

City of Newport  
Resident Guide



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# Newport Welcomes You!







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## City Contact Info

**City Hall**  
596 7th Avenue  
(651) 459-5677  
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Monday - Thursday

**Public Works**  
1100 Bailey Road  
(651) 459-2475  
Hours vary depending on season

**Library & Community Center**  
405 7th Avenue  
(651) 459-9631  
Hours vary

**Washington County Sheriff's Office**  
(651) 430-7600

## Welcome!

We are glad that you have chosen Newport as your new home!

Newport is a river community with a small town atmosphere and charm, but with a progressive attitude toward change to make it an even more desirable place to live, work, and conduct business.

Newport has a population of approximately 3,400 spread over an area of four square miles. Strategically located in the southeastern corner of the Metro Area, Newport has convenient access to Interstate 494 and Highway 61 and is just minutes from downtown St. Paul, the airport and Mall of America.

Newport is primarily a residential community, boasting over 140 acres of parkland, beautiful bluffs along the Mississippi River, and great historical pride. The City is committed to preserving open space and park land and sustaining the quality of life our residents have come to expect and enjoy.

This guide is designed to familiarize you with the services and facilities you will use as a resident of Newport. Please visit the City's website, [ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us) for more information on items such as agendas, events and meetings, sustainability, newsletters, resources, businesses, City code, departments, etc. You can also check out our Facebook page for up-to-date information.

Welcome to the neighborhood!

## Mayor and Council

The Newport City Council consists of the Mayor and four Council members and is responsible for determining the direction for City policy and operations.

Newport's City Council is elected by the citizens of Newport. Each member serves a four year term on the Council, with local elections taking place in November of even numbered years.

The City Council meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.



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## Elections

National, State, and Local elections for Newport are held from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in November at Newport Elementary, 851 6th Avenue, Newport, MN.

Voter registration cards are available at Washington County Service Centers. Call (651) 430-6000 for locations. To register, you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days prior to the election. You may also register at the poll on election day but must have proper identification that includes your current Newport address. If you are unable to vote at the polls on election day, you can cast an absentee ballot with Washington County. Visit [ci.newport.mn.us/elections.php](http://ci.newport.mn.us/elections.php) for more information on elections.

## Boards and Commissions

The City of Newport has several Boards and Commissions in which volunteers work on behalf of the entire community to help execute the City's goals and mission. Contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677 if you are interested in serving on any of the below Boards and Commissions. Terms are usually three-year terms and go through December 31st.

### Planning Commission

The Planning Commission serves as the planning agency for the City. The Planning Commission holds required public hearings and makes recommendations to the City Council on issues involving the establishment of and compliance with the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the City's Zoning Ordinances, as well as requests for variances, subdivisions, and conditional use permits. The Planning Commission consists of five members and meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.

### Park Board

The Park Board formulates and make recommendations to the City Council relative to the beautification, improvement, development, maintenance, management, and planning of all City parks and associated facilities. This includes parks / overlooks, trails, parkways, boulevard landscaping, recreation areas, and all park and recreation buildings. The Park Board consists of five members and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.

### Heritage Preservation Commission

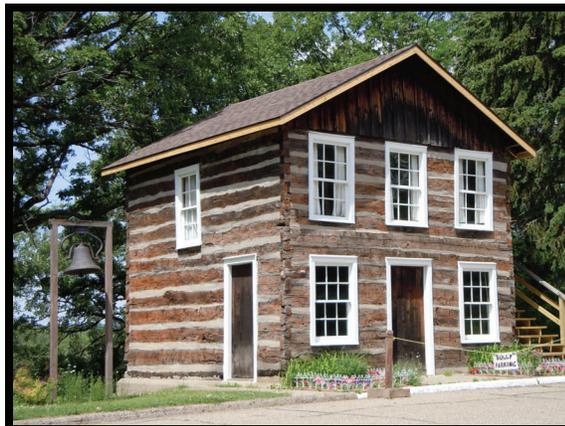
The Heritage Preservation Commission seeks to safeguard the heritage of the City by working toward the preservation of historical sites and structures, which reflect elements of the City's cultural, social, economic, political, or architectural history. The Heritage Preservation Commission consists of five members and meets on the second Wednesday of odd numbered months at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.

### Library Advisory Committee

The Library Advisory Committee provides guidance and recommendations to the City Council for the Newport Library and Community Center. The Library Advisory Committee consists of five members and meets on the fourth Tuesday of each odd numbered month at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at Newport City Hall.

### Newport Economic Development Authority

The Newport Economic Development Authority promotes growth, development, and redevelopment in the City. This includes increasing the City's business community and commercial and industrial tax base, providing employment opportunities, maintaining neighborhood economic stability, and addressing special needs as they arise. The Newport Economic Development Authority consists of five members (City Council members) and meets on an as needed basis, but at least once annually.



