of your paper survey. The STUDY ID number helps us send reminders to ensure we hear from you.

2. If you don't receive a survey in the mail, you can complete it online beginning April 14.

Residential

(for those who live in
Burnsville)

[www.CobaltCommunity
Research.org/BURNSVILLE](http://www.CobaltCommunityResearch.org/BURNSVILLE)



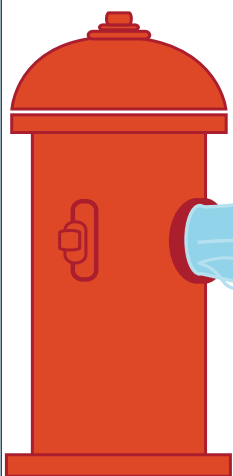
Business

(for those who own/manage
a business in Burnsville)

[www.CobaltCommunity
Research.org/BurnsvilleBIZ](http://www.CobaltCommunityResearch.org/BurnsvilleBIZ)



The City is working with Cobalt Community Research on this evaluation to receive outside analysis and to ensure your responses are strictly confidential. Your name will not be shared with the City without your permission. Cobalt is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to help governmental and non-profit organizations measure, benchmark and manage their efforts through high-quality, affordable research.



HYDRANT FLUSHING STARTS APRIL 7

While we're flushing, your water color or pressure might change and you might notice a chlorine smell. This is all normal and won't last long.

burnsvillemn.gov/hydrants



natural resources

Alimagnet Park – Habitat Restoration Update

With the support of a grant from Dakota County, the City initiated a new restoration project this February at Alimagnet Park, removing twelve acres of invasive buckthorn and other woody overgrowth. This work connects and expands on existing prairie and woodland restoration areas at the park.

The work is the first phase in a multi-year restoration process. We will follow up with invasive-species control over the next several years, preparing the site to be seeded with native grasses and wildflowers. Long-term, we'll use controlled burns to maintain the restored habitat. The ultimate goal of the project is to improve the health of existing oak trees, create better conditions for oak seedling growth and improve habitat for pollinators and other wildlife.



Clearing invasive buckthorn and other woody overgrowth

Protecting Ponds and Lakes

Accidental or intentional pollution spills and hazardous waste dumping in local water bodies are rare but typically reported at least once a year. These incidents often occur when pollutants enter storm drains and travel through the underground storm sewer system before reaching ponds. You can help protect your local water bodies by:

Monitor

Keep an eye on storm drains and ponds for unusual discoloration, smells, or stains, which might indicate a spill or dumping.

Report Suspicious Activity

If you notice signs of pollution, immediately report them. For daytime concerns, call the Public Works department at 952-895-4550; after hours call 911.

Dispose of Hazardous Waste Properly

Use local resources like the Recycling Zone for safe disposal of hazardous materials such as paint, motor oil and other household hazardous products. For more information, call 952-891-7800.

Join Community Initiatives

Participate in community activities like storm drain stenciling. This not only raises awareness about the importance of where runoff goes, but also educates others on its impact on water quality. We offer training and supplies for groups wanting to take part in protecting water quality by signing up for the City's Storm Drain Stenciling Program. Learn more at burnsvillemn.gov/volunteer, and click Natural Resources.



A young volunteer stencils a storm drain.

Help Improve Water Quality

Water quality is shaped by both natural factors – such as rainfall, snowmelt and irrigation – and our everyday actions. When water flows into storm drains untreated, it can pick up pollutants along the way, including fertilizer residues, pet waste and more, which ultimately reaches local ponds and lakes. While we can't control the weather, we can adopt practices that reduce the introduction of harmful substances into our water systems.

Key Actions to Protect Water Quality

Adopting the following practices helps limit algal blooms and protect wildlife while also preserving the recreational and aesthetic value of our cherished lakes and ponds.

Fertilizer Use

Opt for phosphorus-free fertilizers and reduce overall usage. This is important whether you own, rent or manage a community space.

