



City of Rice Quarterly Newsletter

Feb-March-April 2009

Protecting the City of Rice Wells & Water Supply

The City of Rice uses 3 wells approximately 90 feet deep to provide water to residents and businesses in the community. The city wells and groundwater supply is vulnerable to land use practices due to the sandy soils and geology of the area. To help communities protect their wells and water supply, the Minnesota Department of Health works with city staff, residents and other County and State resource staff to develop a "Wellhead Protection Plan." The City's Wellhead Protection plan identified: 1) the recharge area of the city wells, 2) potential contaminants that may impact the water supply and 3) activities that can be done by residents and city staff to protect the groundwater supply and recharge area of the city wells. The City of Rice Wellhead Protection Plan was completed and approved by the MN Dept. of Health on November, 29, 2007. A brochure about Wellhead Protection and the City's plan is available at City Hall.

How can businesses and residents do to help protect the City's water supply?

One of the important activities residents and businesses can do is manage **hazardous waste** (paint, solvents, degreasers, oil, unused chemicals, etc.) **appropriately!** Do not dump any of these products on the ground or in the storm or sanitary sewer. For proper disposal of unused product and containers, contact the **Tri-County Hazardous Waste Facility, 601 North 20th Ave, St. Cloud, MN (800) 450-6140** for business hours and detailed information on the products they accept. The City of Rice and Benton County also offer an opportunity for you to participate in a household hazardous waste day held during the month of August when some of these same types of products are accepted. Stay tuned for further details!

Other things you can do to help protect your drinking water supply will appear in future city newsletters. If you have questions, please contact Mark Sauer, Rice Public Works at: 320-393-2280.

The City of Rice reserves the right to correct/change any printing errors.



City of Rice

205 Main St E.
PO Box 179
Rice, MN 56367





Pet Licenses
2009/2010 Dog/Cat Licenses
****NOW AVAILABLE****

Bring along your pet(s) current rabies certificate and stop by Rice City Hall prior to May 1st, 2009 to register your pet(s).

License tags will not be mailed.

The annual license fees for each pet are:
\$10.00 for 6 months or younger, spayed female or neutered male and **\$15.00** for female not spayed and male not neutered.



To see this ordinance in its entirety go to www.cityofrice.com and click on ordinances.

Rice Cleanup Day



May 2nd, 2009
9am-1pm
Behind City Hall



Residents of the City of Rice and the townships of Graham, Langola, and Watab may deposit unwanted articles behind the City Hall. A small fee will be charged for appliances, electronics and tires. No chemicals or florescent bulbs will be accepted at this time.

Watch for more details on Channel 3.

Rice Compost Site

Opening April/May (Depending on Weather)

City residents/business owners can pickup their new compost sticker at Rice City Hall. There is a \$20.00 annual charge for all township residents. Stickers can also be purchased at the Compost site. This site is for grass, leaves and small branches. This site is located West of town, past the Field of Dreams addition on the gravel road.



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 More Information
 On Channel 3.**



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)
 Gary Groskreutz, Police Chief
 (320) 393-3280

Fire (Non-Emergency)
 Scott Janski, Fire Chief
 (320) 393-2180



We Need Your Help!

With all the snow we are getting this year - covered fire hydrants can become a problem. We are asking that homeowners with a fire hydrant in their yard clear the snow and make it accessible to us.

Sincere Thanks from the Rice Fire Dept.



Rice City Hall



-Closed-

Rice City Hall will be closed on the following days:

February 16th - Presidents Day
April 10th - Good Friday

WATER/SEWER LATE FEES

In the water/sewer billing process before your meter can be read for the month, the computer must process the late fees.

Therefore, your payment must be received no later than 9am on the 26th of the month to avoid a late fee. Thank You