*Historic Kaposia Mission Building, Located at 1596 11th Ave*

## City Contact Info Cont'd

**Emergency**  
9-1-1

**Non-Emergency Dispatch**  
(651) 439-9381

**Fire Hall #1**  
155 20th Street  
(651) 459-9390

**City Attorney**  
(651) 490-9078

**City Engineer**  
(612) 548-3124

**City Planner**  
(651) 292-4582

**Bldg Inspector**  
(651) 458-2804

**Electrical Inspector**  
(651) 493-1599

## Frequently Called Numbers

**Auto Title/License Center**  
(651) 459-9877

**County Environmental  
Center**  
(651) 430-6655

**Friends in Need Food Shelf**  
(651) 458-0730

**Newport Elementary**  
(651) 768-4300

**Post Office**  
(651) 768-0558

**School District #833**  
(651) 438-6300

**Washington County**  
(651) 430-6000

## Projects Requiring Building Permits

- Deck
- Demolition
- Electrical
- Finish Basement
- Fireplace Installation
- Garage
- Grading
- Mechanical
- Moving a house / building
- New construction
- Paving a driveway
- Plumbing
- Porch
- Retaining Wall (Over 4')
- Roofing
- Sewer / Water
- Siding
- Signs
- Storage Shed
- Swimming Pool
- Window Replacement

If you have a question about whether or not a project requires a permit, please contact the Building Inspection Department at (651) 458-2804.

Electrical permits are issued by the City and inspected by William Dietrich. Please contact Mr. Dietrich at (651) 493-1599 with any questions on electrical work.

Building applications and supplemental forms may be obtained at City Hall or on the City's website.



Newport City Hall

## Administration

The Administration Department is responsible for planning, zoning, economic development, human resource activities, labor relations, elections, property tax assessments, utility billing, permits, licenses, and general government administration, including the preparation of agendas and information for City Council and Advisory Board and Commission meetings. For questions or concerns regarding any of the above issues, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

## Public Works

The Public Works Department is responsible for an array of City services that help provide the highest quality of life for residents, including: the maintenance of the water system, sanitary sewer system, snow removal, street repairs and maintenance, and the maintenance of all City parks. The Public Works Department can be reached at (651) 459-2475. If you have an after hour emergency, such as a water main break, you may contact Washington County Dispatch at (651) 439-9381.

## Engineering

The City of Newport contracts out its Engineering services to MSA Professionals. Engineer Jon Herdegen, oversees the design, management, and construction of the City's infrastructure, including streets, drainage, sanitary sewer lines, water lines, and other projects to support residents and businesses. Jon Herdegen can be reached at (612) 548-3124.

## Building Inspections

The City of Newport is dedicated to providing safety to its community, and in doing so, ensures that all construction is done properly so that all buildings are safe and meet building code regulations. The Building Department administers these laws through the issuance of permits and by performing inspections. The City of Newport contracts out its building services to the City of Cottage Grove. The Building Department is responsible for plan review and inspection of all new construction. For any questions or concerns regarding building permit applications, please call the City of Cottage Grove at (651) 458-2804. For any questions or concerns regarding electrical permit applications, please call William Dietrich at (651) 493-1599.

## Law Enforcement Services

The City contracts with Washington County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement services. As part of the contract, the County will respond to non-emergency and emergency calls for services, enforce laws and ordinances, investigate crimes, and other functions and services as requested to the citizens and businesses of Newport. Below are contact numbers for the Sheriff's Office:

- Emergency: 9-1-1
- Non-Emergency Dispatch: (651) 439-9381
- Records Dept: (651) 430-7600, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. M-F
- Jail: (651) 430-7900, 24/7
- Sgt. Larry Osterman: (651) 556-4604 / [larry.osterman@co.washington.mn.us](mailto:larry.osterman@co.washington.mn.us)



## Fire Department

The Fire Department is comprised of paid-on-call firefighters who undergo weekly training and fire drills. Our firefighters are prepared to fight fires, make rescues, mitigate hazardous material situations, and educate the public on fire prevention. Additionally, our firefighters also help out neighboring communities by providing mutual aid assistance when needed. The Fire Department can be reached at (651) 459-9390.

## Library and Community Center

The City took over the oversight and management of the Library and Community Center from the County in 2012. With the help of a Library and Community Center Coordinator and several volunteers, the City is able to keep the Library and Community Center open almost 30 hours per week. The Library and Community Center provides the following services: books, magazines, movies, games, public computers, printer, copier, fax machine, and wireless access. Residents may also reserve the Library and Community Center to use as a meeting room. The Library and Community Center can be reached at (651) 459-9631.

## Compost Site

The Compost Site is located next to the Public Works facility at 1100 Bailey Road. The Compost Site opens the second Saturday in April and closes for the season on the second Saturday of November. Hours of operation are as follows:

- Wednesday: 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Friday: 3:30 -6:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

Grass and leaves are \$5 per load. Brush may be no more than 6" in diameter and must be bundled and is also \$5 per load. Please if you choose to bag yard and organic waste, the bags used must be either paper or compostable bags. Compostable bags are required, as they will greatly reduce the amount of plastic being sent to the compost site, which reduces processing costs and enhances the quality of the finished compost.

## Hydrant Flushing

All water mains in the City of Newport are flushed each Spring and Fall to protect the water quality. During this time, or during a water main break, you may experience low water pressure and / or brown colored water. Please check the water before washing clothes. You can clear your water by running COLD water only. Please keep an eye out for City personnel during the months of April and September and warn your children to stay away from work areas.



## Community Garden

The City's Community Garden is located next to Fire Hall #2 on Glen Road and has 24 individual garden plots that can be rented for a \$20 fee and \$20 deposit. Several plots at the garden have been designated as a "Giving Garden" and are tended by *Newport on the Move* volunteers. These plots grow food for the Friends in Need Food Shelf, which is located on the border of Newport and St. Paul Park. Please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677 for more information on the Community Garden.



