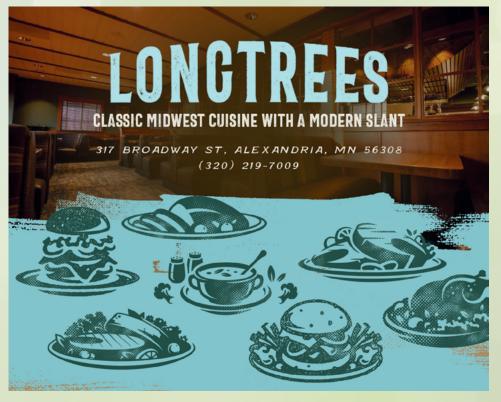


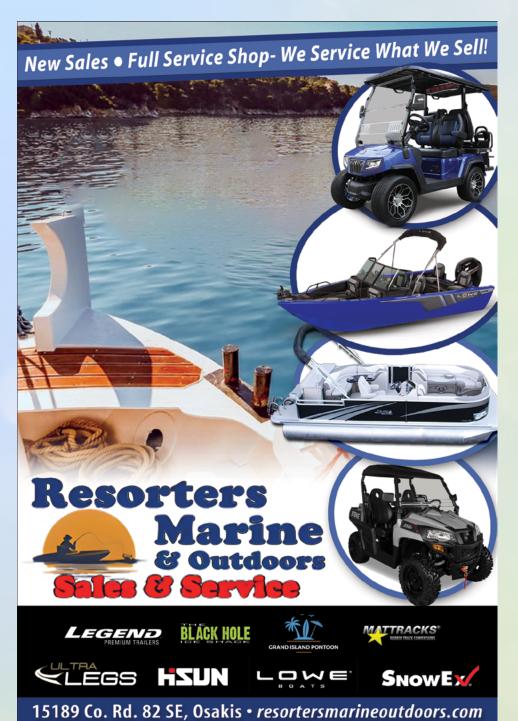




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Browerville Heritage Days

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#### MAY

Ole Oppe Fest | Alexandria Memorial Day Parade | Osakis, Long Prairie Alexandria Farmers Market (May-Oct)

#### **JUNE**

Runestone Days | Kensington Prairie Days Heritage Festival | Long Prairie Vikingland Band Festival | Alexandria Alexandria Circus Osakis Days State Trapshooting Tournament | Alexandria Todd County Fair | Long Prairie

#### **JULY**

Bertha Bear Country Days
Hewitt Days/Pickle Fest
Star Storm Fireworks Display | Alexandria
Miltona Tornado Days
Relay for Life | Alexandria
Art in the Park | Alexandria
Clarissa Summerfest
Eagle Bend Summer Festival

#### **AUGUST**

Douglas County Fair | Alexandria Downtown Crazy Days | Alexandria Bike and Trike Rally | Long Prairie Festival of the Lakes | Alexandria Awake the Lakes Ribfest | Alexandria

#### **SEPTEMBER**

Grape Stomp and Fall Festival | Alexandria Junkin Market Days | Alexandria Heritage Fest | Alexandria

#### **OCTOBER**

Long Prairie Halloween Trick or Treat Annual Halloween Parade | Alexandria

#### **NOVEMBER**

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# TODD COUNTY HISTORY



nce home to Dakota, Ojibwe and Winnebago Native Americans, Todd County was settled in the 1840s. It was established in 1856 and organized in 1867. Todd County was named in honor of John Blair Smith Todd who was a general at Fort Ripley and territorial governor. Settlers were attracted to the ample timber and fertile prairie soil and construction of the railroad promoted development. Long Prairie was selected as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1883. By 1900 its population had reached 22,214 and the area continued to thrive. Today Todd County is home to approximately 23,869 residents and over 27,000 acres of lakes.

