

City of Mountain Lake & Mountain Lake Municipal
Utilities Newsletter

UTILITIES SECTION

October 2021

#### **City Hall Hours**

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

#### **City of Mountain Lake**

Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities 930 Third Ave – Drawer C

930 Third Ave – Drawer C Mountain Lake, Minnesota 56159



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City of Mountain Lake, MN

### City Burn Site—Open Until Winter

#### **Allowed Materials**

- Trees
- Tree Branches
- Brush
- Grass Clippings
- Leaves



#### **Banned Materials**

- Dimensional Lumber
- Old Windows
- Old lumber
- Roof materials
- Plastics Plastics
- Masonry or concrete
- Metals
- Pressed wood
- Garbage bags & recycling

#### **Annual Notice to All Customers – Minnesota Cold Weather Rule**

The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule is designed to protect people who may have trouble paying their utility bills in winter. The Minnesota Cold Weather Rule applies from October 1 to April 30. The rule, established by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, means that Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities cannot disconnect a customer's residential electric service during the winter IF THE CUSTOMER MEETS THE FOLLOW-ING REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Utility disconnection would affect the customer's primary heat source;
- 2. The customer has declared an inability to pay on forms provided by the utility. (Note: Customers receiving any form of public assistance including energy assistance are deemed to have qualified for Inability to pay status);
- 3. The household income of the customer is less than 50 percent of the state median income level as documented by the customer to the utility; and
- 4. The customer enters into and makes reasonably timed payments under a payment agreement that considers the financial resources of the household.

If you have trouble paying your utility bills, local agencies may be able to provide payment assistance. The MN Department of Human Services recommends contacting Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services, 1-507-831-1891 or United Community Action Partnership 1-800-992-1710.

If you know you are going to have trouble paying your utility bills, please visit city hall or contact Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities at 507-427-2999 Ext. 6 before a bill is due to complete a partial payment request form. For more information visit: https://mn.gov/puc/consumers/help/shut-off-protection/













# It's Hunting Season When walking the Mountain Lake Trail—please wear Blaze Orange For your safety and that of the hunters.



Congress created an Emergency Water
Assistance program in response to COVID-19 pandemic.
Minnesota received \$ 14,666,970.00

Water assistance can make payments to Mountain Lake Utilities on behalf of eligible residential customers. Can be used to pay past due and current water and wastewater usage charges, fees, and deposits to ensure continuity of service. Per Federal requirements, water assistance benefits are prioritized for eligible residential customers in this order: Currently disconnected from water or wastewater services. With a pending water or wastewater disconnection. With a past due water or

wastewater bill. Application forms are available at United Community Action Partnership or at City Hall.



Leaf burning is allowed from September 15th until December 1st.

Make sure you are present when the leaves are burning and there is little or no wind. It makes your neighbors happy!



## PUBLIC MEETING October 5, 2021

# 5:00 pm at the Mountain Lake High School Auditorium

Violent Critical Incident Training

Learn about the active shooter training that is being taught and implemented in our area schools, businesses and other organizations. While using A.L.C.E. training this presentation will provide information on the Run-Hide-Fight model that is recommended for violent critical incidents. Hosted by Officer Pohlmann of the Mountain Lake Police Department. You are encouraged to sign up a at City Hall or on the