**Frequently Asked Questions of the Police**

**How do I obtain a police / accident report?**

To request a police or accident report, please contact Washington County Records at (651) 430-7600.

**How do I apply for a permit to purchase / carry a gun?**

Washington County handles permits to purchase and permits to carry. Please visit their webpage at <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=963> or contact them at (651) 430-7600 for information on how to obtain these two permits.

**Does the County offer fingerprinting services?**

Fingerprinting is provided at the Washington County Law Enforcement Center, 15015 62nd Street North, Stillwater, MN 55082. Please contact Washington County Sheriff's Office at (651) 430-7900 to schedule an appointment.

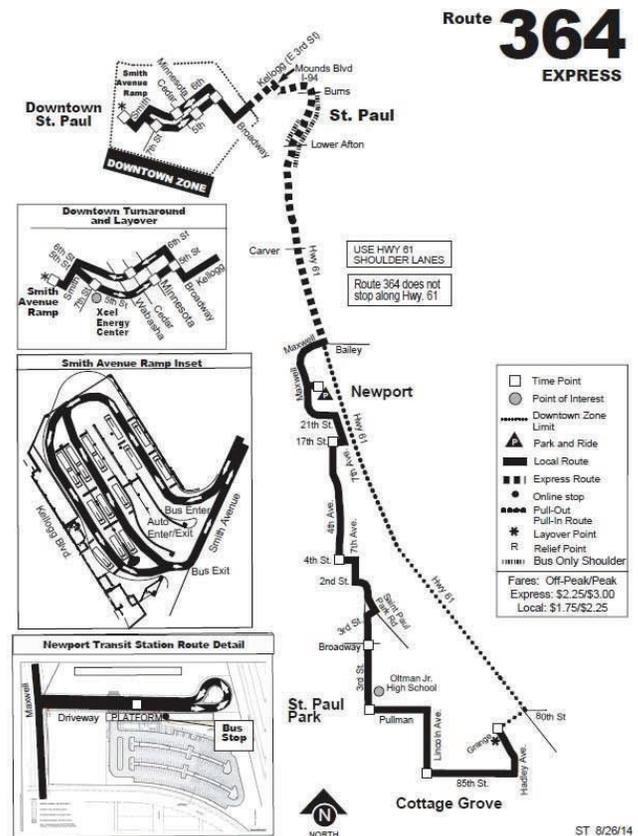
**Snow Plowing**

Snow removal is a high priority for Newport Public Works during the months of October through April. To ensure the safest streets and trails for residents, snow removal begins once there is two inches of accumulated snow in the City. During this time, please be sure to keep all vehicles off City streets so that the maintenance workers can provide the best quality service. Please also be sure to keep children away from City vehicles to ensure their safety.

**Transportation**

The City of Newport is conveniently located just 15 minutes southeast of Minneapolis and St. Paul along the Mississippi River and at the intersection of I-494 and Highway 61. Additionally, the City is located within 20 minutes of the International Airport.

In 2014, the Newport Transit Station, located on Maxwell Avenue across from Newport-St. Paul Cold Storage, opened. The transit station offers express bus service between Newport and downtown St. Paul and features an indoor waiting area and large parking lot for commuters. Route 364 provides three express trips each weekday morning and afternoon. See the schedule below or visit [www.metrotransit.org/Route/364](http://www.metrotransit.org/Route/364) for more information.



Weekday Mornings			
Leaves Newport Transit Station	6:16 a.m.	6:59 a.m.	7:28 a.m.
Arrives Downtown St. Paul (6th Street and Cedar Street)	6:38 a.m.	7:22 a.m.	7:52 a.m.
Weekday Afternoons			
Leaves Downtown St. Paul (5th and 7th Streets)	4:05 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	5:25 p.m.
Arrives Newport Transit Station	4:34 p.m.	5:04 p.m.	5:54 p.m.

## Sewer and Water / Utility Billing

Water, sanitary sewer, and storm sewer are utilities that are provided by the City. Bills are sent to residents at the end of each quarter. Upon moving into or out of the City, please contact City Hall to schedule a meter reading and to update account information. Residents who are 65 years of age or older, are eligible to sign up for the City's senior citizen discount. Seniors must sign up for this discount each October to ensure that rates remain discounted. If you have questions regarding your utility bill you may call City Hall at (651) 459-5677. For any problems pertaining to water, sanitary sewer, or storm sewer, please contact the Public Works Department at (651) 459-2475.

## Street Lighting

Street lights in Newport are owned, operated, and maintained by Xcel Energy. Residents of Newport are charged a street light fee on their utility bill to pay for the operation of street lights throughout the City. If a street light has burned out, malfunctioned, or been damaged, please call Xcel Energy at 1-800-960-6235.

