

Hopkins Highlights

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Clean Up Your Lawn During Free Yard Waste & Brush Pick Up

Free Yard Waste Pick-up
April 27–May 7

YARD WASTE will be collected for free on your regular refuse day from April 27–May 7. **You do not need to call to schedule this pick up.** Yard waste is defined as leaves with twig stems no longer than 4 inches, grass clippings and similar garden waste.

- Place bagged yard waste at the normal refuse collection site at least 4 feet away from your refuse and recycling containers.
- You must use compostable bags.

After May 7, bags will be collected on Thursdays and must display yard waste stickers, available to purchase at City Hall or the Public Works building. To schedule a yard waste pick up after May 7, call 952-939-1382 before 2 pm on Wednesday.

For more information, call 952-939-1382 or visit www.hopkinsmn.com/home/yard/waste/. Both free pick-ups are provided only for residential refuse customers and only for yard waste and brush generated on Hopkins residential properties. 🍓

Free Brush Pick up
April 20–30

BRUSH will be picked up for free on your regular refuse day from April 20–30. **You do not need to call to schedule this pick up.** Brush is defined as tree limbs, twigs and branches up to a maximum of 6 inches in diameter and 15 feet in length.

- Stack brush in a neat pile on the boulevard, NOT in the street (NO alley pick-up)—butt ends all one way, parallel to the street.
- Keep brush at least 5 feet away from overhead wires, fences, refuse containers, parked cars, etc.
- DO NOT put brush in refuse container.

After April 30, brush will be collected on Tuesdays, weather permitting. To schedule a brush pick-up after April 30, call 952-939-1382 before 2 pm on Monday. Fees apply.

Time to Step To It!

Register today for this May challenge!

Do you want a fun and easy way to get in shape this spring? Sign up for the four-week Step To It Challenge from May 3–May 30 and get moving again after a cold winter.



Over 20 communities will compete to see which one has the most active residents. Participants have a chance to be honored by Hennepin County and the Minnesota Twins at a Twins home game during the 2015 season.

How does it work?

As a Step To It participant, you keep an ongoing total of the steps you take during the challenge. You can use the activity conversion chart at www.steptoit.org to count steps from activities such as biking, skateboarding, Tai Chi, or even just mowing the lawn. Record your steps online, or your step total can be called in or faxed. Best of all, it's FREE!

Go to the Step To It Challenge website (www.steptoit.org) to sign up. 🍓



ADOPT A PARK OR TRAIL

The City of Hopkins is looking for individuals or groups who will help care for our neighborhood parks and trails. These individuals or groups will commit to picking up litter in the park or trail of their choice a minimum of one time a month.

The City will provide the bags and disposal services, as well as a posted sign in the park or on the trail, recognizing the individual or group. Contact Public Works at 952-939-1382 for more information. 🍓

Yard Waste & Brush Drop Off Site Opens April 11

The drop-off location at 3100 Hopkins Crossroad will open Saturday, April 11, weather permitting, and remain open Mondays and Wednesdays, 2–7 pm, and Saturdays, 9 am–3 pm. The site is one block north of the Hopkins Crossroad & Minnetonka Blvd intersection (only driveway on west side of Hopkins Crossroad).

Only brush and yard waste generated by Hopkins residential properties will be accepted. Driver's licenses will be checked to ensure residency requirements. Residents must unload/debag their materials at the site. Branches must be no longer than 15 feet and no wider than 6 inches in diameter. 🍓





Upcoming at City Hall

City Council Calendar

Tuesday, April 7, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 pm
Work Session

Tuesday, April 21, 7 pm
Meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 7:05 pm
Meeting

Agendas and minutes can be found at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/meetings/. Watch City Council meetings live at www.hopkinsmn.com/council/video/.

Boards and Commissions Calendar

Tuesday, April 7, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Monday, April 20, 6:30 pm
Park Board

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 pm
Zoning and Planning Commission

Tuesday, May 5, 7 pm
Housing and Redevelopment Authority

Agendas and minutes found at www.hopkinsmn.com/boards/.

Meeting Broadcasts

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

Elected Officials

Mayor
Eugene Maxwell (952-935-5270)

City Council
Molly Cummings
Jason Gadd
Kristi Halverson
Aaron Kuznia



GET RID OF IT! Clean Up Your House During Bulk Item Drop Off May 1-2

Broken grill taking up space in the garage? Old microwave in the basement you need to toss? Twice a year the City offers a bulk drop-off service for Hopkins residential refuse customers only. For a \$15 fee you can drop off one appliance and up to 3 cubic yards worth of trash (the equivalent of one pick-up truck load). Additional appliances are \$20 each.

