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Resident Guide



Waseca &
Le Sueur Counties,
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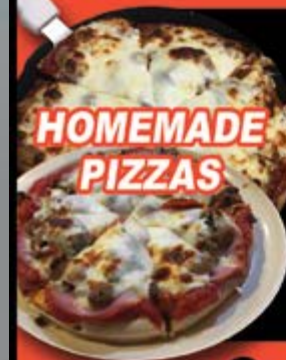
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Waseca County



LeSueur County



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LOCAL AREA EVENTS

JANUARY

Winter Crops Day | Waseca
 Community Awards Banquet | Waseca
 Winterfest | St. Peter
 Snow Week | Cleveland
 Ice Harvest | Waseca
 Sleigh & Cutter Festival (Jan-March) | Waseca

FEBRUARY

Masopust | Montgomery
 Fireman's Dance | Kasota

MARCH

St. Patrick's Day Parade | Le Center, Waseca
 North American Farm & Power Show | Waseca
 Farm & City Luncheon | Waseca
 KOWZ/KRUE Home & Recreation Show | Waseca
 Maple Syrup Kickoff | Henderson
 Jazz Festival & Concert | Waseca
 Southern MN Family Expo | Waseca

APRIL

City Wide Garage Sales | Le Sueur
 Miss Czech-Slovak MN Pageant | Montgomery
 Tree Jamboree | Henderson

MAY

Memorial Day Celebration | Le Center, Montgomery
 Mother's Day Breakfast | Montgomery
 City Wide Garage Sales | Montgomery, Waseca,
 Waterville
 New Prague Half Marathon
 Lakeshore & Parks Clean-Up | Waseca
 Bicycle Safety Rally | Waseca

JUNE

Traditions Car Show (June-Aug) | Waterville
 Cherry Creek Days | Cleveland
 Sauerkraut Days | Henderson
 Hay Daze | Janesville
 Bullhead Days | Waterville

JULY

Elysian 4th of July Celebration
 Old-Fashioned Fourth of July | St. Peter
 St. Mary's Festival | Le Center
 Kolacky Days | Montgomery
 Lakefest | Waseca
 Waseca County Free Fair | Waseca
 Farm & City Days | New Richland
 Taste of the Farm | Waseca
 Garden Club Walk | Waseca

AUGUST

Le Sueur County Free Fair | Le Center
 Annual Pioneer Power Show | Le Sueur
 Giant Days | Le Sueur
 Czech Out | New Prague
 Waseca Triathlon
 Hummingbird Hurrah | Henderson
 Giant Days | Le Sueur
 Club 57 Classic Car Show | Waseca

SEPTEMBER

Half-way to St. Paddy's Day | Kilkenny
 Dozinky Celebration | New Prague
 Czech Harvest Festival | New Prague
 Waseca Marching Classic
 Rock Bend Folk Festival | St. Peter
 Classic Car Cruise | Dozinky, New Prague
 Indoor Marching Band Concert | Waseca

OCTOBER

Treats & Streets | Waseca
 Spooky Trail | Elysian
 Dad's Belgian Waffles | Montgomery
 Holy Redeemer Church Fall Festival | Montgomery
 Heritage Days | Henderson

NOVEMBER

Hollydaze Parade | Le Center
 Torchlight Parade & Fireworks | Montgomery
 Miss Waseca County Sleigh & Cutter Pageant

DECEMBER

Holly Daze | Le Center
 Holiday Parade & Fireworks | Le Sueur
 Christmas in Elysian

Lighted Parade & Tree Lighting | New Prague
 Sights & Sounds of Christmas Walk | Waseca
 Holiday Train | Waseca

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Assessor	357-8213
Attorney	357-2278
Auditor/Treasurer.....	357-8282
Court Administration	357-8260
CourtServices/JusticeCenter.....	357-8238
Emergency	911
Extension Service	357-8525
Human Services	357-8288
License Bureau	357-2251
Public Health	357-8246
Recorder	357-2251
Sheriff	357-4440
Veterans Services	357-8279