### 2016 Rates

Residential Water, Sewer, and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	\$35.76	
0-8,000	\$35.76	Plus \$5.91 for each 1,000 gallons used
8,001-20,000	\$83.04	Plus \$6.30 for each 1,000 gallons used over 8,000
20,000+	\$158.64	Plus \$7.09 for each 1,000 gallons used over 20,000
Multi-Family Water, Sewer and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	\$26.82	Per Unit
0-8,000	\$26.82	Plus \$5.91 for each 1,000 gallons used
8,001-20,000	\$67.80	Plus \$6.30 for each 1,000 gallons used over 8,000
20,000+	\$136.92	Plus \$7.09 for each 1,000 gallons used over 20,000
Senior Water, Sewer, and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	\$26.82	
0-8,000	\$26.82	Plus \$3.25 for each 1,000 gallons used
8,001-20,000	\$52.82	Plus \$5.21 for each 1,000 gallons used over 8,000
20,000+	\$115.34	Plus \$6.00 for each 1,000 gallons used over 20,000
Commercial Water, Sewer, and MCES Rates		
Flat Rate	\$49.72	
0-30,000	\$49.72	Plus \$5.91 for each 1,000 gallons used
30,001-70,000	\$227.02	Plus \$6.30 for each 1,000 gallons used over 30,000
70,000+	\$479.02	Plus \$6.99 for each 1,000 gallons used over 70,000
Storm Water and Street Light Rates		
Storm Water	\$8.25/REU	
Resident Street Light	\$8.39	
Multiplex Street Light	\$60.86	
Commercial Street Light	\$101.37	

## Water Main Breaks

If you see water coming up from the ground it is likely that there is a water main break. To report this during regular business hours, please call the Public Works Department at (651) 459-2475. After hours you may call the non-emergency number for Washington County at (651) 439-9381.

## Private Utilities

### Gas / Electrical

Xcel Energy provides both gas and electrical services in Newport. To report an electric emergency or power outage, please call 1-800-895-1999. To report a gas emergency or if you smell gas, please call 1-800-895-2999.

### TV

Comcast and Direct TV are television service providers in Newport. To connect services, please contact Comcast at (651) 266-2278 or Direct TV at 1-888-795-9488.

### Telephone and Internet

Century Link and Comcast are the telephone service providers in Newport. To connect services, please contact Century Link at 1-877-477-4416, or Comcast at 1-866-950-4166.

## What to Recycle

Below is a list of materials that all haulers collect for recycling:

**Plastics:** Plastics #1-7 (rinsed), Bottles, Tubs, and Containers

**Glass:** Bottles and Jars

**Aluminum and Metal:** Aluminum, Steel and Tin Cans (rinsed)

**Paper, Cartons, Cardboard, and Paperboard:** Corrugated Cardboard, Boxboard, Envelopes, Magazines and Catalogs, Mail, Office, and School Papers, Newspaper and Inserts, Phone Books, Shredded Paper in Closed Paper Bag, Milk and Broth Cartons, Juice Boxes, Office Paper, Computer Paper, Fax Paper, Pastel Colored Paper, Brown Paper Grocery Bags, Paperboard, and Shoe Boxes

Visit the City's website at [ci.newport.mn.us/trash.php](http://ci.newport.mn.us/trash.php) for more information on recycling and disposal sites.

## Recycling / Trash Haulers

The City of Newport has four licensed trash haulers that are required to offer recycling services as well. Residents can choose from the below haulers for trash and recycling services.

Hauler	Rates for New Residential Customers	Recycling Type and Frequency
<b>Highland Sanitation</b> PO Box 10 Vermillion, MN 55085 (651) 458-0043	35 Gallon - \$11.00/month + taxes and fees 65 Gallon - \$14.00/month + taxes and fees 95 Gallon - \$17.00/month + taxes and fees Recycling - \$8.00/month + taxes and fees	Type - Single-Sort Frequency - Every week
<b>Republic Services, also known as Allied Waste</b> 4325 East 66th Street Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 (651) 455-8634	30 Gallon - \$14.75/month + taxes and fees 60 Gallon - \$15.00/month + taxes and fees 90 Gallon - \$16.00/month + taxes and fees Recycling - Included in the above rates	Type - Single-Sort Frequency - Every other week
<b>Tennis Sanitation</b> 720 4th Street St. Paul Park, MN 55071 (651) 459-1887	35 Gallon - \$16.50/month + taxes and fees 65 Gallon - \$17.55/month + taxes and fees 95 Gallon - \$20.46/month + taxes and fees Full Volume - \$22.60/month + taxes and fees Recycling - Included in above rates	Type - Single-Sort Frequency - Every week
<b>Troje's Trash and Recycling</b> 6010 Concord Blvd Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076 (651) 459-8223	38 Gallon - \$15.91/month + taxes and fees 65 Gallon - \$17.50/month + taxes and fees 95 Gallon - \$21.42/month + taxes and fees Recycling - Included in above rates	Type - Single-Sort Frequency - Every week

## It's Time to Rethink Recycling

In the Twin Cities area, you can help the environment more than you may realize. So where can you learn about recycling, composting, reducing waste or disposing? The answer is [www.RethinkRecycling.com](http://www.RethinkRecycling.com). Formerly GreenGuardian.com, Rethink Recycling helps you make smart choices about recycling or disposing of just about anything you have around your home or business. You'll also learn how to become a smarter shopper, get answers to FAQs, find resources and learn about upcoming events. As the "go-to guide" for waste management and recycling in the Twin Cities, there's something for everyone at [www.RethinkRecycling.com](http://www.RethinkRecycling.com).

This information was provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board as a part of the Rethink Recycling Education Campaign.