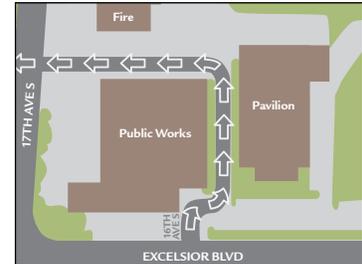
2015 Bulk Item Drop Off

- **Friday, May 1, 3-7 pm**
- **Saturday, May 2, 9 am-4 pm**

Drop-Off Site: 11100 Excelsior Blvd (Public Works)

Guidelines

- A valid Minnesota ID or current paid utility bill must be shown for eligibility.
- Each eligible residence is allowed disposal of 3 cubic yards of material, equivalent of one pick-up truck load.
- \$15 fee per vehicle depositing material at drop-off site. This includes first recyclable appliance. \$20 fee for each additional recyclable appliance. Fees will be placed on your utility bill.
- Residents must separate materials into the proper areas at the site. Construction and metal materials and appliances will be separated/recycled.
- Small engines and lawn mowers must have fluids removed. Caps, drain plugs and wheels must be removed prior to deposit at the drop-off site.
- Electronics and concrete products will be accepted. (Concrete products containing steel will not be accepted.)
- Items not accepted include: tires, waste oil, car parts, fluorescent bulbs, paint products, gas refrigerators, car batteries, metal barrels/drums, and hazardous waste. (Hazardous wastes must be taken to the Hennepin County Transfer Station. Call 612-348-3777 for more information.)



Traffic drop-off route for disposal

TAKE NOTE: Refuse and Recycling Schedule

Recycling collection weeks this month are April 6-9 and April 20-23. Recycling is picked up the same day as your refuse collection. ♻️

Water Gurgling?

It's Spring Cleaning Time for City's Sanitary Sewers

The City of Hopkins cleans the sanitary sewers on a three-year revolving schedule. **The area to be cleaned in 2015 is located east of 5th Ave to Texas Ave; Highway 7 to St. Albans Rd; and Hopkins Crossroad to Edgemoor Dr.**

The high-pressure water used to clean the sewers may affect your home's sanitary sewer plumbing. You may experience gurgling water in your toilet bowl or smell sewer gas from your basement floor drains. If this occurs, flush your toilet and pour water into your floor drains. This does not damage your sewer system.

In some instances the crew will need to draw water off of a fire hydrant which could cause discoloration of your water. If your home is located within the sewer cleaning area, check your water before doing laundry. For more info, visit www.hopkinsmn.com/services/water/cleaning.php.

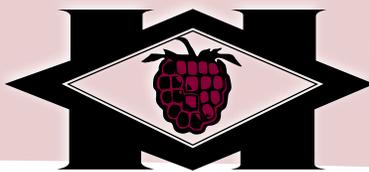
License Your Dog

Licenses are inexpensive, easy to get, and good for your dog. If your dog is lost, a City license helps to locate the owners.

The City of Hopkins requires that your dog have a license as soon as it is six months old. Proof of spaying or neutering, a rabies tag number, and an expiration date of a rabies tag must be shown before a license is issued. 🐾

COMPOST BINS + RAIN BARRELS FOR SALE

Call Public Works at 952-939-1382 to order a compost bin (\$59) or rain barrel (\$74.01). Payment (cash or personal check only) will be collected at time of pick up. 🍓



Hopkins Highlights EXTRA



Don't Wait Until Next Winter to Start Saving Money and Energy

Learn how to improve your home's energy efficiency with a visit from the Home Energy Squad Enhanced

Over 100 Hopkins households are enjoying increased comfort and energy savings in their homes thanks to Home Energy Squad Enhanced. Even though winter is (hopefully) behind us, now is a great time to join them and get the benefit from energy efficiency year round. By making your home more efficient you avoid wasting money and energy. Why not be more comfortable and keep money in your pocket?

A Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit is a great way to learn more about your home's energy efficiency. **As a partner city in the program, the City of Hopkins makes it easy by offering the visit at a reduced price of \$50.**

During the two-hour Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit, a team of trusted energy consultants will assess your home's energy efficiency. This will include a blower door test to measure your home for air leaks, an insulation inspection, a safety check of your heating system and water heater, and the installation of energy saving materials. The installed materials help you start saving right away and may include door weather stripping, compact florescent light bulbs, high efficiency showerheads, faucet aerators, a programmable thermostat, and more.