Managing Yard Waste

Clean up along the curb after mowing and when the leaves are falling. Prevent grass clippings and leaves from washing into storm drains by mulching them in your yard or at a local compost facility.

Pet Waste

Always clean up after your pet. Leaving waste, even in long grass, can introduce harmful nutrients and bacteria harmful to local ecosystems.



Alimagnet Lake



Sunset Pond

Preventing Soil Erosion

Maintain ground cover by filling bare spots with low-maintenance grasses or native plants, which help stabilize soil and prevent erosion. Find native plants at our annual Native Plant Market (see page 3).

Capturing Runoff

Install rain gardens or rain barrels to intercept runoff from roofs and driveways, preventing polluted water from reaching the storm drains. Workshops like the Landscaping for Clean Water Workshop can offer valuable guidance.

Reducing Salt Use

Promptly shovel ice and snow to minimize the need for salt, which can negatively affect water quality. When salt is necessary, consider alternatives like sand or cat litter to enhance traction without causing environmental harm.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that has killed millions of ash trees. EAB has been detected throughout Burnsville and is spreading rapidly, attacking the city's ash population.

The City continues to manage EAB in public ash trees, those in parks and boulevard right-of-ways, by both protecting good-quality trees and removing poor-quality ash trees.

What You Can Do

Protection of ash trees involves the use of insecticides, which are injected into the trunk of the tree. If left unprotected, your tree will likely become infested and die from EAB. If a tree is infested but has lost less than 30% of its canopy, insecticide treatment may still be effective. The City offers reduced treatment rates for residents.



EAB larvae chew through the inner layer of bark, which kills the ash tree.



Adult emerald ash borer. Photo credit: University of Minnesota Extension

City Code requires removal of infested trees that are not treated. Trees are much more dangerous and expensive to remove after they are dead, so don't delay removing an infested tree that isn't or won't be treated.

To help manage EAB on your property, contact a certified arborist to help determine the extent of EAB on your trees. Protect good quality ash trees before they become infested, and remove poor quality and infested ash trees.

Questions? Need additional resources? We can help!

Find a list of Burnsville's licensed tree contractors and learn about reduced treatment rates and additional EAB information at burnsvillemn.gov/forestry or call 952-895-4508.

Spring Cleaning

Spring cleaning is a snap! March - May, use this coupon to recycle a mattress, box spring or furniture at a discount. Then, beginning in May, clip the 2025 landfill coupon to help clean out large and bulky items.

Please note: The landfill coupon cannot be copied or reproduced. One per household.

Mattress & Furniture Recycling Coupon

\$10 OFF

Redeem this coupon to recycle mattresses, box springs, and furniture for \$10 off per unit, regardless of size.

Who: Discount is available to residents of Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, & Lakeville

When: Valid through May 31, 2025

Where: Certified Recycling
14305 Spring Avenue, Burnsville



funds available.
For questions, call
Certified Recycling at
952-894-1448
Must be dry and
free of bed bugs.



2025 LANDFILL COUPON

Redeem this disposal coupon at the Burnsville Sanitary Landfill to drop off household items (or equivalent sized) load for FREE!

WHEN: During business hours
May 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025

HOURS: Monday-Friday 7:30 am-4:00 pm

WHERE: Burnsville Sanitary Landfill, 2650 West Cliff Rd.

ACCEPTED: Mattresses, furniture, carpeting, windows, doors, and small amounts of lumber.

NOT ACCEPTED: Appliances, electronics, yard waste or hazardous materials.

Valid Burnsville driver's license or current proof of residence required.
Limited to one truck load (or trailer of equivalent size)



One per household. No copies or reproductions will be accepted. Burnsville residents only. Businesses are not eligible for this promotion.

For directions or specific item information, call WM at 866-909-4458
Other questions? Call the City of Burnsville Recycling at 952-895-4511

volunteer

Join Burnsville's Wetland Team!

Make an impact on local wetlands while learning and contributing to important wetland data.

