



*City of Mountain Lake &
Mountain Lake Municipal
Utilities Newsletter
March 2026*



City Hall Hours

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

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Daylight Saving Time
starts on March 8.



Make sure to turn your
clocks ahead 1 hour!

**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 \$200 for the whole day and damage deposit is \$200 (returned if everything is returned as you found it). Visit our website to view pictures, current information, and how to make a reservation.



Federated Broadband Coming To Mountain Lake!

Federated Rural Electric & Broadband is expanding their next-generation fiber optic internet network to the city of Mountain Lake. To bring fiber directly to homes and businesses, they need property owners' permission to install a fiber line from the property line to the building. The install involves minimal ground work and there is no cost to you during this buildout.

Once activated, residents will have access to fast, reliable gig-speed internet—perfect for remote work and school, telehealth, streaming, and improved phone service options. These speeds and prices are comparable to larger metro areas while being locally owned and operated by your cooperative.

Even if you're unsure about subscribing, allowing the fiber to be brought up to your residence now helps bring broadband to the community and can increase your property value.

If you're interested, please complete the construction consent form that was mailed to you and return it by mail, email, in person, or online at www.federatedbroadband.coop.

Questions? Call 507-847-3520, option 2 or 833-847-8001.

Your participation helps bring high-quality broadband to Mountain Lake—thank you for supporting your local co-op!



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.



Service Disruption

Power outage or a water/sewer disruption at your home or business during normal business hours? If during business hours (8:00AM - 4:30PM) call the Utilities Office Manager at 507-427-2999 ext.8. If there is not an immediate answer, leave a voicemail and call Cottonwood County Dispatch at 507-831-1957 to report your outage or disruption.

Power outage or a water/sewer disruption at your home or business after normal business hours? If out of normal business hours (business hours are 8:00AM - 4:30PM), please call Cottonwood County Dispatch at 507-831-1957 to report your outage or disruption. There is no utility staff present at city hall out of business hours.

For emergency situations (such as a fire, live wires on the ground, etc.),

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)

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.