At the end of the visit participants will receive an Energy Fitness Report that includes a prioritized list of energy improvements and your personalized Home Energy Score. A score of 96 or higher out of 100 qualifies your home for an Energy Fit Home Certificate, which is a new certificate for measuring the energy efficiency of existing homes. At his home energy visit, Hopkins Fire Chief Dale Specken received a certificate since his home scored a 100!

To schedule your Home Energy Squad Enhanced visit today call Beth at 612-335-5874 or visit mncee.org/hes-hopkins.



Home Energy Squad Enhanced is brought you by CenterPoint Energy and Xcel Energy and delivered by the Center for Energy and Environment (CEE), a Minneapolis nonprofit.



At the end of the visit participants will receive an Energy Fitness Report that includes a prioritized list of energy improvements, pointing to hundreds of potential dollars of savings in the future—all for an initial investment of \$50.

“ I knew we'd taken basic measures through the years to make our home more efficient, but was honestly a little surprised that we qualified for the Energy Fit Home certificate at the time of our visit. We don't plan on selling the house anytime soon, but I could see how someone who was might be interested in having this certificate. It would make a great selling point to a potential buyer. ”

—Dale Specken, Hopkins Fire Chief





Download The New & Improved Think Hopkins App

The City of Hopkins is excited to announce the launch of its new and improved Think Hopkins smartphone app.

This new community app is available as a free download for both Android and Apple phones in their respective app stores.

FOUR REASONS TO USE THE NEW APP:



1. Know What's Happening In Hopkins

The cornerstone of the Think Hopkins App will be its **event calendar**. There are tons of activities going on every day in Hopkins, and with the new app, all of this information will be available right on your smart phone.

The community app will be the go-to place for everything that is going on in the Hopkins community—including Hopkins schools, sports groups, non-profit organizations, businesses, and City events.



2. Support Your Community

The app is more than just a website or an event calendar. Interactive features will provide you the opportunity to **take a poll** on places you have just visited, and then **post your satisfaction on your Facebook page**. If you attend a phenomenal Music in the Park concert in Downtown Park, for example, you will be able to tell your Facebook friends about it in a matter of seconds. Through social media, Hopkins residents can become the community's biggest supporters.



3. Communicate with the City

The Think Hopkins app will also simplify communication with the City through the new **issue reporting tool**. With a few taps of your finger you can report issues such as potholes, road debris, malfunctioning traffic lights and more. The issues that are reported will be immediately sent to the proper City staff to be scheduled for resolution. Think Hopkins app users will also have easy access to direct contact information for all City staff and elected officials.

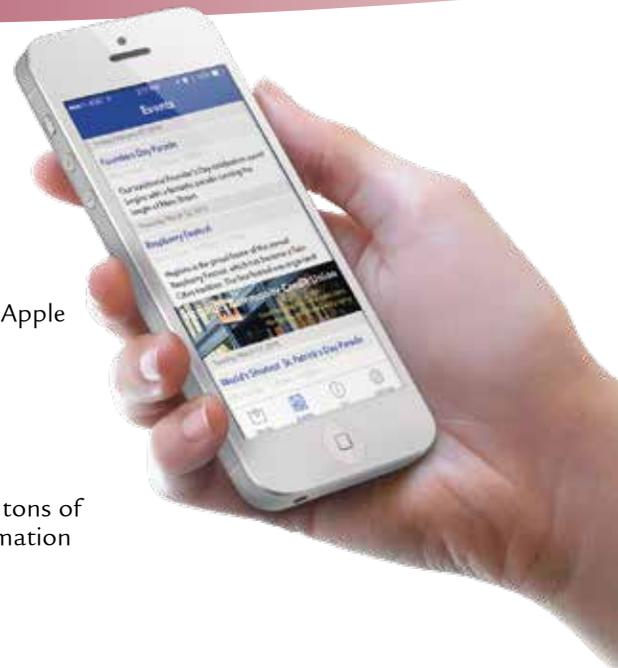


4. Shop Local and Save with App-Only Promotions

The interactive poll feature can work with places of business as well, giving you the option to provide instant feedback on services received or products purchased. To work, businesses pay a monthly subscription fee and a beacon is mounted near the door of the business. Then if you have location services enabled for the app and are nearby, the beacon can send a message to your phone to **invite you into the store or business**. The invitation is typically in the form of a coupon or special promotion happening in the store at that specific time.

When you leave a store, the store's beacon can also send a poll to rate your experience, which the business will then be able to share on Facebook if they desire.

Using the new and improved Think Hopkins app, you will have quick access to businesses, City government, and all community events. This app will make it even easier to "Think Hopkins." 🍷



DOWNLOAD THE APP

Scan the QR code below using the QR scanner on your smartphone.



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Go to the app store on your iPhone or Android phone and search "Think Hopkins."