**BERTHA** – *pop.* 426

**BROWERVILLE** – pop. 691

**BURTRUM** – *pop.* 132

CLARISSA — pop. 592

EAGLE BEND – pop. 567

**GREY EAGLE** – pop. 326

**HEWITT** – *pop.* 259

**LONG PRAIRIE (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 2,809

**OSAKIS** – *pop.* 1,572

**STAPLES** – *pop. 3,019* 

WEST UNION - pop. 89

\*Populations are approximate.

# Todd County Communities

#### **BERTHA**

Bertha was organized in 1878 and a post office was established in 1880 by John C. Ristau. The community was named in honor of Mr. Ristau's wife, Bertha, who was one of the first female settlers in the area. Construction of the railroad sparked growth and streets were platted by Francis and Louis Riggs in 1891. Bertha was incorporated in 1897 and has continued to thrive. Today Bertha is home to approximately 426 residents.

#### **BROWERVILLE**

Browerville was first recognized as Hartford as the area was settled in 1865. It was renamed in honor of land owner and surveyor, Jacob Vradenberg Brower, who platted streets in 1882. Browerville was incorporated in 1884 and churches and schools were constructed to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Browerville is home to approximately 691 residents.

#### **BURTRUM**

Located in Burnhamville Township, Burtrum was settled in the 1880s and first recognized as Hansen. The development of the railroad attracted new residents and streets were platted in 1884. A post office was established in 1888 and the community was incorporated in 1894 as it began to grow and develop. Today Burtrum is home to approximately 132 residents.

#### **CLARISSA**

The land Clarissa was founded upon was donated by Lewis Bischoffsheim and his wife Clarissa in 1877. Streets were platted by George G. Howe in 1879 and Mr. Howe named the community in honor of Mrs. Bischoffsheim. A post office was established in 1880 and as railroad lines were constructed, Clarissa began to thrive. Today Clarissa is home to approximately 592 residents.

#### **EAGLE BEND**

Eagle Bend was founded in 1883 and named after the bend of nearby Eagle Creek. The community was platted on land belonging to Benjamin F. Abbott. Mr. Abbott played an integral role with the development of the community and assisted with the establishment of a post office. Eagle Bend was incorporated in 1890 and businesses were organized to meet the growing needs of the community. Today Eagle Bend is home to approximately 567 residents.

# Todd County Communities

#### **GREY EAGLE**

Grey Eagle was first settled by the Huffman brothers in 1873 and the community was named after an eagle shot in the area in 1868. James Huffman served as Grey Eagle's first postmaster in 1877 and Joseph Huffman established the first hotel. Streets were platted in 1882 and the community was incorporated in 1898. Construction of the railroad allowed for development as its proximity to the nearby lakes attracted residents. Today Grey Eagle is home to approximately 326 residents.

#### **HEWITT**

Located in Stowe Prairie Township, Hewitt was named in honor of local farmer Henry Hewitt who was one of its earliest settlers. Mr. Hewitt donated land for the community. George Hildreth served as the first postmaster in 1880. Streets were platted in 1891 and Hewitt was incorporated in 1899. As rail lines were established Hewitt continued to grow. Today Hewitt is home to approximately 259 residents.

#### **LONG PRAIRIE (COUNTY SEAT)**

Long Prairie was settled in the 1850s and was once home to a Winnebago Indian reservation. Ample natural resources and access to water attracted many settlers. It was named after nearby Long Prairie River and streets were then platted in 1867. David Olmsted served as the area's first postmaster and was highly influential in the development in Todd County. Long Prairie was selected as the county seat and by 1870 its population had reached 3,000. Businesses were established and the community was incorporated in 1883. Today Long Prairie is home to approximately 2,809 residents.

#### **STAPLES**

In the late 1800s the Dower and Staples families, who were prominent in the lumber industry, settled in present day Staples. The local lake was named after the Dower family and the community was named after the Staples family. As the area began to develop, schools, churches, stores, mills and blacksmith shops were built and the area continued to grow. Today Staples is home to approximately 3,019 residents.

