**Beat the Peak**

The City of Lake Crystal and Lake Crystal Municipal Utilities (LCMU) have teamed up in an attempt to reduce energy costs and consumption rates for customers in the LCMU service area in what is known as the “Beat the Peak” program.

Beat the Peak involves what is called “Load Management”. When periods of peak energy demand occur, load management is used to reduce the demand and lower the cost of purchased power to the community. This is achieved by LCMU installing a FREE load management switch on customer central air conditioners, electric water heaters, electric heat strip, and/or heat pump. During periods of high demand for power, radio signals cycle the controlled units off for no more than a few minutes – few participants are even aware when the appliances are cycling, but all participants notice the savings on their electric bills.

As part of the effort to save energy and money, LCMU is conducting the Beat the Peak Competition (the “Competition”) from May 30, 2016 – September 5, 2016. The Competition is a voluntary program with no associated costs for participants. Those who score the most points win cash prizes or can opt to receive their winnings in the form of credit on their monthly utility bill!

If you would like to sign up for Beat the Peak or would simply like more information on Beat the Peak/Load Management, please call City Administrator, Taylor Gronau, at (507) 726-2538 today!

City of Lake Crystal/LCMU staff will be knocking on residential doors throughout April and May to provide more information about Beat the Peak as well as get those interested signed up!
ORDINANCE REMINDERS

This is a reminder from the Lake Crystal Police Department about several city ordinances now that warmer temperatures have arrived. Please note that this list is summarized and if you need or would like clarification or copies of any of these or other City Ordinances, please contact City Hall or the LC Police Department.

- Ord 190: No grass clippings blown into street
- Ord 117: All vehicles must be functioning and currently registered if not stored indoors
- Ord 219: Juvenile Curfew-No persons under the age of 18 allowed on city streets between midnight and 5:30am
- Ord 228: Recreational fires shall be no larger than 3’x3’, no green matter, no hazardous substances
- Ord 229: Vehicles parked on streets must move every 24 hours
  - No semi-trucks/trailers allowed on residential streets
  - Recreational vehicles are not allowed to park on city streets
- Ord 267: Animals must be on a leash, owners must pick up waste, habitual barking prohibited, animals must not damage other property
- Ord 147: Public Nuisance-no piles of refuse, no loud and annoying sounds/vibrations, noxious weeds prohibited
- Ord 264: All buildings must have address numbers posted and visible from the road

SPRING CLEAN-UP 2016

Compost Site Is open - Tuesday 4pm – dusk and Saturday 9am – 4pm
Residential Loads $3.00  Commercial Loads $25.00
(NO CHARGE for Residential Loads through MAY 14)

May 9: Branches & Brush must be on the boulevard. Place Small Twigs in cardboard box or tie in a bundle.
  NO FULL TREES will be picked up!!

May 14: 6:00 A.M. Waste Management to pick up the following:
  Leaves, grass clippings, & garden residue must be on the boulevard. These items must be bagged.

May 14: Appliance Drop-Off located at the Compost Site: 9am – 12 noon.
  - Non-Commercial Appliances accepted for a $25.00 fee per item:
    Microwave, Dehumidifier, Water Heater/Water Softener, Stove/Oven/Dishwasher, Washer/Dryer
  - Non-Commercial Appliances accepted for a $30.00 fee per item:
    Small furnace, Window AC, Refrigerator/Freezer (Doors off)
  - Electronics will be accepted for a $30.00 fee per item:
    Laptop/Tower Computer, Desktop Copier/Fax/Printer, TV/Regular/Console/Lg. Screen, Hi-Fi/Stereo/Regular/Console, Electronic Typewriter
    **Special – CPU, Monitor, and Keyboard together $30**
  - The following will be accepted for a $6.00 fee per item: VCR/DVD, DVR.
  - Accepted FREE of charge: Keyboards, Mouse, and Handheld Devices.
  - NO TIRES WILL BE COLLECTED THIS YEAR! If you need to dispose of tires they MUST be taken to the Waste Management at 739 Beaver Ave, Mankato.

May 14: General Non-Hazardous Waste “Junk” drop off located at the Compost Site: 9am – 12 noon.
  - Furniture items (Couch, Chairs, Tables, Mattresses, Box Springs, etc.)
  - Small amounts of remodeling materials (siding, dried out paint cans, drywall, carpet, etc.)
  - All items should be boxed or bagged or contained in some manner.
  - Check the City website for a list of “Unacceptable Items”

COMPOST SITE LOCATION: from Hwy 60 take County Rd 20 north. Go over railroad tracks. Turn right at the first gravel road. Go all the way to the end of the gravel road.

If you have any questions please call City Hall at 507-726-2538.