

CityNews



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RESIDENTIAL FALL CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Family Aquatic Center • 14421 Johnny Cake Ridge Rd • Apple Valley, MN 55124



MATERIALS ACCEPTED:

- **Appliances:** Free
- **Car tires:** \$5 ea.
Semi tires \$10 ea.
Tractor tires \$25 ea.
- **Furniture:** Recliner, sofa,
Love seat \$15 ea.
Sofa w/hide-a-bed \$25 ea.
Wooden chairs \$5 ea.
- **Scrap metal:** \$7 minimum for
small items (*bikes, propane tanks*)
\$10 minimum for large items
(*lawnmowers, grills, snow blowers*)
- **Home remodeling debris:**
Volume based (*\$50/pickup load*)*
- **Carpet and padding:** \$1/sq. yd.
(provide approx. dimensions)
- **Mattresses and boxsprings:** \$15 ea.
Baby mattresses: \$5 ea.
- **Miscellaneous: Volume based**
(*\$35/car load; \$50/pickup load*)*
*Price varies depending on
volume/weight

Cash or check payable to
City of Apple Valley

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED:

- Leaves or grass
- Brush or tree trimmings
- Household hazardous wastes
- Regular home recyclables
- Business waste
- Railroad ties
- Car batteries
- Motor oil & filters

****WATCH FOR UPDATES ON
CITY WEBSITE AT
WWW.CITYOFAPPLEVALLEY.ORG****

**NOTE: Proof of Apple Valley
residency will be required**

*For more information,
call 952-953-2733*

HOME ELECTRONICS

City of Burnsville is accepting
electronics for **FREE** for Dakota
County residents at their Household
Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day
(*Sept. 27th 9am-2pm*)
13713 Frontier Ct. Burnsville, MN 55337
(*For more information call*
952-895-4511)

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Mayor:

Mary Hamann-Roland

Council Members:

John Bergman
Thomas Goodwin
Ruth Grendahl
Clint Hooppaw

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*SPECIAL PICK-UP DAY FOR APPLIANCES

Monday, September 29, 2014

- Call J.R.'s Appliance at **651-454-9215**
Certified Appliance Recycling at
952-894-1448, or A-1 Recycling
Center at **763-712-1344** to schedule
a pick-up and obtain fee information.
- You must call before noon on
Thursday, September 25th
- Acceptable appliances include:
freezers, dryers, refrigerators,
washers, furnaces, garbage
disposals, dishwashers, water
heaters, stoves, trash comp., air
cond., microwaves, dehumidifiers,
heat pumps.
- You may bring appliances to
clean-up site, free of charge.



OPTIONS FOR ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED AT THE FALL

CLEAN-UP DAY ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2014:

No Leaves, Grass, Brush, Garden Waste, Stumps or Tree Trimmings

Take to a Mulch Store location:
16454 Blaine Ave, Rosemount (651-423-4401)
or 1030 W Cliff Rd, Burnsville (952-736-1915). Fees apply.

No Paint, Cleaners, Pesticides, Fluorescent Bulbs, Motor Oil/Filters, or Other Household Hazardous Waste

Take to The Recycling Zone 3365 Dodd Rd (Hwy 149), Eagan (651-905-4520). Free.

No Regular Home Recyclables

Visit www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org/curbside for how to recycle at home. Also accepted at The Recycling Zone (see above); separate by material type. Free.

No Business Waste

Call Dakota County at 952-891-7548.

No Railroad Ties or Treated Lumber

Take to Pine Bend Landfill, 2495 E 117th St E, Inver Grove Heights (651-457-2778). Fees apply.

No Electronics

Electronics such as TVs, VCRs, DVD players, computers, printers, stereos, monitors and cell phones are accepted at The Recycling Zone (see above). Free.

No Car Batteries

Return to the store where you purchased the new battery. Also accepted at The Recycling Zone.

No Prescription Drugs

Never flush down the toilet, pour down the sink, or place in the trash. Drop-off box located in the Apple Valley Police Station lobby, 7100 147th St W. Mon-Fri, 8:00am-4:30pm. Free.

