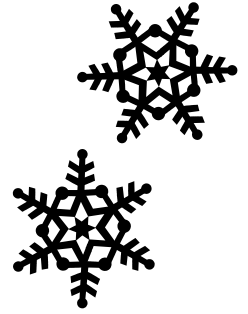


# LAKE CRYSTAL CRYSTAL CLEAR NEWS



December 2025

## Dates to Remember

December 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>  
City Hall Closes @ 12:00 PM

December 25<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Day  
City Hall Closed

Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> & Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> due to Holidays  
Garbage & Recycling Pick up

December 30<sup>th</sup>  
Utility Payments Due

January 1<sup>st</sup> – New Year's Day  
City Hall Closed

January 13<sup>th</sup>  
Christmas Tree Pickup

January 19<sup>th</sup> – Martin Luther King Day  
City Hall Closed

## RECYCLE OLD HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN LAKE CRYSTAL

Did you know that you can recycle your old holiday lights in Lake Crystal? This year, the City of Lake Crystal has partnered with Blue Earth County to offer a drop off location to recycle holiday lights. Residents may drop off their old, tangled and broken holiday lights from **now** – **January 3<sup>rd</sup>** at the following location:

Lake Crystal City Hall  
100 East Robinson Street  
Monday-Friday 8 am - 4 pm

More information can be found at  
[www.blueearthcountymn.gov/RATH](http://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/RATH)



## City Information:

Phone: 507-726-2538

Website: [www.lakecrystalmn.org](http://www.lakecrystalmn.org)

Hours: M-F 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

After Hours Emergency#:  
507-726-2260 wait for the answering  
service to pick up

## MVAC Energy Assistance

507-345-6822

[eap@mnvac.org](mailto:eap@mnvac.org)

## CIP REBATES

If you have purchased Holiday Lights, please fill out a rebate form; a copy of the receipt and the UPC symbol are required to receive a \$3 rebate per 50 lights.

Rebates available on LED lights and some appliances. Remember, to qualify, there must be the Energy Symbol on the box or the yellow energy guide that came with the appliance. Please submit all rebates by December 31, 2025, for purchases made in 2025.

New rebate forms and more appliances will be coming in the upcoming year.



## Winter Parking Rules

### City Code Chapter 71: Use of Highways, Streets, and the Like

#### SECTION 12: WINTER PARKING

It is unlawful to park or leave a vehicle standing on any street or right-of-way between the hours of midnight – 10:00 a.m. after a snowfall of two (2) or more inches, or when blowing or drifting snow warrants snow plowing. The City of Lake Crystal will make an announcement via social media (Facebook Page) when a “**Snow Emergency**” is declared.

Any police officer is authorized to have a motor vehicle that is parked in violation of this section removed at the owner’s expense. No vehicle will be released until all towing charges and impound fees have been paid in full. The City of Lake Crystal does not assume any responsibility for any damage done during towing or impounding of said vehicle.

The City Street & Maintenance Department, in cooperation with the Lake Crystal Police Department, asks for Lake Crystal residents to please park vehicles off the streets when 2 inches or more snow is forecast

**FEES: Towing Fee: \$175.00, \$50 per day over one day of storage.**

Towing fee payable to “**Maloney Enterprises**” before your vehicle will be released. To retrieve your vehicle, call 507-642-3543.

**Parking Ticket: \$50.00**

Please allow 10 days from the date the citation was issued before making payment (online, phone, or regular mail).

Fine Info Only: 507-304-4666 (back of citation)

Courthouse Office: 507-304-4650 (back of citation)

Other options (Online, phone, or regular mail):

[www.mncourts.gov](http://www.mncourts.gov) 1-800-657-3611 651-281-3219 (Metro)

**Mail and make checks payable to:**

MN Court Payment Center, PO Box 898, Willmar, MN 56201

**Procedure:** After a snowfall of two (2) or more inches, or when blowing or drifting snow warrants snow plowing, Lake Crystal Police Officers will carry out the following procedure in the event vehicles are still parked on municipal roadways within the City of Lake Crystal, while City Street & Maintenance Department employees have begun plowing snow:

**1<sup>st</sup> Offense: Written Warning 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense: Ordinance Violation Citation**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Offense: Ordinance Violation Citation and Vehicle Towed .** Any subsequent offense will equal another citation and vehicle tow.

**APPROVED CITY LOTS TO PARK IN DURING SNOW REMOVAL**

1. Parking lot at the corner of Humphrey St. & Murphy St.
2. Robinson Park Boat Landing

If you have questions or concerns about this notice, please contact the Lake Crystal PD at 726-2056 or City Hall at 726-2538. A link to all City Ordinances can be found at the city website at: [www.lakecrystalmn.org](http://www.lakecrystalmn.org) and selecting the Government drop-down list and selecting City Code & Ordinances.

## Recycling and Waste Reduction Advisory Committee Opportunity

Blue Earth County is seeking applicants for its Recycling and Waste Reduction Advisory Committee.

There are nine openings for community members to help promote recycling, organics, and solid waste education. Members provide input on programs and attend one meeting per month (with per diem). Terms are two years. Applications are open until Friday, January 2nd or until filled.

Learn more at:

[www.blueearthcountymn.gov/RWRAC](http://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/RWRAC)

or call (507) 304-4251.

If you see a fire hydrant buried in snow, please consider shoveling it out for the safety of you and your neighbors.

**CITY OF LAKE CRYSTAL  
COMPOST SITE**

**CLOSED  
FOR THE YEAR**

**REOPENING IN  
APRIL 2026**

## Christmas Tree

### Pick Up – Jan. 13th

Trees must be on the curb by 6:00 am on **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**. Please remove all lights and ornaments from the tree. Any trees wrapped in plastic will be left. Trees will be used for compost and mulch in the spring.

