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Hilltop Park

## When It Snows In Hopkins...

REMEMBER THESE RULES AND SAIL SMOOTHLY THROUGH WINTER

### 1 Move Your Car

To avoid being towed, remove your vehicle from City streets and parking lots as soon as a snow emergency is declared.

**Snow emergencies may be declared upon a two-inch snowfall.**

Call the Snow Line at 952-939-1399 for snow emergency announcements. To receive a message when a snow emergency is declared, visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/255/Emergency-Notification-System) to register your phone number for the Code Red Emergency Notification System.

During a snow emergency, parking restrictions remain in effect until streets are plowed curb to curb, and the parking lots and parking ramp are completely plowed.

If your vehicle is towed during a snow emergency, call Bobby & Steve's at 952-406-8111 to confirm the location of your vehicle. Vehicles are released only to the registered owners, so you will need to bring proof of ownership, proof of insurance and a valid driver's license to claim your vehicle. Payment is accepted by cash (exact change only) or credit card. The impound lot is located at 5100 Park Glen Rd., St. Louis Park. *Note: The City receives no money when cars are towed — all fees go to the towing company.*

### 2 Shovel The Sidewalk

As mandated by City ordinance, Hopkins residents are responsible for removing snow and ice from public sidewalks within 12 hours of a snowfall. This is necessary for the safety of all who use the sidewalks.

Remember, it is against the law

for individuals to plow, shovel, blow or place snow onto streets, alleys and boulevards.

### 3 Clear The Fire Hydrants

While the City tries to clean snow from fire hydrants as soon as possible after a snow, we could use your help. Please adopt a nearby fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow through the winter. Hydrants should be cleared five feet on each side to give the Fire Department the quickest and best access. 🍓

CALL THE SNOW LINE:  
**952-939-1399**

### DID YOU KNOW?

The City of Hopkins has 85 miles of streets and alleys, nine parking lots, eight municipal buildings with parking lots and sidewalks, and many more miles of public sidewalks and trails to maintain. It takes a minimum of seven hours to plow the city after a snowfall, and much more if the snowfall is six inches or greater. The day after a snowfall, efforts are largely dedicated to heavy snow removal from the Central Business District and Blake Road Corridor.

### HOW IS A SNOW EMERGENCY CALLED?

The City determines when to call snow emergencies based on a combination of the amount of snow falling and the time of day it falls. Snow emergencies are typically called before 6 p.m.

## Outdoor Ice Rinks Open December 15

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open Saturday, December 15, and will remain open until Monday, February 18. Rinks with warming houses are available for your enjoyment at six Hopkins park locations.



### Regular Open Hours

- Monday–Thursday: 4:30–9 p.m.
- Friday: 4:30–9:45 p.m.
- Saturday: Noon–9:45 p.m.
- Sunday: Noon–7 p.m.

Call the weather hotline at 952-939-8355 for conditions, closings and updates. **For extended holiday and winter break hours,** please visit [www.hopkinsmn.com/400/Ice-Skating-Rinks](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/400/Ice-Skating-Rinks). 🍓

## 2019 Parking Permits Now Available Online

2019 parking permits are now available for purchase online. To purchase a permit or find more information about parking in Downtown Hopkins, visit our website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/485/Downtown-Parking](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/485/Downtown-Parking). 🍓

## Street Banner Bags Make Perfect Gifts!

Hopkins street banner bags make great holiday gifts! Pick up a limited edition Hopkins street banner bag for yourself, your friends or family at Hopkins Public Works, 11100 Excelsior Blvd.

Small bags: \$15, Large bags: \$20. 🍓





## Upcoming at City Hall

### City Offices Closed

**Monday, December 24**  
Christmas Eve

**Tuesday, December 25**  
Christmas Day

**Monday, December 31** (just City Hall)  
City Hall Moving Day

**Tuesday, January 1**  
New Year's Day

### City Council Calendar

**Tuesday, December 4, 7:05 p.m.**  
Meeting

**Tuesday, December 11, 6:30 p.m.**  
Work Session

**Tuesday, December 18, 7 p.m.**  
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council). Watch City Council meetings live at [www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand).

### Boards and Commissions Calendar

**Tuesday, December 4, 7 p.m.**  
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

**Monday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.**  
Park Board

**Tuesday, December 18, 6:30 p.m.**  
Planning and Zoning Commission

Agendas and minutes found at [www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/346/Boards-Commissions).

### Meeting Broadcasts

Watch City Council and Zoning and Planning Commission meetings live on Cable Channel 16. Meetings are also replayed every day (except Tuesdays) at 7 p.m.; Thursdays at 2 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 p.m.

## Elected Officials

**Mayor:** Molly Cummings

### City Council:

Jason Gadd      Kristi Halverson  
Aaron Kuznia

## Ring In 2019 Dec. 27 at 11 a.m.

Senior adults are invited to toast the New Year at the Activity Center with hors d'oeuvres, games, dinner and more. \$10/\$9 members. To purchase tickets, call 952-939-1333.



## Services Move to Fire Station January 2

City Hall services will be moving to the Fire Station on January 2 as the City prepares for the renovation of City Hall. Limited meeting space will be available throughout the transition and some staff will be located at other facilities. Residents are asked to call ahead and make appointments for non-routine items.

The utility billing drop box will be moved to the red drop box on the south side of the fire station starting in January.

City Council, Park Board and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings will be held at the Fire Station after January 3.

More information about the project is available on the City's website at [www.hopkinsmn.com/883/City-Hall-Remodel](http://www.hopkinsmn.com/883/City-Hall-Remodel).

## Free Holiday Tree Pick-Up is January 7-10

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential garbage customers the week of January 7. Trees will be picked up on your garbage day, subject to change due to weather. Lay trees in the boulevard, parallel with the street, and at least five feet from overhead wires, trees, fences, garbage carts and parked cars. Trees must be free of all ornaments, plastic bags and metal. You do not need to call to schedule this service.

### TAKE NOTE: Garbage and Recycling Schedule

The City of Hopkins will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, for Christmas. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed Tuesday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday collection will be delayed one day.

**Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 10-13 and December 24-28.**

## Winter-Spring Recreation Registration Begins December 4

Registration for winter-spring recreation programs begins on Tuesday, December 4, at 8 a.m. Visit [eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure](http://eminnetonka.com/recreationbrochure) to check out the program options and choose from hundreds of activities. Registration can be completed online at [eminnetonka.com/register](http://eminnetonka.com/register) or by calling 952-939-8203 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In-person registration is available at the Glen Lake Activity Center, 14350 Excelsior Boulevard, in Minnetonka.

Minnetonka and Hopkins residents can request a hard copy of the brochure by calling 952-939-8203 or emailing [recservices@eminnetonka.com](mailto:recservices@eminnetonka.com). Non-residents who request a hard copy will be charged \$3.

## Is Your Home Ready for Winter?

Avoid wasting both money and energy and benefit from a more comfortable living space by scheduling a visit from the Home Energy Squad. Because of the City's partnership with HES, Hopkins residents pay only \$50 (normally \$100) for a visit from this team of trusted energy consultants. At the visit, they will:

- Perform a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks.
- Complete an insulation inspection.
- Safety check your home's heating system and water heater.
- Install energy saving materials (including door weather stripping, LED lightbulbs, high-efficiency showerheads and faucet aerators, water heater blankets and a programmable thermostat).

Upon completion of the inspection, homeowners receive a customized report that includes an efficiency score, a summary of the findings and specific recommendations for next steps. To schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today, call 651-328-6220 or visit [mncee.org/hes/hopkins](http://mncee.org/hes/hopkins).