- Explore Burnsville's beautiful wetlands
- Survey plants and wildlife
- Collect valuable data for wetland research as part of the Wetland Health Evaluation Program (WHEP)

Who Can Join

Anyone with a passion for nature – no prior experience necessary. Volunteers receive hands-on training in plant and invertebrate identification as well as scientific methods for setting up and collecting data.

Why Volunteer

- Gain professional experience in the environmental field
- Meet other community members with similar interests

Register by mid-May at mnwhep.org. Call for more details 952-891-7000. Join the team and help protect our natural treasures!



A WHEP volunteer works in a wetland

Join us for the Dakota Valley Recycling Summer Drop-Off and Document Destruction event. Drop off large items for a per-item fee, and bring your confidential documents (up to four paper bags or two boxes per vehicle) for free shredding.



Summer Drop-Off & Shredding

Saturday, June 7 | 9 a.m. - noon

Burnsville Public Works Facility
13713 Frontier Court, Burnsville, MN 55337

Accepted for FREE

Up to four paper bags or two boxes of documents for shredding

Accepted for a fee

Appliances, power tools with fluids removed, scrap metal, computer monitors and televisions, residential electronic devices, mattresses, box springs and more

Not accepted

Hazardous waste such as aerosols, household batteries, cleaners, paint, light bulbs, pesticides; furniture, including futons; air mattresses; construction/demolition materials and tires

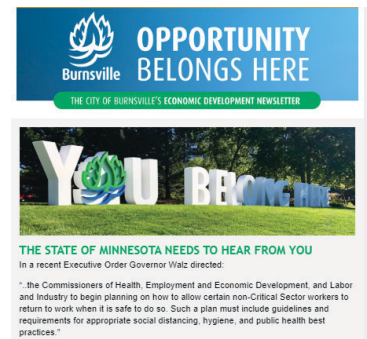
Learn more at DakotaValleyRecyclingMN.gov

BUSINESSES BELONG HERE

Opportunity Belongs Here Newsletter

If you're looking for a way to stay in-the-know about new development and redevelopment in Burnsville, be sure to sign up for the Opportunity Belongs Here email newsletter. Articles feature new businesses, developments under construction, events, business resources, available land and more!

Signing up is easy! Visit www.burnsvillemn.gov/business.



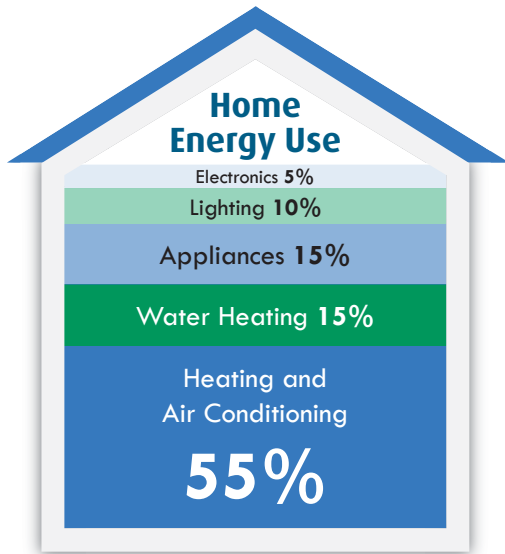
Welcome, New Burnsville Businesses!

- A&J Outdoor Power, 12122 12th Ave.
- Bob's Discount Furniture, 14141 Aldrich Ave. S.
- Best Buy, 1600 County Road 42 W.
- Big Air Trampoline Park, 14290 Plymouth Ave. S.
- Cub Foods - Coming Soon!, 1700 County Road 42 W.
- Lemon Thai Kitchen, 12621 Nicollet Ave. S.
- Walser Mitsubishi, 600 121st St. W.
- Yellow Brick Road Early Childhood Development Center, 1800 Greenwood Drive



Recent Ribbon Cuttings at Best Buy (above) and Lemon Thai Kitchen (below)

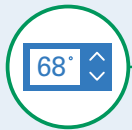
If you have a new business in Burnsville, contact Economic Development Coordinator Beth Weber at beth.weber@burnsvillemn.gov or 952-895-4454 to schedule a welcome visit.



