



Newport is a historic city located on the Mississippi River.

Mission Statement

The City of Newport is committed to serving the people and businesses of Newport by creating an environment which encourages pride in the community, promotes prosperity for businesses, and improves the quality of life for all.



Compost Site

The Newport Compost Site is open the second Saturday in April until the second Saturday in November. Residents are able to drop off grass and leaves for \$5 per vehicle load. Additionally, brush that is less than 6" in diameter may be dropped off for \$5 per load. Visit the City's website for hours and location.

Keeping Our Community Safe and Beautiful

City of Newport Green-Up, Clean-Up Campaign

The City of Newport is reaching out to property owners in an effort to ensure all properties are properly maintained through a City-wide Green-Up, Clean-up campaign. The City is taking a proactive approach to Code Enforcement to prevent residential and commercial properties from blight and deterioration. But in order to be successful, it needs the help of its citizens to help keep Newport a clean and attractive place to live! Make sure your property is in compliance by avoiding these typical code violations:

- **Accessory Buildings:** A property may contain no more than two accessory buildings, including garages, sheds or covered storage buildings. The total square footage of the accessory buildings combined can be no larger than the footprint of the house. No garages or accessory buildings shall be placed any closer to the public right-of-way than the principal structure on the lot.
- **Exterior Storage:** All materials and equipment shall be completely screened from the eye-level view of adjacent property and public streets. For example, lawnmowers and yard tools need to be stored in garages or sheds. All refuse, recycling and containers shall be kept in a building or screened from the road and neighboring properties, except before a scheduled collection.
- **Garbage:** Every property in Newport is required to properly dispose of garbage, other refuse, white goods, recyclables and yard wastes by means of a licensed private collector. No accumulation of garbage, including brush and yard clippings, is permitted on the property. Furthermore, all garbage should be placed in closed containers and shall be placed behind the front property line, except for the day of collection.
- **Home Occupation:** A home occupation means any gainful occupation or profession clearly secondary to the main use of the home as a residence, which is conducted entirely within the dwelling, and which meets the following requirements:
 - No more than two (2) persons can work at the home occupation. This includes the family member residing within the home
 - The home occupation cannot exceed 20% of the livable floor area
 - On-site sales are prohibited, except those clearly incidental to services provided in the dwelling;
 - No interior or exterior alterations may be made for the home occupation
 - Only one vehicle can be associated with the home occupation
 - The home occupation cannot disrupt traffic
 - Only one (1) sign shall be permitted

Did You Know?

Keeping your property maintained will:

- Increase property values
- Attract new businesses and services
- Increase business traffic
- Decrease crime
- Decrease vacancies
- Decrease blight



Resources for Assistance

In an effort to assist homeowners and business owners with remodeling projects and saving money by being more energy efficient, the City has provided several resources on its website.

Sustainability & Energy Savings

The City of Newport is working to promote sustainability and energy efficiency throughout our community through several initiatives such as encouraging renewable energy, participating in GreenStep Cities, and providing residents and businesses with information on how to be sustainable in their everyday lives. Visit the City's website to learn how you can save money through energy upgrades and being sustainable!

- **House Numbers:** House numbers must be displayed on the front of the house or garage.
- **Lawns:** Lawns and weeds must be mowed and maintained at a height no greater than eight (8) inches in height.
- **Maintenance:** All structures, including houses, fences, garages, and accessory buildings shall be properly maintained. All structures are considered a nuisance if it does not meet the following requirements:
 - No deterioration of the finish (peeling, cracked, chipped paint on more than 20% of a wall and door, windows moldings and similar surfaces).
 - No holes, deterioration, or rotting on exterior surfaces (includes doors, frames, windows, trim, porches); exterior wood (other than decay-resistant woods) shall be painted or have other protective covering.
 - Projections (decorative features, cornices, moldings, sills) shall be kept in good condition and free from cracks and defects which make them hazardous or unsightly.
 - Properties must be maintained so that erosions, dust and mud are controlled by suitable landscaping
 - Properties must be maintained so that water drains away from the structures
 - Roof elements (chimneys, antennae, air vents) shall be sound, in good repair, and securely attached.
 - Roof structures (drains, gutters, downspouts, fascia, trim) shall be in good repair and securely attached.
 - Siding and masonry joints shall be kept weather resistant and water tight.
 - Doors and windows shall be kept in good condition and free from cracks and holes.
 - No accumulation of dirt or filth that could create a health hazard (exterior of property to be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition).

Correcting Violations

The City of Newport issues warnings or citations for properties or individuals that violate a City ordinance. If you receive a notice violation, **DO NOT IGNORE IT**, instead take the necessary steps to correct the issues. Failure to comply may result in enforcement actions such as fines, a formal court complaint, or City facilitated abatement. If you do not understand the notice violation or need more time to correct the issue, please call City Hall immediately at (651) 459-5677.

Be a Partner

You can help make Newport a great place to live by following the code the reporting any possible code violations to the City. Reports can be filed with the City in person, by email, regular mail or telephone and will be forwarded to the Community Service Officer (CSO). The CSO is responsible for enforcing all code violations and will take the necessary steps to correct an issue. All reporters are kept anonymous.

To report a possible code violation, please contact Newport City Hall, 596 7th Avenue, Newport, MN 55055 / (651) 459-5677 / reisenbeisz@newport.com.