Questions about recycling or disposal of items?

Contact the Apple Valley recycling department:
Dakota Valley Recycling, 952-895-4559,
www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org

REGISTER YOUR RENTAL PROPERTY IT'S A CITY ORDINANCE

City Code requires that any person who owns a rental property in Apple Valley, register that property with the City. Owners of rental property can register one of two ways, either pick up a hard copy of the rental registration form at the police department during business hours or you can register online through the police department web page at www.cityofapplevalley.org. Failure to properly register a property is a misdemeanor ordinance violation. Contact Apple Valley Police Crime Prevention Specialist Pam Walter at 952-953-2706 with questions.

RECYCLING PLASTICS IS MORE THAN JUST BOTTLES

What to Do With Caps, Bags and Yogurt Cups?

When kids learn about recycling in school, they probably memorize “Paper! Plastic! Metal! Glass!” With more and more products on the market, it’s hard to keep track of what fits in each of those categories. Below is information on recycling one of the most common materials—plastics.

Reduce Plastic Waste First

- Use reusable water bottles
- Bring reusable bags to the grocery store
- Buy in bulk to reduce packaging waste (*and save money!*)
- When purchasing other products, look for the product with the least packaging

What’s New?

Recently, Apple Valley’s trash haulers began accepting more plastics in the recycling bin – including yogurt cups, cottage cheese and margarine tubs, berry and deli containers, empty medicine bottles, and clear plastic clamshell to-go boxes.

Caps are even OK! Empty the container and put the cap back on recyclable bottles, such as milk, juice, soda, liquid detergent and shampoo bottles. Plastic lids (such as on a margarine tub) are OK to leave on too.

Plastic bags are usually **NOT** allowed in the recycling bin, because loose bags get caught in the gears and conveyor belts at sorting facilities. Instead, plastic bags can be taken to many grocery stores for recycling, as well as the Dakota County recycling center (*The Recycling Zone, 3365 Dodd Rd, Eagan*).

What Does That Number Mean?

Plastic containers usually come labeled with a recycling symbol or triangle with a number inside. The number describes the type of plastic used to make the product, and doesn’t necessarily mean it’s recyclable. Do not recycle Styrofoam, PVC pipes, plastic toys or containers that held a hazardous product (such as motor oil).

To see what plastics you should recycle, go to www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org/curbside and click on your garbage company’s logo.

Questions?
Call the recycling dept.
at 952-895-4511





MY HOUSE HAS A NAME

When you need to get help in an emergency, most kids learn to dial 911. But once they dial that number, one of the most important things they need to be able to tell the dispatcher, especially in the case of a fire or medical emergency in their home, is their address.

A great way to teach young children how to remember their address is to associate it with learning someone's name and teaching them that our homes have a name just like we do. Your home's "first name" is the number and the "last name" is the street. While some children may find it difficult to remember that their address is 17935 Main Street, they may find it easier to memorize and say; My first name is Taylor and my last name is Smith and my home's first name is 17935 and my home's last name is Main Street. Being able to provide this detailed information in a quick and clear manner is a very important tool to keeping your family and home safe.

Once your children learn to identify their home to emergency personnel, it is important that you have the "first name" on your house in a way that Police, Fire or Ambulance personnel can find you.

505.1 and Apple Valley city ordinance 155.360 require address numbers to be installed on your house and within specific guidelines.

- **Premises identification:** Approved numbers or addresses shall be displayed on all residential and commercial buildings in such a position as to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall be a minimum of four inches in height, have a minimum stroke width of one-half inch, and shall contrast with the surface on which they are mounted.

Compliance and safety are as simple as using light colored numbers if your home has a dark exterior color, and using dark colored numbers if your home's exterior is light colored. Mailbox numbers that are reflective are easiest to find during the dark hours, but since some mailboxes are located at a place other than directly in front of the home, having the numbers on the mailbox is not enough and you'll still need to have the appropriate "first name" on your home.