MN Dept. of Commerce Home Energy Guide

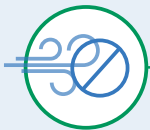
Energy Guide

Tips to help **save** on energy bills



Manage Your Temperature

Adjust your thermostat 7°–10°F from its original setting when you are away or asleep. Consider investing in a programmable or smart thermostat to control your settings more easily. Check your electric utility's website for discounts on a new thermostat.



Stop Drafts for Better Heating and Cooling

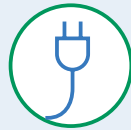
When using heat or air conditioning, be sure all storm windows are completely closed, and pull shades and close drapes at night. Install covers on wall-mounted and window ACs in the winter. Use fans to help circulate the air and stay cool in the rooms you are occupying. Ceiling fans should go clockwise in the winter and counterclockwise in the summer.



Liven Up Your Lighting

According to ENERGY STAR®, LED bulbs typically use 70 to 90% less energy and last at least 15 times longer than the traditional incandescent bulbs they replace.¹ Check your electric utility's website for discounts on LED bulbs.

¹ Source: https://www.energystar.gov/products/lighting_fans/light_bulbs.



Unplug Vampire Loads

TVs, video game systems, cable boxes, computer and cell phone chargers will use electricity when plugged in, even when not in use. Attach electronics and small appliances to a power strip to easily turn off when not in use or invest in a smart power strip that will turn itself on or off.



Purchase ENERGY STAR® Electronics and Appliances

A wide range of energy efficient electronics and appliances are available. To know an electronic appliance's rating, look for the yellow Energy Guide sticker when shopping. Visit energystar.gov/ProductFinder for a full list of rated products.



Get an Energy Audit or Encourage Your Property Owner to Get an Audit

An energy audit is a great way to identify energy saving opportunities in a home or building and help save money on energy bills.

For buildings with 1–4 units, the Home Energy Squad® at **833-202-3655** or visit centerpointenergy.com/HomeEnergySquad for a low or no cost visit.

For buildings with 5+ units, contact the Multi-family Building Efficiency Program at **844-545-7455** or visit MultiFamilyEnergySolutions.com for a free visit.



For more resources, visit burnsvillemn.gov/sustainabilitydashboard or email bridget.rathsack@burnsvillemn.gov

City of Burnsville and Xcel Energy are pleased to work together to achieve our energy goals.

Environmental Guide

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Learn to fix and mend at a free Fix-It Clinic

Instead of trashing broken household items, bring them to a Dakota County Fix-It Clinic for free fixing or mending. Last year, Fix-It Clinics helped Dakota County residents saved nearly 4,000 pounds of items from the landfill. These clinics are held monthly at rotating locations and are run by skilled volunteers who love to lend a hand. You'll learn how to troubleshoot and tinker, and hopefully fix your items onsite or at home.

In addition to keeping useful items out of the landfill, these events bring people together and empower you to fix things on your own. Every event is free, and you do not need to register to participate.

Bring up to three items that need fixing or mending. The most common items people bring are lamps, vacuums and clothes. You must be able to carry items into the clinic, so no overly large items.

For future dates and more information, visit: dakotacounty.us, search fix-it clinic.



Food scraps drop-off: new name, same great program

The number one item in our trash is food. That's why over 11,000 residents in Dakota County like you are giving food scraps a new life by participating in the food scraps drop-off program (formerly organics drop-off program).



There are 11 food scraps drop off sites located throughout the county — in Apple Valley, Burnsville, Eagan, Farmington, Hastings, Inver Grove Heights, Lakeville, Mendota Heights, Rosemount (two) and West St. Paul.

Across the locations, over 11,000 residents have registered for the program since 2016. In 2024, participants delivered 2.2 million pounds of food scraps. The food scraps go to an industrial compost facility and are turned into compost, a nutrient-rich soil amendment used in gardening and landscaping.