#### **WEST UNION**

West Union was settled in the 1860s and named after West Union, lowa, where many settlers originated. A post office was established in 1860 and the community was organized in 1867. Streets were platted in 1881 on land owned by Joel Myers and the development of the railroad allowed for growth. Today West Union is home to approximately 89 residents.

# Pouglas County History



nce home to Dakota and Ojibwe Native Americans, Douglas County was settled and established in 1858. The area was organized in 1866 and named in honor of Supreme Court Judge and Senator Stephen A. Douglas. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and construction of a military road and the railroad prompted development. Alexandria was selected as the county seat and the first courthouse was built in 1876. By 1900 its population had reached 17,964 and the area continued to thrive. Today Douglas County is home to approximately 36,390 residents and home to over 250 lakes.

**ALEXANDRIA (COUNTY SEAT)** – pop. 11,237

**BRANDON** – *pop.* 439

**CARLOS** – *pop.* 421

**EVANSVILLE** – pop. 568

**FORADA** – *pop.* 193

GARFIELD - pop. 242

KENSINGTON – pop. 267

MILLERVILLE – pop. 111

**MILTONA** – *pop. 370* 

**NELSON** – *pop.* 164

**OSAKIS** – *pop.* 1,572

\*Populations are approximate.

# Douglas County Communities

#### **ALEXANDRIA (COUNTY SEAT)**

Alexandria was settled in 1858 and named in honor of early settler Alexander Kinkead. Mr. Kinkead served as the area's first postmaster and as a road was constructed in 1859, Alexandria grew dramatically. Streets were platted in 1866 and the community was incorporated in 1877. Alexandria was selected as the county seat and as the railroad was built in 1878, the area continued to develop. The community became popular for summer travelers due to its proximity to a variety of lakes and has continued to thrive. Today Alexandria is home to approximately 11,237 residents.

#### **BRANDON**

Brandon was first settled in 1860 and a post office was established in 1861. Streets were platted by Lt. George A. Freudenrich in 1879 and the community was named after Brandon, Vermont, birthplace of settler Stephen Douglas. Brandon was incorporated in 1881 and as rail lines were constructed, the area began to grow and businesses began to thrive. Today Brandon is home to approximately 439 residents.

#### **CARLOS**

Settled in 1863, Carlos was named after nearby Carlos Lake. Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water. Businesses and a school were established to meet the growing needs of the community and the development of the railroad added to its growth. Carlos was incorporated in 1904 and the area has continued to flourish. Today Carlos is home to approximately 421 residents.

#### **EVANSVILLE**

Evansville was settled in 1858 and named in honor of Evan Evanson who was one of the first postmasters in the area. Streets were platted in 1872 by Jacob Shanar and the railroad arrived in 1879. Evansville was incorporated in 1881 and the first newspaper was published the following year. Businesses, churches and a school were founded and the community began to grow. Today Evansville is home to approximately 568 residents.

#### **FORADA**

The name Forada was derived from the first name of early settler Ada Campbell and streets were platted by Cyrus A. Campbell in 1903. Residents were attracted to nearby Maple Lake and a post office was established in 1904. Forada was incorporated in 1905 and construction of the railroad allowed for growth. Today Forada is home to approximately 193 residents.

#### **GARFIELD**

Garfield was settled in the 1880s as the rail lines were built and the community was named in honor of President James A. Garfield. Streets were platted in 1882 and Torgels Knutson served as the first mayor. Garfield was incorporated in 1905 and the area continued to develop. A fire nearly destroyed the community in 1928, but residents quickly rebuilt. Today Garfield is home to approximately 242 residents.

#### **KENSINGTON**

Located in Solem Township, Kensington was named after Kensington, England, where several settlers originated. Streets were platted by William D. Washburn in 1887 and the first post office was founded. Kensington was incorporated in 1891 and the community continued to grow. The Kensington Runestone, a 200 pound controversial grey rock, was discovered in the area in 1898 which was believed to bear Scandinavian markings. Today Kensington is home to approximately 267 residents.