Our ability to find your home starts with you. Thank you for helping us find you as quickly as possible.

Questions about home identification and other safety issues can be directed to the Apple Valley Fire Marshal at **952-953-2679**.

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR NEW GARDEN A RAINGARDEN?

If you are looking to add a little pizzazz in your yard with a new garden, a raingarden may be for you. What is a raingarden? This specialized garden helps improve local water



quality and provides the beauty of native flower species. A raingarden is planted in a shallow 3-inch (*clay soils*) to 6-inch (*sandy soils*) depression created in an area that rain water flows toward. When it rains, runoff will puddle in the raingarden and soak into the ground over the course of the next day. This infiltration process goes a long way toward reducing pollution coming from yards into the neighborhood storm drain and flowing into the nearest pond. The typical raingarden project will reduce the phosphorus coming from your yard by 30%.

Help is available for residents wishing to garden with a purpose. You can learn more about raingardens and other planting for clean water techniques at www.BlueThumb.org. If you would like to learn about programs in the community to assist residents with raingarden installation, call Apple Valley Natural Resources at **952-953-2462**.



2014 DRINKING WATER REPORT

The annual Drinking Water Quality Report can be found at <http://mn-applevalley.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/Home/View/967>. The 2014 report was posted in June. The Safe Drinking Water Act determines water quality tests included in the report. The City of Apple Valley meets every water quality standard. The purpose of the report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources. To request a paper copy, contact the Public Works Department at: pubworks@ci.apple-valley.mn.us or call **952-953-2400**.

SEWER AND WATER EMERGENCIES

In the event of a sewer or water emergency, please use the following contact numbers.

952-953-2400 (Public Works)

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

952-322-2323 (Dakota Communication Center)

After hours, weekends and holidays

The State Primary Election is August 12, 2014

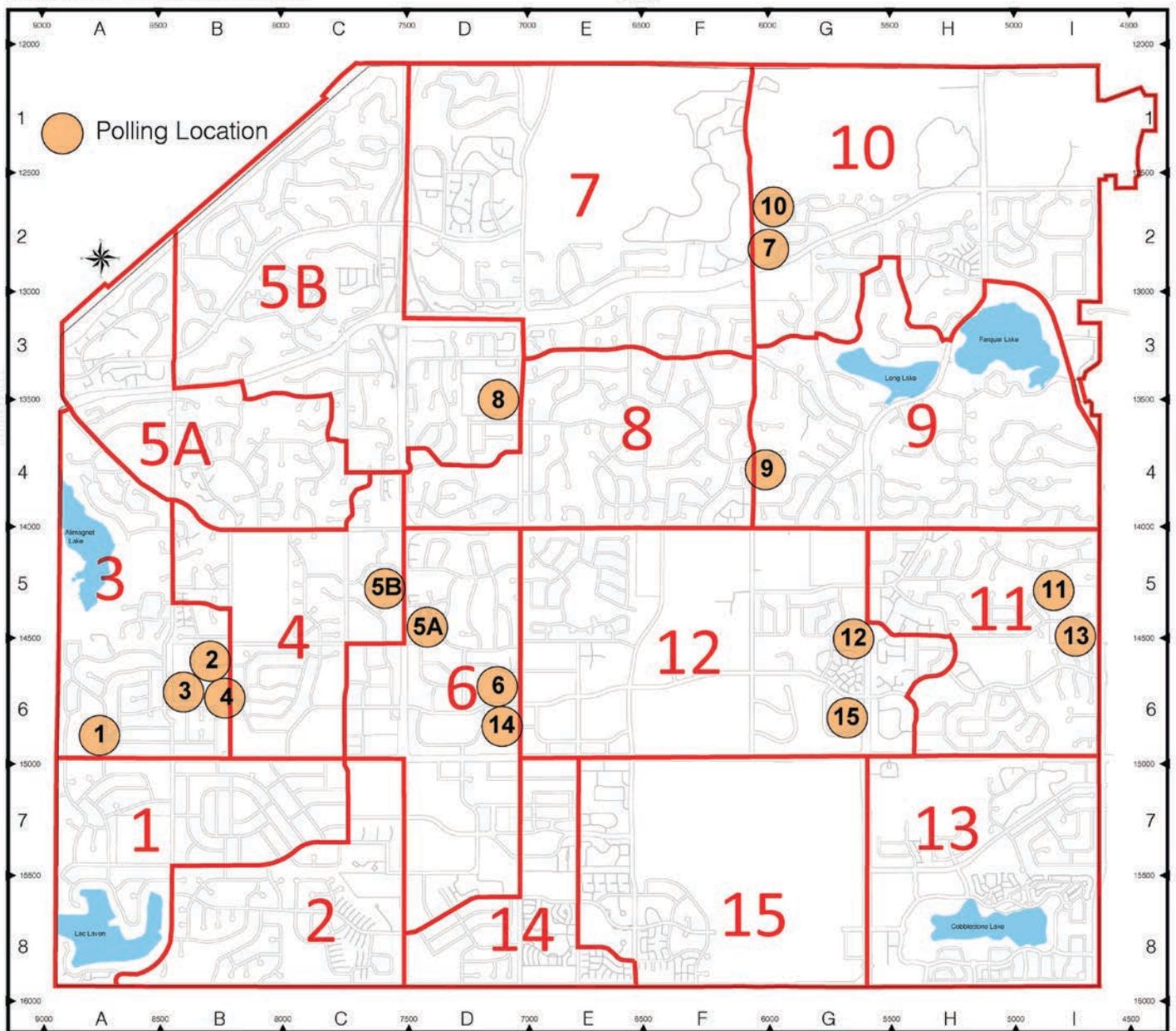
The State General and City Election is November 4, 2014

