



WELLS
MINNESOTA

City of Wells Newsletter

Winter 2014



Due to extreme cold winter conditions and the length at which they have lasted, the Faribault County Soil and Water Department has provided Wells with the following information on water line breaks:

Infrastructure, including water supply lines, remain below the frost line during a typical Minnesota winter. However, this year, many main and service lines are within the frost layer. This, along with

low water flow, highly increases the likelihood of frozen pipes/water line leaks/ruptures.

Indicators of Freeze Up

Water Temperature- From a direct line, let your water run until it is cold and check the temperature. Water temperature should be around 45 degrees. If water temperature drops to 40 degrees or below, frost may be getting too close to your service line.

Water Pressure- Another good indicator that something is about to happen or may have already happened, is if your water pressure changes. If you notice a change in water pressure, contact Wells Public Utilities immediately to have them assess the situation.

Prevention

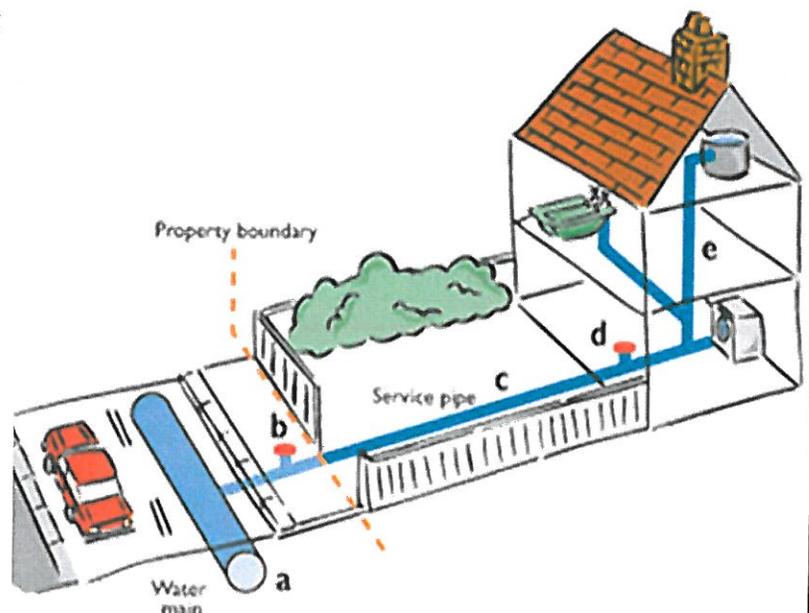
You can help prevent your line from freezing by letting water run at a pencil-size stream from a sink faucet. If you are nervous about letting water run while not at home, flush a toilet before you leave for the day and again as soon as you return. You may also try running the water at a pencil-sized stream while at home. Keep in mind, the decision to run water will be at your own expense but running water is less costly than frozen pipes.

Reminder

This year is not the norm and these same steps will not need to be taken each year. It has been over 30 years since frost levels have been this deep.

Questions?

You can reach Wells Public Utilities at (507) 553-3119. Please be safe and stay warm!



NO PARKING RULE

When an emergency weather condition is declared, it is unlawful to park or leave stand any vehicle on ANY street or alley in the city of Wells until the roadway has been completely cleaned, curb to curb.

Any vehicle left parked or standing during this time will be ticketed by the Wells Police Department and fined \$50 or another amount approved by the City Council.

“Emergency Weather Condition” means a condition created on roads because of the presence of snowfall. The declaration will be left up to the discretion of the City of Wells.

For information on road conditions this winter season, call the City Information Line 553-3666 or listen to KBEW 1650, KATE 1450, KEEZ 99.1. The City uses their Facebook/Twitter/Website to post these notices as well.

Effective November 1 to April 1

Upcoming 2014 Street & Highway Projects:

South end of 10th Ave SW

Hwy 109 reconstruction from Easton to Wells

And for access to the new school -
11th Street SW

South extension of 6th Ave SW

Hwy 22/2nd Ave SW turn and bypass

City Hall Hours

Monday - Friday 7:30 am-4 pm

NEW RECYCLING CENTER HOURS

Monday - Saturday 8 am—dusk

SNOW REMOVAL

Sidewalks

Snow must be removed from public sidewalks within 24 hours of snowfall. The occupant of the property adjacent to a public sidewalk is responsible for keeping the walks clean and safe for pedestrians. If you fail to do so, the City will clean the sidewalks and assess you \$80 per incident.

Snow Blowing & Snow Plowing

As a reminder when removing snow from residential and commercial properties, it is unlawful to deposit snow on a public street or alley. Snow is to either be piled or blown onto your property or is to be removed offsite. Snow piles cannot cause visual obstructions. Failure to comply may result in tickets/fines.

SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Wells Lutheran Social Services (LSS) Senior Nutrition Program provides two services: Senior Dining and Meals on Wheels. Senior Dining is located at the Wells Community Center, Monday - Friday at 11:30am. Seniors are welcome to come socialize with others over a nutritious and delicious hot meal. Home-delivered meals are also available Monday - Friday through the Meals on Wheels Program. Eligible participants for these programs are age 60 or older. The suggested donation is \$3.85 per meal. Menus are posted in the Wells Mirror. For more information about Senior Dining or Meals on Wheels, please call Pamela Wagner or Sara Greer at (507) 553-6083.

City Meeting Schedule

City Council - 2nd & 4th Mondays at 5 pm, Community Center

Planning & Zoning - 1st Monday at 5 pm, City Hall

HRA - 2nd Tuesday at 5:30 pm, City Hall

EDA - 3rd Tuesday at 5 pm, City Hall

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The MN Office of Ombudsman for Long Term Care is looking for volunteers. Volunteers help to improve the lives of persons living in long-term care facilities. If you would like more information, contact Volunteer Coordinator Rhonda DeBough at 1 (800) 657-3591 or rhonda.debough@state.mn.us



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