#### **MILLERVILLE**

Millerville was settled in the 1860s as fertile soil and ample natural resources attracted residents. The community was named in honor of John Miller, an influential pioneer and a post office was established in 1869. Millerville was incorporated in 1903 and early industry was dominated by agriculture. Today Millerville is home to approximately 111 residents.

#### **MILTONA**

Miltona was named in honor of Florence Miltona Roadruck, wife of one of the area's earliest settlers. The community began as a railway station and then relocated to land belonging to John Hintzen. Mr. Hintzen was influential in the platting and organization of Miltona and the community began to thrive. In 1970 a tornado almost destroyed Miltona, but residents quickly rebuilt and now celebrate Tornado Days annually. Today Miltona is home to approximately 370 residents.

#### **OSAKIS**

Osakis was first settled by the Mary Gordon family in 1857. Mrs. Gordon established an inn which became a popular stopping place for travelers. The area began to grow and mills were constructed, attracting new residents. As the railroad arrived in 1878, Osakis continued to develop and the area was a popular trade center for agricultural products. Today Osakis is home to approximately 1,572 residents.



#### **BARBECUE DO'S:**

- use proper barbecue equipment and tools, such as a grill, tongs, and spatulas.
- preheat your grill before placing any food on it.
- marinate your meat before cooking to enhance the flavor.
- keep a close eye on your food while grilling to prevent overcooking or burning.
- use a meat thermometer to ensure that your meat is cooked to the correct internal temperature.
- let your meat rest for a few minutes before slicing or serving to allow the juices to redistribute.
- keep your grill and utensils clean to prevent any foodborne illness.

#### **BARBECUE DON'TS:**

- use lighter fluid to start your grill.
   Instead, use a chimney starter or electric starter.
- overcrowd your grill. Leave enough space between the pieces of meat to ensure even cooking.
- use a fork to flip your meat. Piercing the meat can cause it to lose its juices and become dry.
- baste your meat with sugary sauces too early in the cooking process, as it can burn and create a bitter taste.
- leave cooked meat out in the sun for too long, as it can spoil quickly.
- assume that meat is fully cooked by its color. Always use a meat thermometer to check the internal temperature.
- leave your grill unattended while it's still hot. Always make sure to properly cool it down before leaving it.



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- 3 In a small bowl, mix together the minced garlic and melted butter.
- 4 Pour the garlic butter mixture over the tilapia fillets, making sure they are well coated.
- **5** Season the fillets with salt and pepper to taste.
- 6 Bake the tilapia in the preheated oven for 12-15 minutes or until the fish is cooked through and flakes easily with a fork.
- **7** Sprinkle chopped parsley over the top of the cooked tilapia, if desired.
- **8** Serve the tilapia fillets hot, with your favorite side dishes.

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12902 Fairway Ln. | Osakis | (320) 859-3777 Located near Lake Osakis, Battle Point County Park features a boat launch, nature trails and picnic areas.

#### **BIG BIRCH LAKE PARK**

30243 122nd St. | Grey Eagle Big Birch Lake Park features a fishing pier, swimming beach with bath house and picnic areas.

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9461 County Rd. 108 NW | Brandon | (320) 762-2999 Chippewa Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing pier, swimming beach, playground equipment, nature trails, horseshoe pit, and picnic areas with grills.

