

# LAKE CRYSTAL CRYSTAL CLEAR NEWS

## November 2025

### Dates to Remember

#### November 11

City Offices Closed  
Library Closed  
~Veterans Day~

#### November 27-28

City Offices Closed  
Library Closed  
~Thanksgiving Day~

#### November 30

Garbage & Recycling Pick up

#### December 1

Utility Bills Due

#### 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.



### UTILITY NOTICE

If you use a Bill Paying service through your local bank or credit union, now is a great time to double-check the dates listed for those payments. Did you know most financial institutions will tell you to provide them with a date that is 5-7 business days in advance to ensure timely payments are made? In Lake Crystal, all utility bills are due by the 30th of each month. If a payment arrangement or payment has not been made, penalties will still be applied. This means we must either receive them in person by end of day on the 30th, mailed to us, or your payment needs to be in the drop box by the payment due date. If you ever have any questions about your utility bill or do not believe you will be able to make your payment, please don't hesitate to reach out to the Utility Billing Clerk, Sierra, at [utilities@lakecrystalmn.org](mailto:utilities@lakecrystalmn.org) and she can help answer any questions or concerns you may have.

### Take Our Utilities Survey!

The city is conducting a survey to get input from you on what is most valuable and how to improve our services. This survey will be used to identify ways to reduce energy costs for the city and improve our understanding of our customers' needs

Take the

Survey Here:

Complete by December 12th



### *City Commission Openings*

As of January 1, 2026, the following City of Lake Crystal Commissions or Boards have positions open:

Utilities Commission (1)	3-year term of office
Economic Development (2)	3-year term of office
Parks & Rec. Commission (2)	2-year term of office
Planning Commission (5)	4-year term of office

Interested individuals must be residents of the City of Lake Crystal and at least 18 years of age. If Interested contact City Hall or go on-line to <https://www.lakecrystalmn.org> then navigate to government (commissions & committees) to find postings and applications.

# Winter Parking Rules & Regulations

## 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 warrant snow plowing. The City of Lake Crystal will make an announcement via social media (Facebook Page) when a “**Snow Emergency**” is declared. Also, citizens can be notified via **CODE RED** (App) when a “**Snow Emergency**” is declared. You can sign up at the following link:

<https://www.blueearthcountymn.gov/1091/CodeRED-Emergency-Notification-System>

Any police officer is authorized to have a motor vehicle which is parked in violation of this section removed at the owners' 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**

Parking tickets payable City of Lake Crystal and can be made via cash or check. 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 Administration: 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 warrant snow plowing---Lake Crystal Police Officers will be carrying out with 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