WASECA COUNTY

Administration	(507) 835-0630
Assessor	835-0640
Attorney	835-0520
Auditor/Treasurer.....	835-0620
Court Administration	835-0540
Court Services	835-0550
Emergency	911
Extension Service	835-0600
Human Services	835-0560
License Bureau	835-0625
Public Health	835-0685
Recorder	835-0670
Sheriff	835-0510
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Le Sueur County was established in 1853 and named in honor of Pierre-Charles Le Sueur, a French explorer and fur trader. The city of Le Sueur was first selected as the county seat until it was moved to Cleveland in 1875 and to Le Center in 1876. Railroad development allowed for growth and early industry was dominated by agriculture. By 1900 its population had reached 20,234 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Le Sueur County is home to approximately 27,703 residents.

CITIES:

CLEVELAND – pop. 695
ELYSIAN – pop. 626
HEIDELBERG – pop. 129
KASOTA – pop. 694
KILKENNY – pop. 155
LE CENTER (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 2,499
LE SUEUR – pop. 4,242
MONTGOMERY – pop. 3,255
NEW PRAGUE – pop. 6,791
WATERVILLE – pop. 1,892

TOWNSHIPS:

CLEVELAND – pop. 673
CORDOVA – pop. 584
DERRYNANE – pop. 623
ELYSIAN – pop. 1,012
KASOTA – pop. 1,570
KILKENNY – pop. 451
LANESBURGH – pop. 2,121
LEXINGTON – pop. 811
MONTGOMERY – pop. 812
OTTAWA – pop. 310
SHARON – pop. 738
TYRONE – pop. 613
WASHINGTON – pop. 820
WATERVILLE – pop. 784

*Populations are approximate.

CLEVELAND

Cleveland was first settled in 1854 and named after Cleveland, Ohio, from where many pioneers originated. The community was selected as the county seat in 1875 until it was moved to Le Sueur and later Le Center. As a rail station was constructed, the area began to grow and Cleveland was incorporated in 1904. Today Cleveland is home to approximately 695 residents.

HEIDELBERG

Named after Heidelberg, Germany, the community was settled in the 1870s. The first post office was established in 1872 and streets were platted in 1878. A church and a general store were constructed and early industry was dominated by agriculture. Heidelberg was incorporated in 1894 and has continued to prosper. Today Heidelberg is home to approximately 129 residents.

KASOTA

Kasota, a Dakota Indian word for “clear skies,” was founded by J.W. Babcock. Streets were platted in 1855 and early industry was led by limestone quarrying. As the community grew, Kasota was incorporated in 1890 and a church and businesses were established. In 2006 Kasota was damaged by tornadoes, but residents rebuilt resiliently. Today Kasota is home to approximately 694 residents.

KILKENNY

The Kilkenny area was first settled in 1856 and Dennis Doyle served as its first postmaster, established the first school and also a general store the following year. The community was named after Kilkenny, Ireland, the birthplace of many pioneers. Streets were platted in 1877 and Kilkenny was incorporated in 1883. Today Kilkenny is home to approximately 155 residents.

LE CENTER (COUNTY SEAT)

First known as Le Sueur Center, Le Center was settled in the 1860s. John Chapman served as its first postmaster in 1864 and streets were platted in 1876. The county seat was moved from Cleveland to Le Center in 1876 and the community was incorporated in 1890. Railroad development sparked growth and businesses, churches and schools were established. The county courthouse built in 1896 is still active and is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Today Le Center is home to approximately 2,499 residents.

LE SUEUR

Le Sueur, once two separate cities of Le Sueur and Le Sueur City, was established in 1852. In 1867 the communities merged and Le Sueur was selected as the county seat until it was moved to Cleveland and later Le Center. Early industry was dominated by agriculture and the community has grown to be widely known as the "Valley of the Jolly Green Giant," celebrating its annual Giant Days each summer. It is also the home of Dr. William Worrall Mayo, founder of the world famous Mayo Clinic. Today Le Sueur is home to approximately 4,242 residents.

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, named after General Richard Montgomery who fought in the American Revolution, was settled in 1856. Streets were platted by John and Jane Martin in 1877 and ample timber attracted many residents. In 1902 Montgomery was incorporated and has since become the largest Czech populated area in Minnesota. Its annual Kolacky Days celebration is one of the state's oldest festivals and attracts thousands of visitors each year. Today Montgomery is home to approximately 3,255 residents.