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to exercise your right to vote!



2014 APPLE VALLEY PRECINCT MAP

TOWNSHIP 115N., RANGE 20W.





ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

Elections are just around the corner. If you have not yet registered to vote, there is still time. In addition to forms which are available at the Apple Valley Municipal Center, Dakota County Western Service Center, and on the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org, you may now register online through the Minnesota Secretary of State's website at www.mnvotes.org. **Pre-registration saves you time.**

Register today! Your registration is permanent provided you vote at least once every four years and do not change your name or address. **The last day to register to vote for the August 12th State Primary Election is Tuesday, July 22, and the last day to register for the November 4th State General and City Election is Tuesday, October 14.**

CITY OF APPLE VALLEY POLLING PLACES

Precinct Number	Polling Place
1	Redwood Community Center 311 - 150th Street W.
2	Apple Valley Senior Center 14601 Hayes Road
3	Westview Elementary School 225 Garden View Drive
4	Apple Valley Community Center 14603 Hayes Road
5A	Hope Church 7477 - 145th Street W.
5B	Mount Olivet Assembly of God Church 14201 Cedar Avenue
6	Augustana Health Care Center of Apple Valley 14650 Garrett Avenue
7	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church 12650 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
8	Greenleaf Elementary School 13333 Galaxie Avenue
9	Community of Christ Church 5990 - 134th Street Court W.
10	South Suburban Evangelical Free Church 12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
11	ISD 196 District Service Center 14445 Diamond Path
12	Spirit of Life Presbyterian Church 14401 Pilot Knob Road
13	Diamond Path Elementary School of International Studies 14455 Diamond Path
14	Apple Valley Municipal Center 7100 - 147th Street W.
15	River Valley Church 14898 Energy Way

REGISTERING ON ELECTION DAY

If you do not pre-register, you may register to vote at the polls by providing proof of residence to the election judges. Visit the Minnesota Secretary of State website at www.mnvotes.org for registration requirements and a list of documents you can use as proofs of residence on Election Day.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

An individual who meets the following requirements at the time of an election is eligible to vote. The individual **must be**:

- 18 years of age or older;
- A citizen of the United States;
- A resident of Minnesota for 20 days immediately preceding the election; and
- Registered to vote.

