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Milford Newsletter

WINTER 2026

Winter Weather

Keeping sidewalks free of ice and snow is the neighborly thing to do and it's the law. Together we are all responsible for keeping Milford safe and effortless for winter walking.

- **Who needs to remove snow, ice, and accumulations?** Owners and occupants with businesses and properties bordering sidewalks.
- **When to remove snow, ice, and accumulations?** Snow and ice needs to be cleared from sidewalks in the downtown business commercial district within 12 hours after a snowfall and 24 hours for all other areas in the city.
- **Where to Shovel?** Clear full width of the sidewalk. Salt and sand icy spots.
- **What happens if I don't remove snow, ice, and accumulations?** The City may do so and assess the costs plus a $25.00 administrative fee against property owner. Property owner will also be guilty of a municipal infraction punishable by a fine of $100 first offense, $150 second offense, $250 subsequent offenses.
  - **How do I avoid a $25 snow tickets?** If it is snowing or if snow is in the forecast keep vehicles off streets and alleys until the street has been plowed curb to curb. Violators will be ticketed $25 **per offense**.
- **What happens if I throw, push, or place snow/ice from private property onto a street or alley?** You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
- **What happens if I push snow/ice across any portion of a street in a residential neighborhood?** You will be charged with a simple misdemeanor.
- **How can I get notifications when there is a snow emergency for Milford?** Register for notifications at www.dcem.us (Dickinson County Emergency Management)
- Drive carefully, obey posted speed limits, and adjust your speed according to the current conditions. (Note: the speed limit is 25 mph unless otherwise posted).

Snowmobiles

Snowmobiles may only be operated on city streets when traveling directly to or from the nearest designated snowmobile trail on the most direct route.

ATVS

ATVs may be driven on city streets by licensed driver's age 18 years or older. The only two places to cross over Hwy 71 is 6th and 10th Street. For a full listing of regulations visit www.milford.ia.us located under Frequently Asked Questions.

Fire Hydrants

Please keep snow cleared around fire hydrants following each snow event. Clear a wide enough perimeter (about 3 feet) around the hydrant for firefighters to work. Your assistance with this is appreciated to help ensure a rapid response by the Fire Department in the event of a fire during the winter.

Mailboxes

All mailboxes must be located with the front of the mailbox a minimum six inches behind the back edge of the curb. The City ***will*** repair or replace a damaged or destroyed mailbox if it is deemed to result from a ***direct*** hit by plow equipment. Mailboxes damaged by snow load off the plow equipment ***will not*** be eligible for repair or replacement by the City.

Garbage Collection

• Residential garbage collection is every Tuesday unless Monday is a holiday then collection will be on Wednesday. Containers for the storage of solid waste awaiting collection **shall be placed behind curb**. Please have all garbage containers to the curb **no later than 7 a.m.** If you forget to place your garbage container to the curb you will have to wait until the next scheduled Tuesday collection.

• If you have extra bags of trash that will not fit in the cart, bag tags can be purchased at Milford City Clerk's office for $3.00 per tag.

• Tags for **white goods** may be purchased at the City Clerk's office **at any time during the year.** Items such as furniture, mattresses etc. you may contact Waste Management at 888-960-0008 to arrange a pickup or you may take those items to the landfill east of Bridges Bay for disposal.

Recycling

• Residential curbside recycling service is split into two weeks, Gold Week and Green Week, both serviced on Tuesdays every other week. All residences located on the South side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Gold Week. All residences located on the North Side of 13th Street/220th Street will be Green Week.

• The Dickinson County Recycle Center is available to assist residents for disposal of unique and difficult items. Electronic Waste, Tires, Batteries, and Household Hazardous Materials. Or visit their SWAP shop of many unused items that are free of charge to the public. The Dickinson County Collection Center is located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a ½ mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/rcc/

Green Waste Site

Please be aware that the Milford Green Waste site is only for Milford residential residents with green waste originating within the Milford city limits. Those not living within the city limits of Milford are not permitted to drop off at this site. Those with a Milford mailing address but living outside city limits ie. Dickinson County, Wahpeton, West Okoboji and the like can be charged for illegal dumping. This site is for the City of Milford tax payers only. All others should contact their city or county for green waste sites or bring to the Dickinson County Regional Collection Center located east of St. Joseph's Catholic Church a ½ mile on Hwy A-34. For more information contact 338-2549 or visit https://dickinsoncountyconservationboard.com/rcc/

Burning

Landscape waste burning is Prohibited within Milford city limits per Ordinance No. 2-12-24B.

Dogs in Parks and other Public Areas

A reminder to keep your pets on a leash and to pick up after them. Doggie bags and receptacles are located throughout the city for your convenience to do so. It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City and it shall also be unlawful for any person to place animal defecation on the property of another or property owned by the City or MMU. If found in violation of such an offense the City may proceed with a municipal infraction. Overall, please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet so all can enjoy our green spaces, this includes the airport grass area. If anyone is seen violating this policy please take a picture of the offense and reach out to the Milford Police Department at milfordpd@milford.ia.us.

Posting Your Address

For emergency purposes it is important that all occupied buildings post addresses that are clearly visible to the street in figures not less than 2 ½ inches in height and of a contrasting color with their background.

Board of Adjustment Member Needed

The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the Board of Adjustment (5-year term) to fill the (remainder of term through 6/30/2030). The BOA is not a policy making board, but rather a quasi-judicial board responsible for the following: (1) Administrative review where it is alleged that there is error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by the Zoning Administrator; (2) Hear and decide special exception use applications; and (3) Authorize in specific cases a variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance when the variance is not contrary to the public interest and, due to special conditions, a literal enforcement would result in unnecessary hardship, and so that the spirit of the ordinance is observed and substantial justice is done. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested please contact: LeAnn Reinsbach, City Administrator@ 712-338-2741, Email: lreinsbach@milford.ia.us or, visit https://milford.ia.us/forms-and-document/ for a board member application. All appointments will be in accordance with Milford City Ordinances, and the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

Milford Municipal Utilities Board Member Needed

The City of Milford is seeking an applicant to serve on the MMU Board to fill a (6-year term). The Utility Board oversees and makes policies concerning the affairs of the Milford municipal water and electric utilities. This board is an excellent opportunity for community involvement and to have a hand in shaping policies and decisions. A small stipend is also paid to board members. If interested please visit https://milford.ia.us/forms-and-document/ for a board member application. The position will be made by the mayor with city council approval and will be in accordance with the City's Volunteer Board Appointment Policy.

Important Phone Numbers

City Clerk's office	338-2741
Police Department *(located at 1905 Okoboji Ave.)*	338-6414
Emergency	9-1-1
Utilities *(water & electric)*	338-2401
Library	338-4643
Public Works on call *(after hours, weekends/holidays for sewer backup, street issue)*	330-3081
Utilities on call *(after hours water/electric issue)*	330-7989

Office Hours

7:30-4 p.m. Monday-Friday
Closed weekends & holidays

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