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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 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 Road, 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.

Outdoor Ice Rinks Open December 14

Weather permitting, skating rinks will be open December 14 and will remain open until February 17. 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. 🍷

Water and Sanitary Sewer Rates

Increase January 1

In order to cover current operating costs and adequately fund capital projects, the City Council adopted rate increases. The new rates are effective on January 1 and will first appear on utility bills received in February. An annual state mandated State Health Fee also increases in 2020. All funds collected are remitted back to the state. Storm sewer, refuse and recycling fees remain the same. To view the rate increases, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/493/Fees-on-Your-Utility-Bill. 🍷

2020 Parking

Permits Now

Available Online

2020 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. 🍷



Upcoming at the City

City Offices Closed

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1
New Year's Day

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, December 3, 7:05 p.m.
Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 p.m.
Work Session

Tuesday, December 17, 7 p.m.
Meeting

Find agendas and minutes at www.hopkinsmn.com/343/City-Council. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/349/Watch-Meetings-Live-On-Demand.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, December 3, 7 p.m.
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, December 16, 6:30 p.m.
Park Board

Tuesday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission

Find agendas and minutes at 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
Jason Gadd

City Council
Rick Brausen
Kristi Halverson
Brian Hunke
Aaron Kuznia



Holiday Tree Pick-Up is January 6-9

Holiday trees will be picked up curbside, free of charge for Hopkins residential garbage customers the week of January 6. Trees will be picked up on your garbage day, subject to change due to the 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 Wednesday, December 25, for Christmas. Wednesday and Thursday garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day. The City will also be closed Wednesday, January 1, for New Year's Day. Wednesday and Thursday garbage collection will be delayed one day.

Recycling collection will be the weeks of December 9-12 and December 23-27. ♻️

Winter-Spring Recreation Registration Begins December 3

Registration for winter-spring recreation programs begins on Tuesday, December 3, at 8 a.m. Visit minnetonkamn.gov/recreationbrochure to check out the program options and choose from hundreds of activities. Registration can be completed online at minnetonkamn.gov/register or by calling 952-939-8203 Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. In-person registration is available at Minnetonka City Hall, 14600 Minnetonka Boulevard.

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

"Count Your Blessings" at the Arts Center

'Minnesota's first family of Music' and Minnesota Music Hall of Fame Honorees will be performing their annual Peterson Holiday Christmas Show "Count your Blessings" on Saturday, December 14, at the Hopkins Center for the Arts. Collectively, the family has 100 gold and platinum records. A social hour will be held at 7 p.m., with the concert beginning at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$25 - \$39. Purchase tickets and find more information about concerts at the Arts Center at www.hopkinsartscenter.com/222/Concerts.



This Winter at the Hopkins Activity Center

BUILDING CLOSED DECEMBER 20-JANUARY 5

Bathroom renovations are being completed at the Hopkins Activity Center from December 20 through January 5. Please note that the building will be closed during the renovation project. Regular programming will resume on Monday, January 6.

NEW! BALANCE AND YOGA CLASS ON THURSDAYS IN DECEMBER

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19, at 10:10-11:10 a.m.

Come try out the newest fitness opportunity at the Hopkins Activity Center - Balance and Yoga Class. Instructor Patty will lead you through gentle stretching exercises that help improve balance and posture, center breath, and still the mind. Some equipment available. Try your first class free. Class fee is \$4 members, \$5 others.

Street Banner Bags Make Perfect Holiday 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 Boulevard. Small bags: \$15, Large bags: \$20. 🍷