The following individuals are **not eligible** to vote. Any individual:

- Convicted of a felony whose civil rights have not been restored;
- Under guardianship in which the court-order revokes the right to vote; or
- Found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.

ELECTION JUDGES NEEDED

Are you interested in the upcoming elections? Would you like to learn more about the election process? If so, why not consider becoming an election judge. The City of Apple Valley is looking for individuals to hire as election judges. The 2014 State Primary Election is Tuesday, August 12, and the 2014 General Election is Tuesday, November 4. To be eligible to work, individuals must:

- be eligible to vote in Minnesota
- be able to read, write, and speak English
- be appointed by the City Council
- complete a minimum of two hours of election judge training
- not be the spouse, parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, or stepsibling of any election judge serving in the same precinct at the same time or of any candidate at the election
- not be a candidate at the election

For more information or to submit an Election Judge Application, visit the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org.

CAMPAIGN SIGN REGULATIONS

In an effort to treat all political candidates consistently and fairly, the City of Apple Valley administers a process to enforce State and City regulations related to the placement of signs in the right-of-way and on City property. The rules apply to political campaign signs for all candidates, regardless of whether they are seeking federal, state, county, city, or school offices.

Consistent with the laws of the State of Minnesota, campaign, private, and commercial signs are not allowed in the following locations:

- State property and public right-of-way for State Highways, including Trunk Highway 77
- County property and public right-of-way for County Roads
- City property and public right-of-way for City Municipal State-Aid Streets

A map showing the affected streets can be found on the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org.

In addition, City Ordinance prohibits campaign, private, and commercial signs within the first 18 feet from the edge of the roadway on all other City streets.

If the City finds a violation on City property or the right-of-way, the sign will be removed and stored at the Apple Valley Central Maintenance Facility located at 6442 140th Street W. Signs may be reclaimed Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Per City Ordinance, the handling fee for removed signs is \$15.00 per sign. Unclaimed signs will be disposed of 60 days after removal.

Campaign signs may be placed on private property with the consent of the property owner. Each sign shall show the name and address of the person responsible for the placement of the sign.

Questions concerning campaign sign rules should be directed to the City Code Enforcement Division at **(952) 953-2570**. Additional information about this topic can be found under "Campaign Sign Regulations" on the Elections page of the City's website.

BUCKTHORN MANAGEMENT

The Apple Valley Public Works Department will assist residents with buckthorn management by providing on-site consultation and use of City-owned pulling tools.

Additional buckthorn information can be found on the City website www.cityofapplevalley.org or by calling the Public Works Department at **952-953-2400**.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Absentee voting for the State Primary Election is June 27 - August 11 and for the State General and City Election is September 19 - November 3.

Absentee ballots may be obtained, in person, during regular office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, from the Apple Valley Municipal Center, as well as from the Dakota County Administration Center in Hastings, the Northern Service Center in West St. Paul, and from the Western Service Center in Apple Valley. Additionally, the Western Service Center is open until 6:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ballots are also available at the Municipal Center on the Saturday before each election from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., and until 5:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding each Election Day.

For more information or for an Absentee Ballot Application visit the City's website at www.cityofapplevalley.org.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE – VOLUNTEER!

Volunteering is a great way to connect to your community and strengthen local services available to citizens. Short-term and long-term volunteer opportunities are available in functions throughout the City for groups and individuals. Learn more at www.cityofapple.org; click Jobs and Volunteering.

LEBANON CEMETERY VOLUNTEERS

A huge **THANK YOU** to the volunteers who assist at Lebanon Cemetery. Their efforts with plant care, marking the graves of veterans and removing litter provides a pleasant setting for families and friends visiting the graves of loved ones. The City of Apple Valley appreciates and thanks them for their time and effort to provide this service.

Michael Wiklund • Jack Wallace

Jay and Deb Hoekstra • Laurel and Leroy Frerichs

Marla and Dale Danielson • Appleseeds 4-H Club

Mary, Sam, Matt, and Megan Anderson

Rayna Sanchez