To get started with the free program, sign up at: dakotacounty.us and search food scraps, email foodscraps@co.dakota.mn.us or call 952-891-7557. When you sign up, Dakota County will send helpful tips and show you how to get compostable bags to use at home.

Drop Off Locations (Open Daily, 5:00 AM–10:00 PM unless otherwise noted)

Burnsville Civic Center Park

260 Civic Center Parkway, Burnsville

Lakeville Water Treatment Facility

18400 Ipava Ave., Lakeville

Lebanon Hills Regional Park Holland Lake Trailhead

1100 Cliff Road, Eagan

Thompson County Park

1200 Stassen Lane, West St. Paul

The Mulch Store (651-423-4401)

16454 Blaine Ave. E., Rosemount

Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM–4:30 PM

Saturday, 8:00 AM–Noon (seasonal, call ahead)

Follow your Recycling

If you follow your recycling in Dakota County, you won't have to go very far. The materials are sorted by people and machines at local recycling facilities and sent to different companies that turn them into new products. Many of these companies are based right here in Minnesota, turning recyclables into new cracker and cereal boxes, durable decking and fencing, food and beverage bottles and more. To keep this process running smoothly, it is important to put the right items in your home recycling.

Make sure bottles, jars and containers are empty and dry before recycling. They don't have to be perfect — just free of most residue like food and liquids. Leave caps on containers and flatten boxes.



PUT THESE ITEMS LOOSE IN YOUR HOME RECYCLING (NO PLASTIC BAGS)

Paper

- Newspaper and inserts
- Magazines and catalogs
- Mail and office papers

Cardboard

- Corrugated cardboard
- Paperboard (e.g., cracker boxes)

Cartons

- Milk and juice cartons
- Soup, broth, and wine cartons
- Juice boxes

Metal Cans

- Aluminum, tin, and steel cans

Glass Bottles & Jars

Plastic Bottles, Containers & Jugs

- Containers numbered 1, 2 or 5
- Soda, juice and water bottles
- Milk and juice jugs
- Margarine, cottage cheese and other tubs and lids
- Laundry detergent bottles and jugs
- Clear berry and produce containers



Leave out plastic bags, batteries, black plastic, food and things that can tangle around moving machines. Wondering about a specific item? Use the online Recycling Guide at: dakotacounty.us, search *recycling guide*.



Cleaning is easy at The Recycling Zone

Bring cleaners, auto products, electronics and other stuff that doesn't belong in your trash to The Recycling Zone in Eagan for safe disposal. Dropping off is easy — that's why residents dropped off over 2.9 million pounds of materials last year. You stay in your car while staff unload materials from the trunk or backseat. Put smaller items in a box that you can leave behind.

The Recycling Zone

3365 Dodd Rd, Eagan, MN
952-891-7800

HOURS

Wednesday, 9am–8pm
Thursday, Noon–8pm
Friday, 9am–5pm
Saturday, 8am–5pm

MORE INFO

For a complete list of acceptable items visit:
dakotacounty.us
Search: *Recycling Zone*

ACCEPTED ITEMS (free drop-off unless noted)

- Auto products like motor oil, antifreeze and gas
- Bug killers/repellents
- Cleaners
- Electronics (fee for TVs and computer monitors)
- Lightbulbs — all types
- Needles/sharps (in a closed rigid container, keep in front seat)
- Paints and stains
- Personal care products like nail polish and hair dye
- Propane tanks and aerosol sprays
- Scrap metal
- Tires (fee)
- Small household electronics like toasters and vacuums
- String lights and cords
- Vaping devices
- Weed killer
- Most products that say caution, warning, danger or poison

NOT ACCEPTED

- Appliances
- Carpet
- Humidifiers and dehumidifiers
- Lumber
- Furniture
- Mattresses
- Medical waste and medications
- Yard waste

If you have an unknown or unique household chemical, email recyclingzone@co.dakota.mn.us before dropping off to work with The Recycling Zone staff about safe handling.