NEW PRAGUE

Located in Le Sueur and Scott Counties, New Prague was settled in the 1850s. Under Bishop Joseph Cretin's advice, Anton Phillipp arrived to the New Prague area in 1856 and built a cabin. The community was incorporated in 1877, named in honor of Prague, Czech Republic. By 1875 a mill was constructed and industry was based on agriculture. A cooperative creamery was established in 1912 and a cooperative oil company followed in 1925. Today New Prague is home to approximately 6,791 residents.

WATERVILLE

Waterville was first settled in 1855 and was named after the many lakes found throughout the area. A post office was established in 1856 and Waterville was incorporated in 1878. Streets were platted by E.L. Wright and as the railroad arrived, Waterville continued to develop. Businesses included a hotel, general stores and specialty shops. The community has become a popular recreational area and houses the Sakatah State Park, drawing many visitors each year. Today Waterville is home to approximately 1,892 residents.

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.





Waseca County was established in 1857 and its name was derived from a Dakota Indian word for "rich." Fertile soil and ample timber attracted many pioneers and the city of Waseca was selected as the county seat. Railroad development allowed for growth and early industry was dominated by agriculture with many residents farming crops and raising livestock. By 1900 its population had reached 14,760 and the area has continued to thrive. Today Waseca County is home to approximately 19,136 residents.

CITIES:

ELYSIAN – pop. 626
JANESVILLE – pop. 2,247
NEW RICHLAND – pop. 1,152
WALDORF – pop. 231
WASECA (COUNTY SEAT) – pop. 9,410

TOWNSHIPS:

ALTON – pop. 483
BLOOMING GROVE – pop. 530
BYRON – pop. 263
FREEDOM – pop. 407
IOSCO – pop. 601
JANESVILLE – pop. 493
NEW RICHLAND – pop. 501
OTISCO – pop. 632
ST. MARY – pop. 510
VIVIAN – pop. 272
WILTON – pop. 403
WOODVILLE – pop. 1,295

*Populations are approximate.

ELYSIAN

Settlers were attracted to the ample natural resources and access to water in the 1850s of the Elysian area. The community was named after the Elysian Fields of Greek mythology where brave souls were laid to rest. The first post office was established in 1856 and streets were platted that same year. In 1884 Elysian was incorporated and the area has continued to thrive. Today Elysian is home to approximately 626 residents.

JANESVILLE

Originally known as Empire, Janesville was first settled in 1856. The community was renamed after Mrs. Jane Sprague and as the railroad arrived, buildings from the previous townsite were moved in 1869 to its present location. Streets were replatted and Janesville was incorporated in 1870. Businesses were established to meet the growing needs of the community and Janesville has continued to progress. Today Janesville is home to approximately 2,247 residents.

NEW RICHLAND

New Richland was settled in 1856 and John Larsen established the first post office in 1870. As the railroad arrived in 1873 New Richland continued to develop and streets were platted by Henry T. Wells in 1877. The community was named after Richland County, Wisconsin, from where many settlers originated. New Richland was incorporated in 1920 and the area has continued to grow. Today New Richland is home to approximately 1,152 residents.

WALDORF

Waldorf was named after Waldorf, Maryland, the hometown of many early settlers. The community began to develop upon construction of the railroad and the first post office was established in 1908. Waldorf was incorporated in 1920 and the community has continued to prosper. Today Waldorf is home to approximately 231 residents.

WASECA (COUNTY SEAT)

Waseca was first known as Woodville as a post office was established in 1864. Its name was changed to Waseca in 1867 as streets were platted. The community grew as a railway village and was incorporated in 1868. Waseca was selected as the county seat in 1870 and continued to develop. Businesses, churches and schools were established to meet the needs of its residents and the community continued to thrive. In 1967 tornadoes destroyed many buildings and homes, but residents rebuilt resiliently. Today Waseca is home to approximately 9,410 residents.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

(Read Guide
for Clues)

ACROSS

- 3: THIS CITY RECEIVED ITS NAME FROM A CITY IN IRELAND.
 4: THIS CITY WAS NAMED FOR FIELDS OF GREEK MYTHOLOGY, WHERE BRAVE SOULS WERE LAID TO REST.
 6: THIS CITY'S NAME IN DAKOTA MEANS "CLEAR SKIES".
 7: THIS CITY HAS THE LARGEST CZECH POPULATION IN MINNESOTA.



