



*City of Mountain Lake &
Mountain Lake Municipal
Utilities Newsletter*

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City Hall Hours

9AM — 4PM
Monday — Friday
24 Hour Drop Box

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Daylight Saving Time
starts on March 13.



Make sure to turn your
clocks ahead 1 hour!

St. Patrick's Day is on
March 17th!



Did you know?

Historians generally believe that St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, was born in Britain (not Ireland) near the end of the 4th century. At age 16 he was kidnapped by Irish raiders and sold as a slave to a Celtic priest in Northern Ireland. After toiling for six years as a shepherd, he escaped back to Britain. He eventually returned to Ireland as a Christian missionary. He often used shamrocks to explain the Holy Trinity and entire kingdoms were eventually converted to Christianity after hearing Patrick's message.

Are you interested
in receiving your
Utility Bill via
Email?

The Mountain Lake Utilities will be compiling a list of anyone who is interested in receiving a utility bill via email instead of it being mailed.

Note: If interested, please notify Jill Falk and provide your name or account number with your email address.

At this moment, we are only making a list of people who are interested in an email bill instead of mail, if there are enough people interested, then we could proceed with email billing for those interested.

FOR MORE INFORMATION stop by City Hall or call 507-427-2999 Ext. 8 or e-mail Jill Falk Utilities Office Manager at jfalk@mountainlakemn.com

Mountain Lake Events & Activities

Visit our website, www.mountainlakemn.com, to view all city council, commission, and board meeting dates and times along with any other community activities taking place in Mountain Lake. The main calendar is on the bottom of the home page.



Mountain Lake Community Center

Planning an event this year? The Mountain Lake Community Center is available to rent and takes reservations on a first-come, first-serve basis. Rental cost is \$150 for the whole day and damage deposit is \$150 (returned if everything is returned as you found it). Please note the city must follow state guidance or any current governor executive orders. Using the community center and having an event is at your own risk. Visit our website to view pictures, current information, and how to make a reservation.



CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE BUILDING PERMITS

What's a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawing and specifications.

What good does a permit do?

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the city or the state, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners.

When do I need a permit?

Permits are required for:

- ⇒ Shingling and roofing
- ⇒ Siding
- ⇒ New house
- ⇒ Any new additions
- ⇒ Egress windows
- ⇒ Fences
- ⇒ Decks
- ⇒ Mechanical items (furnace, air conditioner, rooftop unit, fire place, etc.)
- ⇒ Plumbing items (adding new fixtures or changing piping)
- ⇒ Attached or detached garages
- ⇒ All commercial work
- ⇒ Moving buildings onto property lot (house, shed, garage, etc.)
- ⇒ Any exterior structural change to a building including changing door or window size or location
- ⇒ Any interior remodeling that includes moving walls, sheetrock, insulation, plumbing, finishing basements (tiling or water proofing), etc.
- ⇒ Storage sheds or buildings 200 square feet or larger (under 200 sq feet only requires a zoning permit)

Permits are not required for:

- ⇒ Garage doors
- ⇒ Replacing same size windows or doors
- ⇒ Painting, papering, and similar finish work
- ⇒ Swapping in new sinks, toilets, bathtubs (no changes to piping)

Type of Permit	Permit Fee
Siding/Shingles	\$45
Fence	\$25
Mechanical	\$15
Deck	\$15
Building (interior remodel, detached garage, additions, porches, egress windows)	Based on evaluation.
Moving Permit	Actual Costs

How do I begin the permit process?

Permit documents can be picked up at City Hall or viewed on the city's website. Return the permit and any other required documents to City Hall. Once approved by city staff and the city's building inspector, work can begin. Please call City Hall or the building inspector directly to schedule needed inspections or a final inspection. If a project is not inspected, the permit remains open leading to potential hazards, unsafe construction, or potential property insurer issues. Beginning a project without a valid permit could lead to a fine twice the permit cost. For any questions, please contact the city administrator at 507-427-2999 x1.