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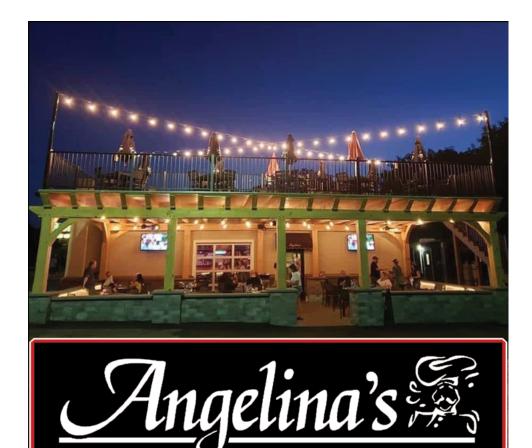
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#### HUNTING

#### Bear

08/16/24 Baiting start date - Permit areas & no-quota area 09/1/24 - 10/13/24 Permit areas & no-quota area

#### Deer

09/14/24 - 12/31/24 Archery - Statewide 10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Early Antlerless 10/17/24 - 10/20/24 Youth - Statewide 11/9/24 - 11/24/24 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas 11/9/24 - 11/17/24 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas 11/23/24 - 12/1/24 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas 11/30/24 - 12/15/24 Muzzleloader - Statewide

#### **Badger**

10/19/24 - 03/16/25 North furbearer zone 10/26/24 - 03/16/25 South furbearer zone

#### **Bobcat**

12/14/24 - 01/19/25 North of I-94 & U.S. Highway 10

#### Fox, Gray & Red

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

#### **Opossum**

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

#### **Rabbit**

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Jack - Statewide 09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

#### Raccoon

10/19/24 - 03/15/25 North furbearer zone 10/19/24 - 03/15/25 South furbearer zone

#### Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/14/24 - 02/28/25 Gray & Fox - Statewide

#### Grouse

09/14/24 - 01/1/25 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide 09/21/24 - 12/4/24 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone

#### **Pheasant**

10/12/24 - 01/1/25 Ring-Necked - Statewide

#### Wild Turkey

04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Youth - Statewide 04/17/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - Archery - Statewide 04/17/24 - 04/23/24 Spring - A season - Statewide 04/24/24 - 04/30/24 Spring - B season - Statewide 05/1/24 - 05/7/24 Spring - C season - Statewide 05/8/24 - 05/14/24 Spring - D season - Statewide 05/15/24 - 05/21/24 Spring - E season - Statewide 05/22/24 - 05/31/24 Spring - F season - Statewide 09/28/24 - 10/27/24 Fall - Statewide

#### **TRAPPING**

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03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### **Channel Catfish**

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

**Cisco** (tullibee), whitefish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### Crappie

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### Gar

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### **Other**

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### Perch

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### **Rock Bass**

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### Smelt

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### Sunfish

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### White Bass

03/01/24 - 02/28/25

#### **Flathead Catfish**

04/01/24 - 11/30/24

#### **Largemouth Bass**

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

#### **Northern Pike**

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

#### Sauger

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

#### **Smallmouth Bass**

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

Northeastern Minnesota

#### Walleye

05/11/24 - 02/23/25

#### **Largemouth Bass**

05/25/24 - 02/28/25,

Statewide except the northeast

#### **Smallmouth Bass**

05/25/24 - 09/08/24,

Statewide except the northeast

Sturgeon - catch-and-release

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(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2024-25 license year is effective until Feb. 29, 2025.)

#### Boating safety is critical for anyone who operates a boat or spends time on the water. Here are some general boating safety tips to keep in mind:

Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved. Check the weather forecast before you go boating and keep an eye on changing conditions. If you notice darkening clouds, rough winds or sudden drops in temperature, get off the water. Use navigation aids like buoys and beacons to help you navigate safely. • Maintain your boat: Keep your boat well-maintained and in good working condition. Make sure all safety equipment is in good condition and functioning properly. Avoid alcohol: Do not drink alcohol while operating a boat. It is illegal and increases the likelihood of accidents. • \ : Observe speed limits and maintain a safe speed based on conditions. Remember, slower speeds may be necessary in crowded areas or in inclement weather. • Be aware of ot for other boats and be aware of their movements. Always assume other boaters may not see you. • Know the rules: Learn and follow boating safety laws and regulations. This includes rules for navigation, safety equipment, and right-of-way. Always let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return. File a float

plan with a trusted person or a marina. Consider taking a boating safety course to improve your skills and knowledge.

