



City of Rice Quarterly Newsletter

Aug. Sept. Oct. 2009

Burning Leaves?

This fall as you are cleaning up your yards, remember that you need to get a burning permit to burn leaves and vegetation in your yard. Once you get a burning permit you will be able to burn on either Wednesdays or Saturdays from 6pm-10pm in compliance with the State Dept. of Natural Resources Burning Regulations.



You can read the ordinance in its entirety at www.cityofrice.com Chapter IV Section 420.

Rental Properties

The City of Rice requires all rental properties to comply with the Crime-Free Rental regulations. If you are renting out your property or have a renter living with you and you have not registered with the City, please do so during normal business hours
Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm.



Rice Compost Site will be closing Oct. 31st, 2009



Water/Sewer Payments

are due on the 25th of each month. If the 25th falls on a weekend or a holiday payments are due by 9am the next business day.

Hazardous Waste

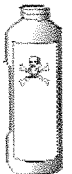
Pickup

August 15th, 2009

9am-3pm

Benton County Hwy Building
Accepting paint, household chemicals, and fluorescent bulbs.

A complete list can be found on www.co.benton.mn.us.



Water Sprinkling Restrictions

The City of Rice has approved a permanent odd/even water sprinkling conservation plan. If your house/business is an odd number you can sprinkle your lawn on odd number days. If your house/business is an even number you can sprinkle your lawn on even number days.

UPDATED



The City of Rice implemented a penalty plan for water sprinkling violations as follows:

First violation - warning and explanation of ordinance if necessary.

Violations thereafter - \$50.00 each offense (added to your next months water/sewer bill).



NOW ACCEPTING



VISA/MASTERCARDS

Note: There will be a \$5.00 charge on all cards processed over the phone.

NEW

Rice Water Conservation Rates

In July the City of Rice implemented a new water rate structure. This rate structure is designed to encourage water conservation.

Note: The base rate has stayed the same. For those residents using the minimum water - your monthly bill will remain the same. For those who use more water - your monthly bill will increase slightly.

www.cityofrice.com
for full details.

Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan Survey

Emergency Management is seeking input from the citizens of Benton County. This survey will ask specific questions relating to possible hazards (natural and man made) that the County may be at risk for at some time in the future.

You can participate by going to:



www.co.benton.mn.us/index.htm

~ Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community. ~ Anthony Burgess



Rice City Council

Meets the first and third Monday of the month at 7:00pm. If you would like to be put on the Council agenda, please contact the City Clerks office by Wed. the week prior to their meeting.

Mayor:

Michael "Mitch" Fiedler 393-4102

Council Members:

Dave Thene	393-4179
Brian Skroch	393-2191
Allen Voigt	393-2247
Wayne "Paka" Moen	393-7288

Rice City Hall

205 Main St E * PO Box 179

Hours: Mon.-Fri. 8:00am - 4:00pm (Except holidays.)
(320) 393-2280

Police (Non-Emergency)	Fire (Non-Emergency)
Gary Groskreutz, Police Chief (320) 393-3280	Scott Janski, Fire Chief (320) 393-2180



Rice City Hall



-Closed-

Rice City Hall will be closed on the following days:

**Labor Day
September 7th, 2009**

The Rice Recreation Phone Number Has Changed to



(320) 492-0936

Keith O'Brien Rec. Dir.

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If there is a nonprofit organization that would like to sell parking behind the Rice City Hall during the Rice Craft Sale (Sept. 6th & 7th) Please Contact Rice City Hall at (320) 393-2280
Mon.-Fri. 8am-4pm.