## Washington County Environmental Center

The Washington County Environmental Center provides residents with a free and convenient disposal of household hazardous waste, electronics, and recyclables. The Center is located at 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury and is open on Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Proof of residency is required. Below is a list of some of the hazardous materials that the Center accepts:

### Automotive and Recreation

- Aerosol cleaners / degreasers / lubricants / starting fluid - empty aerosol cans may be placed in the garbage
- Brake fluid
- Gasoline
- Propane tanks
- Rechargeable batteries
- Used motor oil and filters

### Electronics

- Cell phones
- Computers
- DVD and VCR Players
- Printers Peripherals (keyboards, mice, computer speakers, etc.)
- TVs

### Home Improvement and Construction

- Driveway sealer
- Latex paint, liquid - dried latex paint may be placed in the garbage, leave lids off cans
- Oil-based paint
- Paint remover / stripper / thinner
- Stain / varnish

### Household Items

- Drain cleaner
- Fire Extinguishers
- Fluorescent lights
- Oven cleaner
- Partially filled aerosol cans - empty aerosol cans may be placed in the garbage
- Some household cleaners
- Used cooking oil

### Yard and Garden

- Bug spray
- Insect / roach / ant killer
- Pool chemicals
- Weed killer

### Recyclables

- Bottles and Cans
  - Glass bottles and jars; rinse clean, remove lids
  - Plastic bottles; rinse clean, remove lids, flatten
  - Steel and aluminum cans; rinse clean, labels are okay
- Paper and Cardboard
  - Books, hard covered and soft covered
  - Boxboard
  - Corrugated cardboard; tape and staples okay, please flatten
  - Magazines and catalogs
  - Mail and office paper
- Newspaper with inserts
- Phonebooks
- Shredded paper; put in paper bag and clearly mark and staple shut
- Additional Items
  - Plastic bags, shrink wrap, stretch wrap
  - Extension cords
  - Holiday lights
  - Campaign or real estate signs and metal posts
  - Plastic or paper grocery bags
  - Scrap metal: small household items like pots and pans, tomato cages, fences posts and tools

Visit the County's website at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) and click on "Environmental Center" to view a full list of what's accepted at the Center. You can also call the Center at (651) 275-7475 for more information.

## Waste Processing Facility

The City of Newport and Washington County partnered together to provide one voucher to each Newport household for the free disposal of one bulky item at the Waste Processing Facility located at 100 Red Rock Road in Newport in the Spring 2016 Newsletter. The Facility is located at 100 Red Rock Road. Residents can use the voucher for: tires, tire rims, furniture (excluding mattresses), and appliances. The Facility is open Monday - Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 6:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Below is a list of all bulky items accepted at the Facility and their rates:

- Tires: \$8.00 each
- Tire Rims: \$10.00 each
- Mattress/Box Spring: \$30.00 each plus tax
- Large Furniture: \$20.00 each plus tax
- Appliances: Non-Freon - \$16.00 Each, Freon - \$20.00 Each
- Electronics: \$30.00 each

Please note that electronics and several other items can be disposed of for free at the Washington County Environmental Center, 4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129. The Environmental Center is open Tuesdays from 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Visit the County's website at [www.co.washington.mn.us](http://www.co.washington.mn.us) and click on "Environmental Center" to view a full list of what's accepted at the Center.

## Park and Trail System Regulations

The following rules apply to all City parks:

- Park hours are from 7:00 a.m. to dusk.
- Unauthorized motor vehicles are not permitted on park land or trails.
- It is unlawful to hunt or trap on park land unless approved by the City Council
- No drugs or intoxicating liquor are allowed within City parks.

## Park Reservations

City parks may be utilized for family get-togethers, graduation parties, or just a friendly barbecue. Reservations can be made for the usage of a pavilion by filling out an application at City Hall accompanied by a deposit. After your event, if the park is found in the same condition as it was prior to usage, your deposit will be returned. A beer permit may also be obtained for a \$50 non-refundable fee and the approval of the Newport City Council.

## Parks

### Busy Beaver Park (Tot Lot)

Busy Beaver Park is located at 10th Avenue & High Street and caters to toddlers. Here you can enjoy playground equipment, merry-go-round, sandbox, and a community grill.

### Lions Park

Lions Park is located at 21st Street & 1st Avenue next to Fire Station #1. The park has playground equipment, a pavilion with grills, a pleasure skating and hockey rink, and warming house.

### Loveland Park

Loveland Park is the City's second largest park and is located at Glen Road & Century Avenue. Park amenities include three pavilions with grills, tennis courts, ball fields, batting cages, a pleasure skating and hockey rink, warming house, and horseshoe pits.



*Busy Beaver Park*



*Bailey School Forest Park*

### Newport Bailey School Forest Park

Newport Bailey School Forest Park is both a City park where residents can enjoy a relaxing walk on well maintained trails, as well as an officially designated school forest that serves as an environmental learning park for the students in the South Washington County School District. The park is the City's largest park and is a great place to picnic, walk, reflect, observe, and in the winter, cross country ski, or snowshoe. The park is located at Century Avenue and Wild Ridge Trail.

### Overlooks

The City of Newport has four river overlooks on 2nd Avenue intersecting with 6th Street, Park Place, 10th Street, and 12th Street. The overlooks are perfect destinations if you are out for a stroll on a warm spring day, long summer evening, or brisk fall afternoon.

### Pioneer Park

Pioneer Park, Newport's oldest park, is located at 2nd Avenue & 6th Street. At this park you will find two pavilions with grills, playground equipment, a basketball court, and horseshoe pits.



Overlook

## Adopt-a-Park / Trail

Although City Staff do their best to maintain the parks, it can be difficult keeping up with the day to day traffic flow and resulting litter. That's where you can help! Through the efforts of volunteers, the City is able to make improvements that wouldn't otherwise be possible. When parks are litter free they are more inviting to Newport's citizens and visitors, and to prospective businesses and citizens. By volunteering to Adopt-A-Park / Trail, you increase the pleasure of park visits for everyone and you take ownership of your City.

