



City Newsletter • December 2019

**LILYDALE CITY HALL**

1011 Sibley Memorial Hwy.  
Lilydale, MN 55118  
Phone: 651-457-2316  
Hours: M-F 9:00 am - 4:30 pm  
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**CITY COUNCIL**

Warren Peterson, *Mayor*  
John Diehl  
Lyle Hanzal  
Bill Kleinman  
Anita Pampusch

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

John Diehl, *Council Representative*  
Jerry Friedmann, *Chairperson*  
Brian Folkman  
Roxanne Sands  
Tom Sutton  
Tom Swain

*City council meetings are held the second Monday of every month at 4:30 pm at city hall.*

*The planning commission meets as needed.*

**BUILDING INSPECTIONS**

Mike Andrejka, *Building Official*  
For inspections call 612-597-9667.  
[www.lilydale.govoffice.com](http://www.lilydale.govoffice.com)

**Notary service is available at city hall during office hours Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 4:30 pm**

**2020 Budget and Levy**

Following a public budget meeting on December 9, 2019, the Lilydale City Council approved a final budget of \$626,415 and property tax levy of \$542,490. The levy is a 3.53% increase from 2019. Increases to police and fire expenses account for the rise. The complete budget is available on the City of Lilydale’s website at [www.lilydale.govoffice.com](http://www.lilydale.govoffice.com), or by calling city hall at (651) 457-2316.

**Representative Rick Hansen Receives Honor**

Representing District 52A at the state legislature, including the City of Lilydale, Representative Rick Hansen was selected as a League of Minnesota Cities Legislator of Distinction for 2019. League staff cited his accessibility and consultation on legislation impacting cities, notably environmental issues. Lilydale Mayor Warren Peterson and Councilmembers acknowledged Representative Hansen’s diligence and effectiveness in securing state financial assistance to defray the extraordinary costs of Lilydale’s storm sewer upgrade. Congratulations to Representative Hansen on receiving this honor.

**Elections in 2020**

Presidential Nomination Primary  
Tuesday, March 3

Primary Election  
Tuesday, August 11

General Election  
Tuesday, November 3



Lilydale residents vote at Lilydale city hall on election day, 7 am – 8 pm. Absentee voting will be available at both Dakota County service centers (West St. Paul and Apple Valley), and the County government center in Hastings. You can also request an absentee ballot online at [www.mnvotes.org](http://www.mnvotes.org). Absentee voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary begins on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Do you have confidential documents to shred?**

Lilydale residents may bring documents that need to be shred to city hall for proper disposal Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Residents can drop their confidential documents into a locked security console located inside city hall. The security console remains locked until it is emptied into a shredding truck at a later date.

There is no charge for this service. Due to limited capacity, there is a one box limit.

**WHAT TO SHRED**

- Check Stubs
- Old Bills
- Banking and Loan Information
- Medical Records
- Tax Records
- Investment Records
- Documents with Social Security Numbers

Please remove 3-ring binders, binder clips, or metal tabs on file folders.



## Wasted food: eat what you buy

When we throw food in the trash or even compost pile, we're wasting much more than food—we waste the water, energy, labor and land used to grow and transport it. About 25 percent of our nation's fresh water is used to grow food that is uneaten.

Once you've made a plan for the upcoming week's meal, the grocery store is your next stop. Here's where your planning will help you save time and money. No more wandering down every aisle in case you forgot something.

Follow these tips to make grocery shopping painless and worthwhile:

- Before you head out, make a list of the ingredients needed for your meals and the staples that you know you need for the week. Research has shown that shoppers who use and stick to lists have lower grocery bills and make fewer shopping trips.
- Check your pantry, fridge and freezer to see if you already have items on your list.
- Buy loose fruits and vegetables and only buy what is needed. Extra tip: Did you know you can get cabbages chopped in half at the deli counter?
- Beware of deals or buy-one-get-one discounts. If you won't use all of those potatoes, it really isn't a deal.
- Use the bulk bins for small amounts of spices, nuts, grains and other dry goods especially when trying out a new spice or recipe.
- Ignore "sell by" and "use by" dates. They have nothing to do with safety.

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## All wrapped up

A gift doesn't seem complete until it's wrapped up with a bow. Colorful and festive wrapping paper adds to our enjoyment, but also adds to our landfills. Wrapping paper is often dyed and laminated which can cause problems for recycling. Reconsider traditional wrappings and have fun with creative options.

- **Opt for bags.** Start a new family tradition of using gift bags over and over. Choose bags that use simple colors and designs so you can use them anytime of the year.
- **Buy recyclable gift wrap.** Avoid buying paper with metallic coloring, glitter and paper that is really thin. Choose Kraft paper for unique, very recyclable and inexpensive wrapping paper. Get inspired by Pinterest to see how you can make your Kraft paper stand out.
- **Be creative.** Have your wrapping paper reflect the gift or the person getting it with maps, calendars, blueprints or music sheets—all of which are recyclable after the present is opened.
- **Skip the paper.** Use containers and wrapping that are a part of the gift such as baskets, scarves, towels, decorated mason jars and tins.
- **Reuse what you can.** Save bows, ribbon and tissue paper to use year after year.

The infographic is split into two vertical panels. The left panel has a red background with white text and a blue recycling bin at the bottom. The right panel has a black background with white text and a black trash bin at the bottom. Both panels feature snowflake icons.

**Holiday Nice**

Put these **IN** your recycle cart

- Cardboard boxes – flatten
- Gift boxes
- Cards & envelopes
- Catalogs & magazines
- Paper cartons
- Bottles
- Metal cans

#RecycletheHolidays

**Holiday Naughty**

Keep these **OUT** of your recycle cart

- Stringed lights
- Garland & tinsel
- Plastic bags & utensils
- Batteries
- Bubble wrap & plastic air pillows
- Electronics
- Artificial trees
- Wrapping paper
- Ribbons & bows
- Tissue paper

Know where it goes at [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search Green Guide.