DOWN

- 1: JANESVILLE HAD THIS AS AN ORIGINAL NAME UNTIL 1869.
 2: THIS CITY WAS NAMED AFTER A CITY IN OHIO.
 5: THIS CITY'S NAME WAS ORIGINALLY "WOODVILLE".
 8: THIS CITY IN WASECA COUNTY HAS THE SMALLEST LISTED APPROXIMATE POPULATION, LISTED AT 231.

WORD SEARCH



- CORDOVA
- NEWRICHLAND
- ELYSIAN
- IOSCO
- WASECA
- MONTGOMERY
- KASOTA
- OTISCO
- WATERVILLE
- VIVIAN
- ALTON
- TYRONE
- HEIDELBERG
- KILKENNY
- WALDORF
- JANESVILLE
- LECENTER
- LESUEUR

PARKS & RECREATION

BLOWERS PARK

16000 Snake Trail | Waseca
Located on 76 acres in Woodville and Blooming Grove Townships near Watkins Lake, Blowers County Park features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, playground equipment and picnic areas.

COURTHOUSE PARK

31831 120th St. | Waseca
Located on 175 acres in St. Mary's and Wilton Townships, Courthouse County Park features a campground, softball field, basketball court, playground equipment, picnic areas and recreational trails.

EUSTICE PARK

2258 264th Ave. | Waseca
Located on 50 acres in Freedom Township near the Little Cobb River, Eustice County Park features fishing opportunities, playground equipment and picnic areas.

LAKE PEPIN PARK

16901 County Park Rd. | New Prague
Located in New Prague, Lake Pepin Park features a boat launch, fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

LAKE SAKATAH STATE PARK

50499 Sakatah Lake State Park Rd. | Waterville
Located on 842 acres in Waterville, Lake Sakatah State Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing opportunities, horseshoe pits, picnic areas and recreational trails.

LAKE VOLNEY PARK

Beach Ln. | Le Center
Located in Le Center, Lake Volney Park features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, swimming beach and a sand volleyball court.

LAKE WASHINGTON PARK

47102 Washington Park Rd. | Kasota MN
Located in Kasota, Lake Washington County Park features a campground, boat launch, fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

NEY NATURE CENTER & PARK

28238 Nature Center Ln. | Henderson
Located on 446 acres in Henderson near the Minnesota River, the Ney Nature Center features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, picnic areas, recreational trails, educational opportunities and historic sites.

OKAMAN PARK

45725 Elysian Lk. Rd. | Waseca
Located on 22 acres in Janesville Township near Lake Elysian, Okaman County Park features a boat launch, fishing opportunities, picnic trails and recreational trails.

RICHTER WOODS PARK

Located in Montgomery, Richter Woods Park features playground equipment, picnic areas and recreational trails.

**For more information on parks throughout Le Sueur County, call: (507) 357-8538.*

**For more information on parks throughout Waseca County, call: (507) 835-0660.*

Get Active!!!

- Yard Work
- Gardening
- Walk the Dog
- Bike Ride
- Swimming
- ANYTHING!!!

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LE SUEUR COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

301 NE 2nd St. | Elysian | (507) 267-4091

MILLER-ARMSTRONG CENTER

204 2nd St. SW | Waseca | (507) 833-8756

NEW PRAGUE ICE ARENA

100 NW 12th St. | New Prague | (952) 758-7825

NEY NATURE CENTER

28238 Nature Center Ln. | Henderson | (507) 357-8580

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16945 320th St. | New Prague | (612) 756-3012

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308 S State St. | Waseca

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WASECA COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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OPENERS

09/23/23 Take a Kid Hunting Weekend - Statewide
09/23/23 Waterfowl - Statewide
11/4/23 Deer - Firearms - Statewide

