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SNOW REMOVAL

Chatfield's volunteer fire de-

partment is asking residents

for help clearing snow from

fire hydrants. If you have a

hydrant on or near your prop-

erty please take time to clear

snow from the hydrant. This

will allow rapid access to wa-

ter, helping firefighters do

Keeping fire hydrants visible

and easily accessible can

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR

SANITARY SEWER BACKUPS

SEWER BACKS UP

When a sewer blockage occurs, a sewer backup can affect multiple properties . Sewer backups are very costly and pose a threat to the health and safety of residents.

If you experience a back up, immediately contact:

Public Works: 507-867-3810 (Mon-Fri 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)

After Hours: 507-273-9597 Brian Burkholder or 9-1-1 to have Public Works dispatched.

First call the City when you have a sewer backup or • blockage, so we can investigate whose responsibility it is and what steps need to be taken next.

Property owners are respon- • sible for the maintenance, repair and cleaning of the sanitary sewer service line from the house to the city . main line.

The city is not automatically responsible when a backup occurs, as there are many reasons for backups which **COMMON REASONS** the city cannot control. For FOR SEWER BACKUPS example, people dumping **AND BLOCKAGES** inappropriate items, such as FATS, OILS OR grease, wipes or diapers, can GREASE PUT INTO create a blockage.

WHAT'S OK TO FLUSH?

Residents play an important role in preventing backups. Please do not flush or pour Vegetables, meat scraps, anything down a drain that butter, cooking oils, and could clog the sewer system many other foods deposit or damage the wastewater pumping or treatment facility.

OK TO FLUSH

- Toilet paper
- Body waste

Pet waste

DO NOT FLUSH

Dispose of these products in your household garbage, recycling or other approved waste disposal means:

- Fats, oils, grease
- wipes, disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels, cleaning wipes, Swiffer cleaning pads
- straw or grass, wastepaper, plastics, glass and cat litter (including so called "flushable" cat litter)
- uids, solids or gasses
- the treatment facilities or workers in the facilities

SINKS

CITY OF CHATFIELD

21 Second Street SE Chatfield, MN 55923 Phone: 507-867-3810 507-867-9093 Fax: www.ci.chatfield.mn.uS

In Case of Emergency:

Ambulance (Non Emergency) Police (Non Emergency) Chatfield Public Library

507-867-4446 507-867-3331 507-867-3480

9-1-1

Chatfield cebook Police Department

grease in the garbage and avoid using the garbage disposal to put foods down the drain.

grease and solids that can build up in pipes eventually creating blockages.

The fats, oils and grease harden when they go down the drain and clog pipes.

Let melted oils used for cooking solidify in a container before placing them in the gar-

ROOTS

Wipes, "flushable" wipes, baby Know where your service line is located and avoid planting trees and shrubs near it. Roots can creep into the sewer pipe joints and eventually cause a blockage.

> The best way to remove roots is to call a professional sewer cleaning service.

LAPSED PIPE

The service pipe may need to be replaced if the pipe is cracked or collapsed.

Changes in weather affect the ground greatly. Going from season to season, drought to wet or even hot to cold can cause the ground to shift causing cracks and breakages in service lines.

- Diapers, tampons, pads
 - Garbage, sand, metals, wood,
 - Flammable or explosive liq- CRACKED OR COL-
 - Any substance that is toxic to

bage.



and property. Thank you for cooperavour tion.

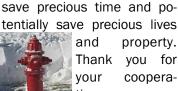
ELECTED OFFICIALS

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their jobs quickly.

Dispose of fats, oils and

CITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 2021

Event details at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
28	29	30	31	1 <u>New Year's Day - City</u> <u>Offices Closed</u>
4 7:00 PM <u>Planning & Zoning</u> <u>Commission Meeting</u>	5 <u>Recycling Collection</u>	6 <u>Fillmore County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	7 <u>Olmsted County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u> 7:00 PM <u>Library Board</u>	8 6:00 PM <u>The Chosen Bean Presents</u> Johnsmith
11 7:00 PM <u>City Council Meeting</u>	12 <u>Recycling Collection</u>	13 <u>Fillmore County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	14 <u>Olmsted County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	15
18 <u>Martin Luther King Day -</u> <u>City Offices Closed</u>	19 <u>Recycling Collection</u>	20 <u>Fillmore County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	21 <u>Olmsted County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	22
25 4:30 PM Economic Development Authority Board Meeting 4:30 PM Public Services Committee Meeting 5:30 PM Park & Recreation Committee Meeting 7:00 PM City Council Meeting	26 <u>Recycling Collection</u> 7:00 PM <u>Heritage Preservation</u> <u>Commission Meeting</u>	27 <u>Fillmore County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	28 <u>Olmsted County Residents</u> <u>Garbage Collection</u>	29

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Learn more about upcoming events, quick getaways or weekend adventures ...