By following these general boating safety tips, you can reduce the likelihood of accidents and enjoy a safe and enjoyable time on the water.

BICYCLE SAFETY

# ATV SAFETY

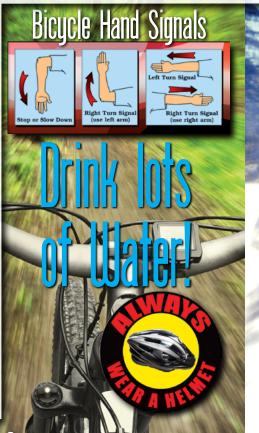
# Be Aware of your Surroundings

#### Read the owner's manual

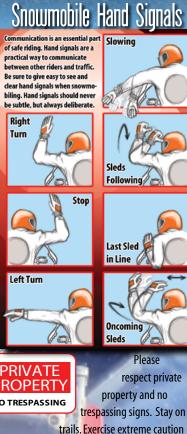
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of drugs or alcohol. • Drive at speeds that are appropriate to trail conditions. • Stay to the right on trails. • Stay away from thin ice, open water and wetlands • Know the weather forecast. • Make sure headlights and taillights work properly. • Maintain safe distances between other riders. • Reduce your speed when riding at night. • Yield to other motor vehicles and trail users. • Young or beginning riders are encouraged to take a safety training course.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

 Always wear a properly fitting bike helmet as most serious injuries are to the head. • Be sure your handlebars, seat and wheels fit snugly. • Keep your bike in good shape by checking and oiling your chain, making sure your brakes work properly and maintaining your tire pressure. • Always ride with both hands on the handlebars except when doing turn signals. • When leaving a driveway, curb or alleyway always stop and check for traffic in both directions. • Cross only at intersections. • Use the crosswalk to walk your bike across busy intersections and follow the traffic signals. • Never ride against traffic. Travel in the same direction as the cars. • Whenever you can, use bike routes and avoid busy streets. • Don't ride near parked cars as doors can open and cause accidents. • Obey all traffic signs and traffic lights. • When biking with friends, ride in a single file. • Always pass other bikers or pedestrians on the left and say "On your left!" to make your presence known. Always use bicycle hand signals to alert traf-



• Do not consume alcohol or take drugs prior to or during your snowmobile trip. Doing so increases your chances of injury or death. Slow down and don't cut to the inside of the trail corners. It's dangerous and illegal. • If you snowmobile at night, don't override your lights. • Always use the buddy system. Never ride off alone. • Drowning is one of the causes of many snowmobile fatalities. Whenever possible, avoid the ice. • Wear sensible, protective clothing designed for operating a snowmobile. • Use a full size helmet, goggles, or visor to prevent injuries from twigs, stones, ice chips and other debris. • Avoid wearing long scarves. They may get caught in moving parts of the snowmobile. • Know the terrain you are going to ride. If unfamiliar to you, ask someone who has traveled over it before. • Know the weather forecast, especially the ice and snow conditions. • Be sure your snowmobile is in top-notch mechanical condition throughout the months of use. • Familiarize yourself with the snowmobile you are driving. Thoroughly read the manual that accompanies the snowmobile. • Do not pursue domestic or wild animals. That is not the conduct of a sportsman. Report such violations to the nearest law enforcement officer.



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on all lakes and streams. Obey all

state and local laws and ordinances. Do

not operate snowmobiles/ATV's on county

roads or state highways.

# TIREWOOD Burn it where you get it!

Invasive pests like the Emerald Ash Borer and Gypsy Moth have devastated millions of trees in the United States. Where these pests come from, the population stays in control because, they have natural predators. The United States dose not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



**Gypsy Moth Caterpillar** 

# Preventing the Spread

- Buy local firewood.
- Burn all firewood completely at each destination.
- Move only Certified firewood out of a quarantine county or across state boundaries.
- Use firewood from nearby sources to heat your home or cabin.
- Tell your friends and family about the importance of not moving firewood.
- Don't move hardwood firewood out of a quarantine county, unless it is state or USDA certified.
- Don't move opened firewood bundles.
- Don't move firewood long distances to or from your lake home or cabin.