HUNTING

Bear

08/11/23 Bear baiting start date Permit areas & no-quota area
09/1/23 - 10/15/23 Bear Permit areas & no-quota area

Deer

09/16/23 - 12/31/23 - Archery Statewide
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Early Antlerless
10/19/23 - 10/22/23 - Youth Statewide
11/4/23 - 11/19/23 - Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/4/23 - 11/12/23 - Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/18/23 - 11/26/23 - Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/25/23 - 12/10/23 - Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24
North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox, Gray & Red

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Jack - Statewide
09/16/23 - 02/28/24 Rabbit, Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Statewide

Grouse

09/16/23 - 11/29/23 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/16/23 - 01/1/24 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/14/23 - 01/1/24 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

02/10/23 WMA lottery deadline
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Youth - Statewide
04/12/23 - 05/31/23 - Archery - Statewide
04/12/23 - 04/18/23 - A season - Statewide
04/19/23 - 04/25/23 - B season - Statewide
04/26/23 - 05/2/23 - C season - Statewide
05/3/23 - 05/9/23 - D season - Statewide
05/10/23 - 05/16/23 - E season - Statewide
05/17/23 - 05/31/23 - F season - Statewide
09/30/23 - 10/29/23 - Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 North furbearer zone
10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

12/16/23 - 01/21/24 North of I-94 and U.S. Highway 10

Fox

10/14/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
12/23/23 - 03/15/24 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

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Raccoon

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10/21/23 - 03/15/24 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/16/23 - 02/29/24 Gray & Fox Statewide

*Check the MN DNR website for updates.

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BIRD HUNTING TIPS:

- WHILE AIMING, USE A SWINGING MOTION. MAKE SURE YOUR CLOTHING IS NOT RESTRICTING.
- KNOW THE PATTERNS OF THE BIRDS YOU ARE HUNTING, DIFFERENT SPECIES HAVE DIFFERENT CHARACTERISTICS.
- PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT, BUT BIRDS DON'T FLY STRAIGHT. SHOOT AT CLAY PIGEONS TO HELP FAMILIARIZE YOUR MOVEMENTS.
- TRY HUNTING DOVES. THEY ARE FAST MOVING, AND MAKE FOR GOOD PRACTICE.



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FIREWOOD

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 does not have these natural predators so the populations have the chance to grow to extreme numbers.



Emerald Ash Borer

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!

OUTDOOR

Fun Facts

- 85% of plant life is found in the ocean
- Fire usually moves faster uphill than downhill
- Wildfires can reach speeds of 14 miles per hour
- For every human there are around 200 million insects
- The only continent with no active volcanoes is Australia
- You can only see a rainbow if you have your back to the sun
- Oak trees produce acorns when they are around 50 years old
- Parks run by the National Park Service have around 3 million campers per year
- The record high in the U.S. was in Death Valley, CA at 134F and the record low was in Prospect Creek, AK at -79F

FISHING SEASONS

OPENERS

- Stream trout opener - 04/15/23
- Walleye, sauger and northern pike opener - 05/13/23
- Muskellunge opener - 06/03/23

INLAND WATERS

Walleye and Sauger 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
6 combined, not more than one walleye over 20"

Northeast zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (not more than 1 over 40" in possession. All from 30-40" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Not more than 1 over 26").

North-central zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 10 (not more than 2 over 26". All from 22-26" must be immediately released).

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 10 (only 1 between 22-26" and 1 over 26"; or, only 2 over 26").

Southern zone

Northern Pike 5/13/23 - 2/25/24
Angling: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Northern Pike 11/15/23 - 2/25/24
Darkhouse spearing: 2 (Minimum size 24").

Muskellunge 6/3/23 - 12/1/23
1, minimum size 54"
Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the Northeast zone, north and east of US Hwy 53 from Duluth to International Falls and Pelican and Ash lakes in St. Louis County.