The Adopt-A-Park / Trail program is available to community groups, civic organizations, churches, families, and individuals interested in becoming more involved in the community. Adopt-A-Park volunteers remove litter and debris from one of Newport's parks, usually one time per month in April, May, and September, and two times per month in June, July, and August, for a minimum period of one year.

Below is a list of the parks and trails you can adopt. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Newport City Hall at (651) 459-5677 or visit [ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us) to see if they are available.

- Parks and Civic Areas (Pick up litter)
  - Bailey School Forest
  - Busy Beaver Park
  - Frances and James Park (pocket park by Fire Station #2)
  - Lions Park
  - Loveland Park
  - Newport Library
  - Pioneer Park
  - Red Rock Cemetery
  - 10th Street Overlook
  - 12th Street / Oliver Overlooks
  - 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)
  - 20th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)
- Trails (Pick up litter)
  - Glen Road
  - Hastings Avenue between Glen Road and Red Rock Cemetery
  - Hastings Avenue south of Glen Road
  - Maxwell Avenue
  - Red Rock Road
- Flower Gardens (Weed)
  - City Hall
  - Flower pots along 10th Avenue
  - Oliver Overlook
  - Planters along Hastings Avenue near Glen Road
  - 12th Street Pedestrian Bridge (east or west ends)



Pedestrian Bridge

## Veterans Memorial



In 2011, the City dedicated the Newport Veterans Memorial in Pioneer Park. The Veterans Memorial consists of two elements, a flagpole and circular plaza made of brick pavers. The pavers are inscribed with the names of individuals, living or deceased, who served honorably in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, National Guard and Coast Guard. The City purchased and installed the first round of bricks in the fall of 2013.

Bricks are available for sponsorship at City Hall for \$75 and may be sponsored by individuals, family members, companies or groups. The City will order bricks twice a year to install. For additional information, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

Parks and Trails Map



## City Events

Below is information on the different events that take place in the City throughout the year. Visit the City's website at [ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us), call City Hall at (651) 459-5677, or view the quarterly newsletters for more information on specific events.

### Summer Rec Program

The City hosts a free Summer Rec Program each summer for Newport youth. The Program runs from the second week in June through the first week in August at Pioneer Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children ages 3 to 5 meet from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. and children ages 6 to 14 meet from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Registration forms will be made available at City Hall or online at [ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us) in May of each year. For additional information, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

### Fire Department's Annual Booya

The Newport Fire Department hosts an Annual Booya Festival the second weekend in July. Visitors will enjoy homemade booya, refreshments, games, rides, bingo, raffles, and a beer tent. The weekend starts with a parade on Saturday evening and festivities continue during the day on Sunday. Firefighters go door to door at the end of June to sell raffle tickets.



### Night to Unite

Newport residents and their friends are invited to participate in Minnesota Night To Unite (NTU) on the first Tuesday of August each year at Newport Lutheran Church, 900 15th Street. NTU is an evening to gather with friends and neighbors to get to know each other and promote community awareness. It is designed to heighten drug and crime prevention awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships. Activities include police and fire equipment and personnel, food, children's games, and community organization displays.

### Pioneer Day

The City's annual festival, Pioneer Day, takes place the second Sunday in August at Pioneer Park. The festival is kicked off with a parade at 11:00 a.m. and continues at Pioneer Park through the evening. Visitors will enjoy a car show, crafts, food, bingo, games, entertainment, raffle prizes, corn feed, and a beer tent. Visitors can purchase buttons for all-you-can-eat corn and a chance to win great raffle prizes.



### Park Board Events

Check the City's website at [ci.newport.mn.us](http://ci.newport.mn.us) and newsletters for more information on the below Park Board events.

#### Winter Family Fun Night

The Park Board hosts a Winter Family Fun Night each year. The event takes place at Lions Park and is full of winter activities and games.

#### Buckthorn Removal Day

The Park Board hosts a buckthorn removal day in October of each year at Bailey School Forest and looks for residents to volunteer to help. Buckthorn invades yards and woods, forms a dense, prickly undergrowth, and competes with native plants for light, water, and nutrients. By volunteering you can help one of Newport's most beautiful parks and learn how to control and prevent buckthorn's spread.

## Code Enforcement

The condition of one property has a direct effect on neighboring properties such as decreased property values, the inability to sell a home or property, and increased criminal activity. Due to this, the City of Newport takes a proactive approach to code enforcement. Your property may be inspected if a complaint is made regarding the condition of your property, or if City staff notices a violation upon your property. Once a property has been inspected and a violation is noted, the City will take the necessary steps to resolve the issue, which can include a warning or citation. These violations are especially visible after the snow melts and spring arrives. Be sure to keep your home and property up to code in order to prevent yourself from receiving a warning or citation. Some common exterior code violations are listed in this section.

### How to report code violations

Complaints may be filed with the City in person, by email, calling, or by mail and will be inspected by the City and County. Please note that all complaints are kept anonymous. To report a possible violation, please contact City Hall by visiting 596 7th Avenue, calling (651) 459-5677, emailing [reisenbeisz@newportmn.com](mailto:reisenbeisz@newportmn.com), or calling non-emergency dispatch at (651) 439-9381.