**Invasive Pests are a Problem!** 

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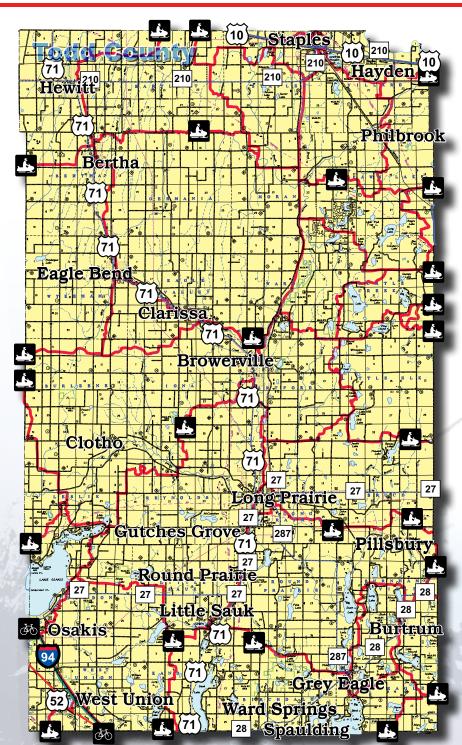
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Invasive:
• Fish
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• Aquatic Plants

CLEAN.
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#### KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
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- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
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# So, You have decided to get a pet... NOW WHAT??

**Commitment and Time:** Owning a pet is a long-term commitment. Before bringing a pet home, consider your lifestyle and ensure you have enough time to spend with your pet. Dogs, cats, and many other animals require attention, exercise, and mental stimulation.

**Choose the Right Pet for Your Lifestyle:** Different pets have varying needs, temperaments, and activity levels. Research and select a pet that fits well with your lifestyle, living situation, and family dynamics. Whether you choose a dog, cat, bird, fish, or any other animal, make sure you can provide for its specific needs.

**Proper Nutrition:** Feed your pet a balanced and nutritious diet suitable for their species and age. Consult with a veterinarian to determine the best food options for your pet's health and well-being.

**Regular Exercise:** Most pets need regular physical activity to stay healthy and happy. Engage in playtime and exercise with your pet daily, as it helps prevent obesity and provides mental stimulation.

**Routine Veterinary Care:** Schedule regular check-ups with a veterinarian to monitor your pet's health, get necessary vaccinations, and address any concerns. Early detection of health issues can often lead to better outcomes.

**Spaying/Neutering:** Consider spaying or neutering your pet if you don't plan on breeding. This helps control the pet population and can have health benefits for your pet.

**Training and Socialization:** Properly train your pet to follow basic commands and have good manners. Socialize them with other animals and people from a young age to prevent behavioral issues later on.

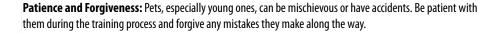
**Provide a Safe Environment:** Ensure that your home and yard are safe for your pet. Remove hazards, keep toxic substances out of reach, and provide appropriate shelter from extreme weather conditions.

**Grooming:** Regular grooming is essential for most pets. Brush their fur, trim nails, and clean their ears as needed to keep them comfortable and healthy.

**Identification and Microchipping:** Keep identification tags with your current contact information on your pet's collar. Consider microchipping your pet as an extra mea-sure to ensure they can be identified if lost.

**Love and Attention:** Pets thrive on love and attention from their owners. Spend quality time with your pet, provide affection, and build a strong bond.

**Respect and Understanding:** Learn to understand your pet's body language and behavior. Respect their boundaries and feelings, and avoid forcing them into uncomfortable situations.



**Emergency Preparedness:** Have a plan in place for emergencies, including natural disasters. Know how to evacuate with your pet safely if needed.

