



COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Sewer Back Ups & Not So "Flushable" Wipes

Sewer backups happen. If you've ever experienced one, you know there's a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Grease can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. The lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or similar items that get flushed down the drain or toilet.

As a resident you play an important role in keeping the City's main sewer line and your own private sewer line clean and clear of blockages.

The following items should be disposed of in your trash can, NOT in the sanitary sewer system;

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- **Baby wipes, adult wipes, cleaning wipes, medical wipes**
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, solvents, cooking oils and greases
- Cat Litter
- Yard waste such as sand, soil or mud

If a sewer backup occurs on your property, the City encourages you to take the following steps:

1. Call the City immediately at 507-867-3810 during business hours or 507-273-9597 after hours to report the sewer backup. The City will work with you to identify the location of the blockage. If the blockage is in one of the City's main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.
2. Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it is determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property. Remember, you are responsible for scheduling and paying for service to clear such a blockage.
3. If you have homeowners or another type of property insurance coverage, notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered.
4. Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner. It's a good idea to use the services of a reputable company experienced in cleaning up after sewer backups.
5. Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

If you have further questions, call Chris at the Waste Water Treatment Facility at 507-867-4321 or Brian in Public Works at 507-867-3810 or after normal work hours at 507-273-9597.



CITY OF CHATFIELD

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Phone: 507-867-3810

Fax: 507-867-9093

In Case of Emergency:

Ambulance (Non Emergency)

Police (Non Emergency)

Chatfield Public Library

9-1-1

507-867-4446

507-867-3331

507-867-3480



CHATFIELD GROWERS MARKET

THURSDAYS, 3:00– 6:00 PM
MAY–OCTOBER
CHATFIELD CITY PARK

DENNY MEYER 507-259-7523
DMEYER850@GMAIL.COM

CHATFIELD Music in the Park 2018

Thursday Night FREE Concerts
 in Chatfield's City Park Bandshell
 7:30PM unless another time and location noted below

July 5 | PATRIOTIC CONCERT Chatfield Brass Band
 Rain location: Potter Auditorium at Chatfield Center for the Arts
 Food served by the Chatfield Commercial Club, 6:00-7:30PM

July 12 | CHOSEN VALLEY CARE CENTER
 Chatfield Brass Band (7PM)

Sunday July 15 | PILOT MOUND ICE CREAM SOCIAL
 Chatfield Brass Band (7PM)

July 19 | The Notochords Big Band

July 26 | 37th St. Gold Jazz Band

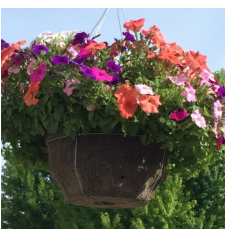
Saturday Aug 11 | WESTERN DAYS
 Chatfield Brass Band
 Parade (1PM)
 Concert (2:30PM)

*Bring lawn chairs!
 Bring the whole family!*

For more information visit chatfieldband.org

this activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund

FLOWER BASKET WATERING... Needs Volunteers



Warmer weather has arrived! It is time to tend to the hanging flower baskets downtown. The flower basket watering roster needs volunteers to fill the schedule. Please consider volunteering for a week or even a few shifts. All equipment will be provided by the city. This is a great opportunity for families, businesses or organizations to volunteer. Please call or e-mail Rocky at City Hall to sign up.

Rocky can be reached at 867-3810 or rburnett@ci.chatfield.mn.us

City Calendar			
July 2018			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
2 Planning & Zoning Commission	3 Recycling Pick Up - City Wide	4 Independence Day - City Offices Closed Garbage Pick Up - Fillmore County Residents	5 Garbage Pick Up - Olmsted County Residents
9 Public Works Committee Personnel / Budget Committee City Council Meeting	10 Recycling Pick Up - City Wide	11 Garbage Pick Up - Fillmore County Residents	12 Garbage Pick Up - Olmsted County Residents
16	17 Recycling Pick Up - City Wide	18 Garbage Pick Up - Fillmore County Residents	19 Garbage Pick Up - Olmsted County Residents
23 Economic Development Authority Board Meeting Public Services Committee Park & Recreation Committee City Council Meeting	24 Recycling Pick Up - City Wide Heritage Preservation Commission	25 Garbage Pick Up - Fillmore County Residents	26 Garbage Pick Up - Olmsted County Residents
30	31 Recycling Pick Up - City Wide	1 Garbage Pick Up - Fillmore County Residents	2 Garbage Pick Up - Olmsted County Residents

Find calendar details at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us

Please...

DO NOT FLUSH DISPOSABLE WIPES DOWN TOILET

“Flushable” Wipes are not so flushable.....Did you know that baby wipes may specify they are flushable, but they should not be put in our wastewater system? This also includes adult wipes, cleaning wipes (Clorox, Lysol), medical wipes etc.

In fact, the only paper product that should be “flushed” is toilet paper. It is the only paper designed to break down as it travels through the wastewater treatment process.

Do not flush disposable wipes – used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more – they may be labeled “flushable”, but they are causing major problems when flushed down toilets. These wipes should be placed in the garbage.