## Dog Licenses

All dogs must be licensed with the City. Dog licenses must be renewed annually and go on sale the Monday after Thanksgiving. From Thanksgiving until January 31st of each year, dog licenses incur a fee of \$10. After this date the cost is \$20 per license. To obtain a license, please present your payment, as well as a current rabies vaccination record for each dog.

For more information, please contact City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

## Animals Running at Large

No owner shall permit any dog, farm animal, wild or exotic animal to run at large. An animal is running at large unless it is on the premises of its owner or is on a leash not exceeding 15 feet in length and is accompanied by a person or restrained by a cage or other barrier. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in the impounding of the animal and / or a citation. If an officer finds a dog with a City license, the officer will attempt to return the animal to its property before resorting to impounding the dog.

## Hunting Regulations

Hunting on any land in the City of Newport is prohibited, with the exception of on the Mississippi River and archery deer hunting. The City adopted an Archery Deer Hunting ordinance to designate areas and regulate archery deer hunting. Per the ordinance, individuals are allowed to hunt deer with a bow and arrow during the regular season on private land. In order to hunt, individuals must complete the MBRB Proficiency Test Certificate on an annual basis at approved locations. Hunters must possess this certificate when hunting in Newport. Additionally, the private land that hunters are hunting on must be at least five (5) contiguous acres and hunters must possess written permission from the property owner when hunting. Visit the City's website at [ci.newport.mn.us/maps.php](http://ci.newport.mn.us/maps.php) to view the areas for archery deer hunting.

## House Numbers

For your safety, house numbers are required to be displayed at your residence. If it is not possible to display the numbers on the home itself because it is set back too far, a sign with proper numbers may be placed on a post in the front yard, plainly visible from the street. A street number on a mailbox is not satisfactory for safety purposes.



## Weed Control



In an effort to ensure that our community is a safe and attractive place to live, City ordinance requires that residents control the growth of weeds and grass on their property. Weeds or grass in excess of eight inches in height on any lot are a public nuisance and are prohibited. The owner or occupant of such a lot will be given notice of non-compliance, after which, if the weeds are not cut, the City has the authority to hire someone to cut the grass or weeds and assess the cost against the property.

## Watering Restrictions

The City does not impose a watering ban at this time.

## Fences

Fences in residential zones may be placed along a property line providing no physical damage of any kind results to the abutting property. The side of the fence considered the face, or the finished side, shall face the abutting property. Fences in the front yard shall be one color or pattern and may be no more than four feet in height. Fences may be no more than six feet in height in a side or rear yard, unless the side or rear lot line is common with the front yard of an abutting lot, in which case the portion of the side or rear lot line equal to the required front yard of the abutting lot may have a fence no more than four feet in height.



## Garages / Accessory Buildings

A property may contain no more than two accessory buildings, including garages, sheds, carports, or covered storage buildings. The total square footage of the accessory buildings combined can be no larger than the footprint of the livable area of the house. No detached accessory structure shall be located in any required front yard and must meet the setback requirements outlined in Section 1340.03. No garages or accessory buildings in the RE District shall be placed any closer to the public right-of-way than

the principal structure on the lot.

## Exterior Storage / Garbage

In efforts to keep the community an attractive place to live, an owner or occupant of a dwelling may not allow garbage, equipment, personal property, or any other type of storage to accumulate on a property.

## Inoperable / Junk Vehicles

If a vehicle is not in operable condition or is partially dismantled, it is deemed an inoperable or junk vehicle. This ordinance also includes any vehicle not properly licensed by the State with current registration. If an inoperable or junk vehicle is on one's property, it must be stored in a garage or accessory building.

## Storage of Recreational Vehicles / Equipment

Recreational vehicles and equipment shall be stored within a building, unless the equipment is operable and licensed. In such case, units may be parked or stored on property outside a building as follows:

- In the front yard, provided they are kept on an established driveway and entirely on the equipment or vehicle owner's property.
- In the side yard, on an area surfaced with asphalt, concrete, or crushed decorative rock, abutting an attached or detached garage, provided the recreational equipment is not closer than two feet from the side lot line.
- In the rear yard not closer than five feet from the rear or side lot lines, and not within drainage and utility easements.



Only vehicles belonging to the property owner may be stored at the property.

## Code Enforcement Cont'd

### What to do if you receive a warning or citation

If you do receive a warning or citation, **do not ignore it!** Instead, take the necessary steps to correct the issue(s) listed on the notice. Always feel free to call City Hall at (651) 459-5677 if you do not understand the notice or need more time to correct the issue. Failure to resolve the issue may result in additional actions such as fines, a formal court complaint, or City facilitated abatement.



## Where to Find Information

All City Ordinances can be found on the City's website at [ci.newport.mn.us/city\\_code.php](http://ci.newport.mn.us/city_code.php) or at City Hall. Below is a list of frequently visited ordinances:

- **Chapter 6, Animals** - This chapter outlines ordinances on animal licenses and what animals are allowed within the City.
- **Chapter 7, General Regulations and Offenses** - This chapter outlines ordinances on curfew, open burning, tobacco, archery deer hunting, and pawn shops.
- **Chapter 8, Nuisances** - This chapter outlines nuisances, building and property maintenance, driveways, lawns, and vacant buildings.
- **Chapter 9, Traffic and Motor Vehicles** - This chapter outlines ordinances such as traffic regulations, parking, and recreational vehicles.
- **Chapter 10, Water and Sewer Systems** - This chapter outlines ordinances on utilities.
- **Chapter 1300, Zoning Code** - This chapter is the Zoning Code and outlines ordinances such as allowed uses, setbacks, lot coverage, fences, accessory structures, allowed materials, etc.