5/13/23 - 2/25/24 6 combined
Largemouth and smallmouth bass in the rest of the state
5/13/23 - 5/26/23, Catch-and-release only
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass
5/27/23 - 9/10/23 6 combined
Largemouth Bass 9/11/23 - 2/25/24 6

Smallmouth Bass	9/11/23 - 2/25/24	
Catch-and-release only		
Crappie	Continuous	10
Sunfish	Continuous	20
Rock Bass	Continuous	30
White Bass	Continuous	30
Channel Catfish	Continuous	5 in combination with Flathead Catfish, only 1 fish over 24"
Flathead Catfish	4/1/23 - 11/30/23	2, only 1 fish over 24" in combination with Channel Catfish
Perch	Continuous	20 daily and 40 in possession
Bullhead	Continuous	100
Whitefish, Cisco, and Burbot	Continuous,	No limit (Exception: On Leech Lake Indian Reservation whitefish limit 25 and cisco limit 50.
Smelt	Continuous	No limit Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River
Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	3/1/23 - 4/14/23	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed Including Lake Superior and St. Louis River
Lake and Shovelnose Sturgeon	6/16/23 - 4/14/24	Catch-and-release only, no tag needed
Paddlefish	No open season	
Longnose and Shortnose Gar	Continuous	10 combined

FREE FISHING
Take a kid fishing weekend
June 9-11, 2023
Minnesotans 16 or older who take a child 15 or younger fishing don't need a license.

*Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information/dates by calling: 1 (888) 646-6367, www.dnr.state.mn.us or scan the QR code



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:

- **Wear a life jacket:** Always wear a life jacket while boating. Make sure the life jacket is appropriate for your weight and is U.S. Coast Guard approved.
- **Know the weather:** 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:** 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.
- **Watch your speed:** 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 other boats:** Watch 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.
- **File a float plan:** 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.
- **Take a boating safety course:** 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.

Weigh Your Fish

With a Ruler

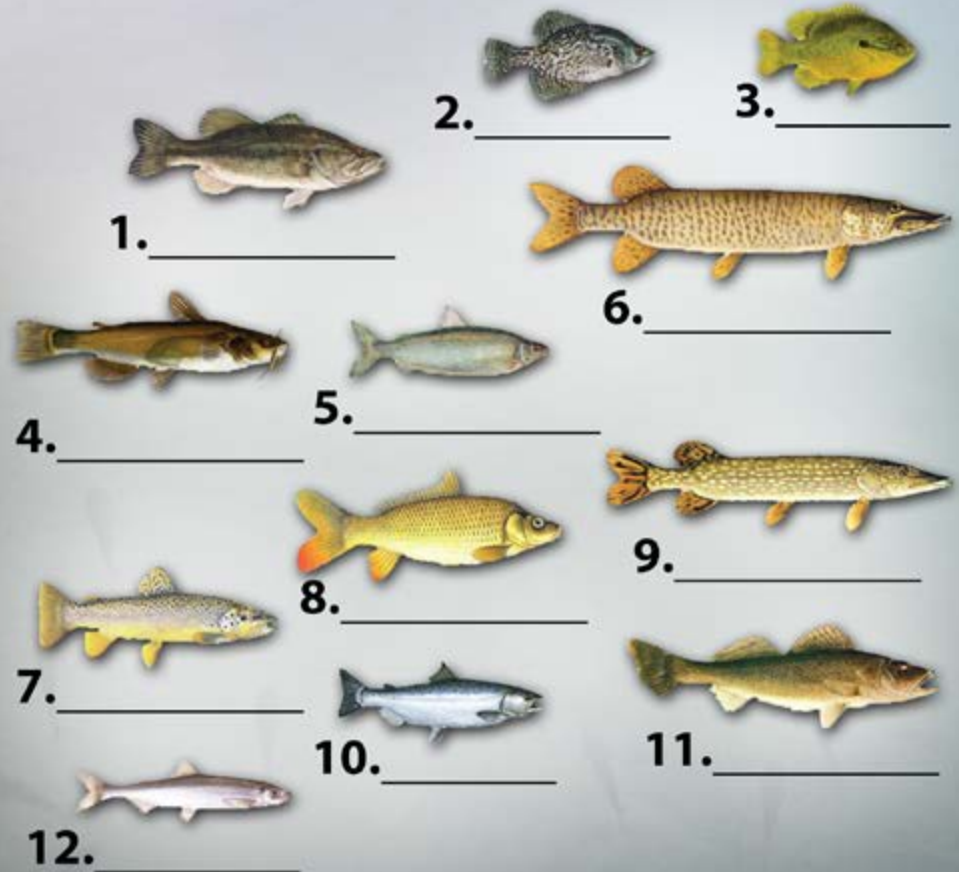
Use this chart to estimate your fish's weight so that you don't hurt it. Please be aware that these are simply estimates because lake or stream-specific fish weights can vary slightly.

