

LAKE CRYSTAL CRYSTAL CLEAR NEWS



May 2026

DATES TO REMEMBER



May 8th-9th

Spring City Wide Garage Sale

May 12th & 26th

Storytime at the Library @10:30 am

May 20th

Disconnection Day

May 25th

City Hall & Library Closed-Memorial Day

May 30th

Utility Bills Due to Avoid Late Fees

City Information

Phone: 507-726-2538

Website: 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

Library Information

Phone: 507-726-2726

Hours: M-F 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sat. 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.



Lawn Care Reminders

To comply with city ordinances, please remember to keep lawns less than 12 inches high and to mow at least once every three weeks.

Depositing grass clipping and lawn debris into the street is prohibited. By NOT mowing grass into the street, YOU are helping keep our lakes clean.

Compost Site Hours:

Monday-Friday 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Compost Site Location:

From Highway 60, take County Rd 20 north. Go over the railroad tracks. Turn right at the first gravel road. Go all the way to the end of the gravel road.

Trash Pick Up

Memorial week trash will be picked up on **Saturday, May 30th**. Reminder for any day trash is to be picked up, please have your bins placed out and ready before 7:00 a.m.

2026 Rebate Forms

*NEW Central Air Tune-Up (copy of contractor's invoice is required)

*LED Lighting

*Energy Star Appliance

*Custom Commercial

*Residential

Heating/Cooling/Water

Review forms and provide receipts, UPC codes, or invoices

Forms can be found at Lake Crystal City Hall or the city's website

Building Permit

Reminder

Building permits are required for most projects. Please allow 7–10 business days for processing. Failure to obtain a required permit may result in fines.

Permit applications are available online at:

www.lakecrystalmn.org/building-permits

Come Cruz 'IN
with us in
2026

May: 7-21

June: 4-18

July: 2, 16, 30

August: 13-27

September: 10-26 (Finale)



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What's Happening Around Town: Utility

Upgrades

Lake Crystal residents will continue to see increased activity as the Public Utilities Commission upgrades aging water, wastewater, and electric infrastructure to maintain reliable service.

Recent work includes water and sewer improvements completed with the Highway 60 project, along with planning for a new electric substation to improve power reliability. The city is also evaluating long-term wastewater solutions and pursuing funding opportunities before moving forward.

The water department continues to upgrade existing wells and plan for future improvements to ensure a safe and reliable drinking water supply.

Some project details may be shared after completion due to safety and operational considerations. The PUC remains committed to keeping residents informed while investing in the city's infrastructure.

Residents are encouraged to reach out to the PUC or city administration with any questions.

CITY COUNCIL OPENINGS

CITY OF LAKE CRYSTAL

The following three positions will be on the November 2026 ballot for the City of Lake Crystal:

Council Member: four-year term of office

Council Member: four-year term of office

Mayor: two-year term of office

Filing begins Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 8 a.m. at City Hall, 100 East Robinson Street, Lake Crystal, MN. Interested individuals must be residents of Lake Crystal for 30 days and at least 21 years of age. There is a \$5.00 filing fee. The last day to submit the Affidavit of Candidacy is Tuesday, June 2, 2026, 5 p.m. at City Hall.

If interested, contact Lake Crystal City Hall at 507-726-2538 or visit the city website at: <https://www.lakecrystalmn.org/filinginformation> for further information or to obtain an Affidavit of Candidacy.

Easy Ways to Save Energy & Money

Heating & Air Conditioning are usually the largest loads in a home and are responsible for 40-50% of your monthly energy spend. Here are some helpful ways to save energy:

- *Set thermostats to 78 F in summer, 68 F in winter.
- *Install a programmable thermostat to save even more.
- *Run ceiling paddle fans on medium, blowing down in summer, and paddle fans on low, blowing up in winter.
- *Turn off ceiling fans when leaving the room. Fans cool people, not rooms.
- *When installing new air filters, make sure they are facing in the correct direction (look for the arrow on the side of the filter).
- *When heating or cooling, keep windows locked.
- *Insulate electric wall outlets and wall switches with foam pads.
- *Caulk along baseboards with a clear sealant.
- *Caulk around plumbing penetrations that come through walls beneath bathroom and kitchen sinks.
- *Caulk electrical wire penetrations at the top of the interior walls in the attic.
- *Close shades and drapes at night to keep heat in during the winter.
- *Make sure drapes and shades are open during the day to catch free solar heat in winter.
- *Ensure attic access door closes tightly and is insulated.
- *Make sure insulation in your attic does not block soffit vents



The 2025 Lake Crystal "Consumer Confidence Report for Drinking Water" is available at City Hall during business hours or on the city website: www.lakecrystalmn.org.

For a copy, call City Hall at 507-726-2538 or email customerservice@lakecrystalmn.org.

Historic reports can be found at <https://mnccr.web.health.state.mn.us/index.faces> or by scanning the QR code.