If you have any questions on any of the above ordinances or any other ordinances, please call City Hall at (651) 459-5677.

## Paving / Driveways

All parking areas and driveways must be paved with asphalt, concrete, or other materials as approved by the City Engineer. Coal-tar based sealer is prohibited. Non-paved driveways shall be paved prior to the sale of a property, except for properties whose main access is a non-paved roadway. There may be only one driveway per lot. Residents must receive a paving permit for paving a new driveway or parking area.

## Signs

No signs shall be erected or temporarily placed within any street right-of-way or upon any public easements, with the exception of campaign yard signs. For more specific criteria pertaining to signs, please see Section 1380 of the City of Newport Code of Ordinances.

## Winter Parking Ban

A winter parking ban is in effect on all City streets beginning October 1st and ending April 30th. This parking ban prohibits on-street parking between the hours of 2:00 and 6:00 a.m.



## Open Burning

Newport City Ordinance prohibits residents from disposing of refuse, leaves, or other debris by open burning. Recreational fires are allowed, as long as they are no larger than three feet in height and three feet in diameter, they are no closer than 25' to a building, structure, property line, or combustible material, and a means for extinguishing the fire is present while the fire is burning. Only unpainted and untreated wood, coal, or charcoal shall be burned.

## Curfew

The Newport Police Department enforces a curfew for all youth in the City. Youth are not allowed in public areas or establishments during the following hours:

Age	Sunday - Thursday	Friday - Saturday
Under 15	10:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.	11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.
15-16	11:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m.	12:00 - 5:00 a.m.

It is unlawful for any parent or guardian of a juvenile, or the proprietor of an any establishment, to knowingly permit a juvenile to be in any public place or to remain in / on the establishment's property during these prohibited hours.

## Post Office

The Newport Post Office is located at 303 21st Street. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. -3:30 p.m. (The office is closed from noon to 1:00 p.m.), and Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The telephone number is (651) 768-0558 and the website is [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

## Motor Vehicle License Center

The Bulletin License Center in Cottage Grove serves all Newport residents. The Bulletin License Center is located at 8599 West Point Douglas Road, Suite 700, in Cottage Grove. The hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information please call (651) 459-9877.

## Food Shelf

The Friends in Need Food Shelf in St. Paul Park serves Newport residents. The Food Shelf is located at 255 3rd Street in St. Paul Park and is open from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. every Tuesday and 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. every Wednesday. Appointments are necessary and identification and proof of residency must be shown. (Emergency assistance for new clients is provided on days other than Tuesdays.) For more information, please call (651) 458-0730.

## Stone Soup Thrift Shop

Stone Soup Thrift Shop is located at 950 3rd Street in St. Paul Park and open Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and closed Sundays.. Merchandise is distributed at no cost to some, and sold at very low prices to others. For more information, call (651) 458-9786.

## School District

School District 833 serves the students of Cottage Grove, St. Paul Park, and Newport. The District Service Center is located at 7362 East Point Douglas Road in Cottage Grove. For more information, call (651) 458-6300, or visit their website at [www.sowashco.k12.mn.us](http://www.sowashco.k12.mn.us).

## Bulletin Newspaper

The South Washington County Bulletin is the local area paper that serves the cities of Newport, St. Paul Park, and Cottage Grove. The Bulletin's office is located at 7584 80th Street South in Cottage Grove. The telephone number is (651) 319-4280. You can check out the Bulletin's website for local news at [www.swcbulletin.com](http://www.swcbulletin.com).

## Hospitals

### St. Paul

Bethesda Hospital  
559 North Capitol Blvd  
St. Paul, MN 55103  
(651) 232-2000

Children's Hospital  
345 Smith Avenue N  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 220-6000

Regions Hospital  
640 Jackson Street  
St. Paul, MN 55101  
(651) 254-3456

St. Joseph's Hospital  
45 W 10th Street  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 232-3000

United Hospital  
333 Smith Avenue N  
St. Paul, MN 55102  
(651) 241-8565

Woodbury  
Woodwinds Health Campus  
1925 Woodwinds Drive  
Woodbury, MN 55125  
(651) 232-0228

## Places of Worship

Newport Lutheran Church  
900 15th Street  
Newport, MN  
(651) 459-2447

Newport United Methodist Church  
1596 11th Avenue  
Newport, MN  
(651) 459-2747

Community United Church of Christ  
1145 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 459-2543

Discovery Community Church  
828 Portland Avenue  
St. Paul Park  
(651)459-9328

Gospel Lighthouse  
1145 Dayton Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 459-9474

Household of Faith  
1090 Chicago Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 459-0505

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church  
1000 Portland Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 459-2569

St. Thomas Aquinas Church  
920 Holley Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 459-2131

Summit Avenue Church of Christ  
356 9th Avenue  
St. Paul Park, MN  
(651) 222-0872

We hope you enjoy your new home in Newport!

### **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.



### **Vision Statement**

Newport is a historic city on the Mississippi River where small-town tradition is preserved, strong work ethic and self reliance is valued, and a shared sense of community pride fosters active family neighborhoods, expanding business opportunities, and a healthy lifestyle for all to enjoy!