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Transforming Emergency Care

Burnsville Fire's Whole Blood Program

This January, Burnsville Fire/EMS (BFD) became the first 911 ambulance service in Minnesota to carry whole blood products, allowing our firefighter/paramedics to perform life-saving transfusions directly at the scene of an emergency. This pioneering program reflects our commitment to providing the best care in the most critical moments. It's not just about saving lives—it's about giving you and your family the best chance at recovery when you need it most.

The vision for this program came from within our Fire Department's own ranks. Firefighter/Paramedic Drew McLaughlin brought valuable experience from his past role as a paramedic for a flight service, where he worked with whole blood on medical helicopters. He recognized that Burnsville residents could particularly benefit from this innovative approach.

"Living in Burnsville, we're at minimum a 20-minute drive to the nearest Level 1 trauma center," McLaughlin explains. "That's 20 critical minutes where whole blood can make the difference for our patients."

Traditionally, paramedics rely on saline solution to address blood loss in emergency situations. While saline helps maintain blood pressure, it lacks the critical components of whole blood. Whole blood contains everything naturally flowing through your veins: red blood cells that carry oxygen, white blood cells

that fight infections, platelets that help stop bleeding and plasma that delivers nutrients. With whole blood transfusions, our firefighter/paramedics can now deliver this complete, lifesaving resource and begin the healing process before you even reach the hospital.

Behind this innovation is a team of dedicated professionals who embody our commitment to providing you with exceptional care. "Our community expects the best from our crews and they are delivering it," Fire Chief BJ Jungmann says with pride. "They've been trained in all aspects of caring for the whole blood product and doing in-the-field transfusions. I couldn't be prouder of how they have embraced the training needed for this and making this all happen."

This extensive training is already making a difference in patient outcomes. For those experiencing traumatic injuries,



Burnsville firefighter/paramedics practice delivering transfusions, learning to administer life-saving whole blood



Firefighter/paramedics celebrate the first delivery of whole blood with Memorial Blood Center

this innovation means receiving hospital-level care from the moment BFD arrives. “Our crews see the need for pre-hospital transfusions on a regular basis and we know this will lead to better outcomes for patients in the field,” explains Chief Jungmann.

This newly launched initiative represents a fundamental shift in how emergency care is delivered in our neighborhoods. Burnsville Fire has already successfully administered whole blood to patients in critical need with promising results. Studies show that early blood transfusion significantly reduces mortality rates and complications from severe blood loss, while also decreasing hospital stays and the financial burden on you and your family.

To ensure this valuable resource is used responsibly, when a blood unit nears its expiration date without being needed for an emergency, BFD and Memorial Blood Center established a thoughtful plan to ensure nothing goes to waste. Through a special arrangement, any approaching-expiration units are promptly transferred to

local hospitals or surgery centers where they are put to good use.

This breakthrough is a game-changer for emergency care. As we continue to lead the way in emergency care, we encourage you to consider donating blood regularly – we can’t do this without you. Together, we’re setting the standard for care, and we couldn’t do it without the trust and support of our community.



Burnsville firefighter/paramedics train on the safe storage and handling of whole blood



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Tonic Sol-fa *End of An Era Tour*

April 18, 7:30 p.m.

Acclaimed vocal group Tonic Sol-fa will bring their high-energy, acapella performance to Burnsville. Don't miss your last chance to experience Tonic Sol-fa's exceptional vocal talents live in concert — get your tickets early before they sell out! The final tour begins this April in 4 select cities.

World According To Garth

April 26, 7:30 p.m.

Presented by Burnsville Rotary. Experience the magic of a Garth Brooks tribute show the minute you enter the theater. *World According to Garth* celebrates the legendary music and iconic career of Garth Brooks. Between the music, the stories, and the on-stage presence, *World According to Garth* offers a front-row seat to the life and legacy of one of country music's most influential figures.



Twin Cities Ballet *Beauty & The Beast*

May 9 - 11

Featuring an original story adaptation by Artistic Director Denise Vogt and musical score written specifically for this production by Minnesota Composer Jordan Cox. This production will wow audiences from start to finish with enchanting stage designs, costumes and breathtaking choreography.



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