If you have just rescued / adopted a new fur baby, please it is important to remember the 3-3-3 RULE:

#### 3 Days:

In the first 3 days being in its new home, they will be feeling overwhelmed, scared & unsure of what is going on. They may also be uncomfortable being "themselves", and may not want to eat or drink. They may want to "shut down" or hide under a bed or in a crate, and they will test boundaries.

#### 3 Weeks:

At this point, they may be a lot more comfortable & settling in. Learning a new routine can be overwhelming, so please be patient. By now they may have figured out the new environment & accepted that this may be their FURever home. Their personality traits will start to show, as well as any behavior issue that may be present.

#### 3 Months:

For most fur babies, 3 months is enough time to finally be comfortable and begin to build trust and a true bond. A sense of security may be present & a set routine will help this process.

Please know that this is not the rule with every rescued or adopted pet, as some may need 6 months to a year to adjust & adapt, depending on MANY factors. Age of animal, what type of an environment did they come from?



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Health Benefits of the Outdoors

Spending time in nature offers numerous benefits for physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

Stress Reduction: Nature has a calming effect on the mind and body, helping to reduce stress levels. The peaceful surroundings,

fresh air, and natural beauty can lower c<mark>ortis</mark>ol levels, decrease heart rate, and promote relaxation.

Improved Mental Health: Being in nature is associated with improved mood and mental health. Studies have shown that spending time outdoors can reduce symptoms of anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders. Nature provides a sense of tranquility and perspective, which can help alleviate negative thoughts and emotions.

Increased Physical Activity: Nature encourages physical activity, whether it's hiking, biking, walking, or simply exploring outdoor spaces. Engaging in outdoor activities promotes exercise, which is essential for maintaining physical health and fitness. Additionally, being in nature often involves exposure to sunlight, which helps the body produce vitamin D and supports overall well-being.

Enhanced Creativity & Cognitive Function: Nature stimulates creativity and cognitive function. Research suggests that spending time in natural environments can improve problem-solving skills, boost creativity, and enhance concentration and focus. Nature provides a rich sensory experience that activates different parts of the brain, fostering cognitive development and innovation.

Connection with the Environment: Spending time in nature fosters a deeper connection with the environment and promotes environmental stewardship. When people experience the beauty and wonder of nature firsthand, they are more likely to develop a sense of appreciation and respect for the natural world. This connection can lead to greater awareness of environmental issues and a desire to protect and preserve natural habitats for future generations.

Overall, being in nature offers a multitude of benefits for both physical and mental well-being, making it essential for maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle.

# COMPOSTING in Your Backyard

Yard trimmings and food scraps make up nearly 15% to 30% of waste produced by the average household in USA. Composting leaves, grass clippings, and kitchen scraps, creates a nice black dirt to use around your yard. It also can reduce what goes to landfills and your use of fertilizer and water around your yard.

### How to get started composting

- 1. Make a compost bin or you can buy one
- 2. Place yard waste in and mix in kitchen scraps
- 3. Water as needed, to keep moist
- 4. Mix it with a shovel or pitchfork once in a while

#### What to compost

Food scraps such as banana peels and coffee grounds are good to compost. The best results come from mixing the right materials like, nitrogen-rich (greens), carbon-rich (browns), water, and air. Get the mixture correct and you will have good quality compost.

#### What not to compost

Although a lot of stuff is compostable, you should stay away from composting things that will attract scavengers or create bad odors.

Some things you should not add to your compost are pet feces, diseased plants, weeds gone to seed, ashes, dairy, oils and food with meat or bones.

#### How long will it take?

Most likely you will produce compost in six months to a year depending on your management methods. To make compost faster keep the correct moisture levels and turn the pile every once in awhile.

#### Using the finished compost

Compost is not a fertilizer but it can contain nutrients which improves plant growth. By using compost, you can improve the soil around your plants, flowers and throughout your yard, it also reduces your use of fertilizer and water. Another good use for your compost is to use it for your potted plants.





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