

# ~ things happening at City Hall ~

## HAZARD WASTE DROP OFF REMINDER

Goodhue County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule 2025		
Kenyon		
Tuesday, May 6	Goodhue Co. Shop 1005 Hwy 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, May 20	Wanamingo Casey's - Hwy. 60	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, June 24	Zumbrota Park N Ride Parking lot	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 8	Pine Island Pine Island High School	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 15	Goodhue Community Center	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday, July 29	Cannon Falls Lake Bylesby Park	2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

COMPLETE HHW INFO ONLINE: [goodhuecountymn.gov](http://goodhuecountymn.gov)  
HHW HOTLINE: 651-385-3107

We will NO LONGER be collecting Fluorescent Bulbs at the Hazardous Waste Collections. The Goodhue County Recycling Center accepts fluorescent bulbs Monday-Friday, year-round. We are very sorry for the inconvenience.

A Household Hazardous Waste drop-off is available at the Goodhue County Recycling Center in Red Wing, from the first Monday in May through the last Friday in October. Hours of operation for the drop-off will be Monday through Friday (except holidays), from 8am until 3pm. Please utilize the drop-off as much as possible in order to prevent large crowds at the collection events listed above. There is a 10 gallon per person per day limit at the Red Wing drop-off. Thank you for your cooperation.

The Goodhue County Recycling Center is located at 3745 Highway 61 N in Red Wing (across Highway 61 from the Red Wing Shoe Factory).

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Do's and Don'ts

#### DO BRING:

- Paint/Stain/Thinner Etc.-**  
Bring unusable paint products to the collection.
- Pesticides/Herbicides (Non-Agricultural, Non-Commercial Grade) -**  
Products designed to kill weeds, bugs, rodents, mold and fungus.
- Automotive Products-**  
Bad gas, cleaners, anti-freeze, fuels, grease, lead-acid batteries.
- Household Products-**  
Drain opener, strong cleaners, spot removers, adhesives, acids & bases.
- Exotic Batteries-**  
Ni-Cad rechargeable, Button, Lithium, Mercury, other unusual batteries.
- Mercury Devices-**  
Thermometers, thermostats, mercury switches.
- Aerosol Cans-**  
Partial or plugged pressurized spray cans of all types. Empty, depressurized cans can be disposed of in trash.

Please limit quantities to 10 gallons per person per event, as space is limited at collections.

#### DO NOT BRING:

- Business or Agricultural Hazardous Wastes-**  
Business wastes will be refused. Businesses should contact the Olmsted County Hazardous Waste Facility at 507-328-7078.
- Electronics-**  
City of Red Wing Waste Campus 651-385-3658
- Prescription Drugs-**  
Contact: Goodhue County Law Enforcement Center 651-385-3155
- Empty Containers-**  
If a container is empty and dry, it is no longer hazardous. Recycle or dispose of in trash.
- Fluorescent Tubes-**  
Bring them to the Goodhue County Recycling Center.
- Non-Hazardous Products-**  
Soaps, regular light bulbs, broken glass or ceramics, recyclables, trash.
- Waste Oil, Oil Filters-**  
Engine oils and filters can be recycled through local sources.
- Medical Wastes/Sharps-**  
Contact your local clinic or hospital for disposal information.
- Explosives and Ammunition-**  
Contact local law enforcement on their non-emergency number.
- Appliances-** No appliances.
- Solar Panels-** No solar panels.

For safety, place waste products in a box when transporting  
Questions? Call the HHW Hotline: (651) 385-3107  
We will no longer collect Fluorescent Bulbs at the HHW Collections

## ATVs DRIVING ON YARDS

We have been receiving calls on ATVs/Golf Carts driving across private property, using private property as a short cut. Unless you have permission from the property owner, this is not allowed. If you are observed by Goodhue County Sheriff's Department, you could be stopped. **Per our ordinance:**

*Motorized golf carts and ATVs shall only be operated on city owned streets, alleys, and county roads or county state-aid highways located within the boundaries of the city.*

## CITY WIDE CLEAN UP DAY

We are looking at a day in September for city-wide clean up. Details will be coming soon on what is accepted and not and what the cost will be to participate. **Hazardous waste items listed above will NOT be accepted in our city-wide cleanup.**

# ISSUES WITH GARBAGE PICKUP?

If you have questions or issues with your weekly garbage pickup, please contact City Hall. We will contact Waste Management directly.

## NORTH ZUMBRO SANITARY SEWER DISTRICT UPDATE

While the State Legislature did not allocate funding for our sewer project, we are pleased that we are still in consideration for receiving federal funding support. Importantly, this development does **not** deter progress toward establishing the joint sewer district.

Participating in the **North Zumbro Sewer and Sanitation District (NZSSD)** remains the most cost-effective and sustainable option for our community. To illustrate:

- **Going independently** would cost approximately **\$18-\$20 million** for construction and infrastructure.
- By contrast, **joining the NZSSD with bonding** reduces that cost to about **\$4 million, \$10 million without bonding funds**.
- **The NZSSD will serve as the issuer and bearer of any bonds obtained to finance the construction** of this project. At this time, the City of Goodhue is not in a financial position to assume any additional bond payment obligations.

The cost savings extend well beyond initial construction:

- Approximate annual **operating costs alone** would be around **\$210,000** if we went on our own.
- Within the NZSSD, these preliminary costs are projected to be **\$87,000** annually.

We remain fully committed to this collaborative solution, which offers long-term savings and shared benefits for our community. For more information on this, go to <https://northzumbro.com/>

## CALL BEFORE YOU DIG - WHAT IS 811?

811 is the national call-before-you-dig phone number. Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or go to <https://www.gopherstateonecall.org/> a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

811 protects you and your community! Hitting a buried line while digging can disrupt utility service, cost money to repair, or cause serious injury or death. Always contact your 811 center, wait the required time for utilities to respond to your request, and ensure that all utilities have responded to your request before putting a shovel in the ground. This is not only part of the building permit process for buildings, but also should be part of the installation of fences for footings.

**FYI - BUILDING PERMIT VIOLATION** (no permit obtained prior to work performed) - \$85 or Double Permit Fee/whichever is greater.

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