Crappie		Bass		Walleye		Northern	
length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)	length (inches)	weight (lbs.)
8	0.3	12	1.0	14	1.0	24	3.2
9	0.4	13	1.3	15	1.2	25	3.6
10	0.6	14	1.7	16	1.5	26	4.0
11	0.8	15	2.1	17	1.8	27	4.6
12	1.1	16	2.5	18	2.2	28	5.2
13	1.4	17	3.0	19	2.5	29	5.8
14	1.8	18	3.6	20	3.0	30	6.4
15	2.2	19	4.2	21	3.5	31	7.1
16	2.7	20	5.0	22	4.1	32	7.8
17	3.3	21	5.7	23	4.7	33	8.6
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		23	7.6	25	6.1	35	10.3
				26	6.9	36	11.2
				27	7.8	37	12.2
				28	8.8	38	13.3
				29	9.8	39	14.4
						40	15.6
						41	16.8
						42	18.1



MIDWEST FISH QUIZ

Do you know the Midwest fish species? Identify the fish below.



Answers: 1. Bass 2. Crappie 3. Sunfish 4. Catfish 5. Herring 6. Muskellung 7. Trout 8. Carp 9. Northern Pike 10. Salmon 11. Walleye 12. Smelt

BUTTERED-UP

Steak



Simple meal with a Gourmet Feel

INGREDIENTS

2 steaks (ribeye or sirloin are good choices)

Salt and pepper

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

2 cloves garlic, minced

Fresh herbs (optional)

INSTRUCTIONS

1 Take the steaks out of the refrigerator and let them come to room temperature for about 30 minutes. This helps the steak cook more evenly.

2 Preheat your oven to 400°F.

3 Season the steaks generously with salt and pepper on both sides.

4 Heat a large skillet over high heat until very hot. Add the steaks and cook for about 2-3 minutes per side, until nicely browned.

5 Remove the steaks from the skillet and place them on a baking sheet.

6 In the same skillet, add the butter and garlic. Cook for about 30 seconds, stirring constantly, until the garlic is fragrant.

7 Pour the garlic butter over the steaks on the baking sheet.

8 Place the baking sheet in the oven and cook for about 5-7 minutes for medium-rare doneness, or longer if you prefer your steak more well-done.

9 Remove the steaks from the oven and let them rest for a few minutes before slicing.

10 Serve the steak with any remaining butter from the baking sheet and fresh herbs if desired.

Enjoy your delicious buttered-up steak!

PREP: 35 MIN • TOTAL: 50 MIN

Barbecue



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.

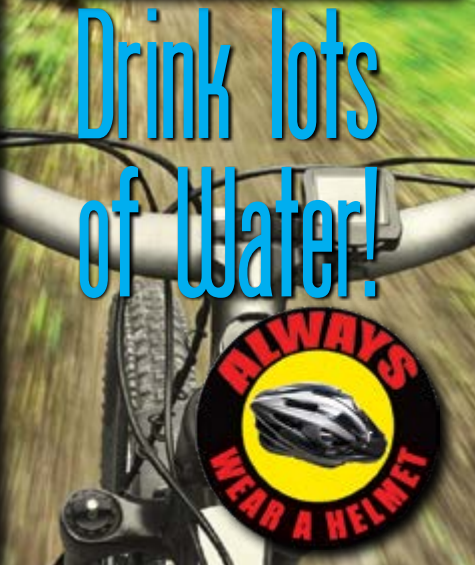
BARBECUE DON'TS:

- 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.



Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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 traffic of your changing direction.



Know Your ATV

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.

- 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.

Snowmobile Hand Signals

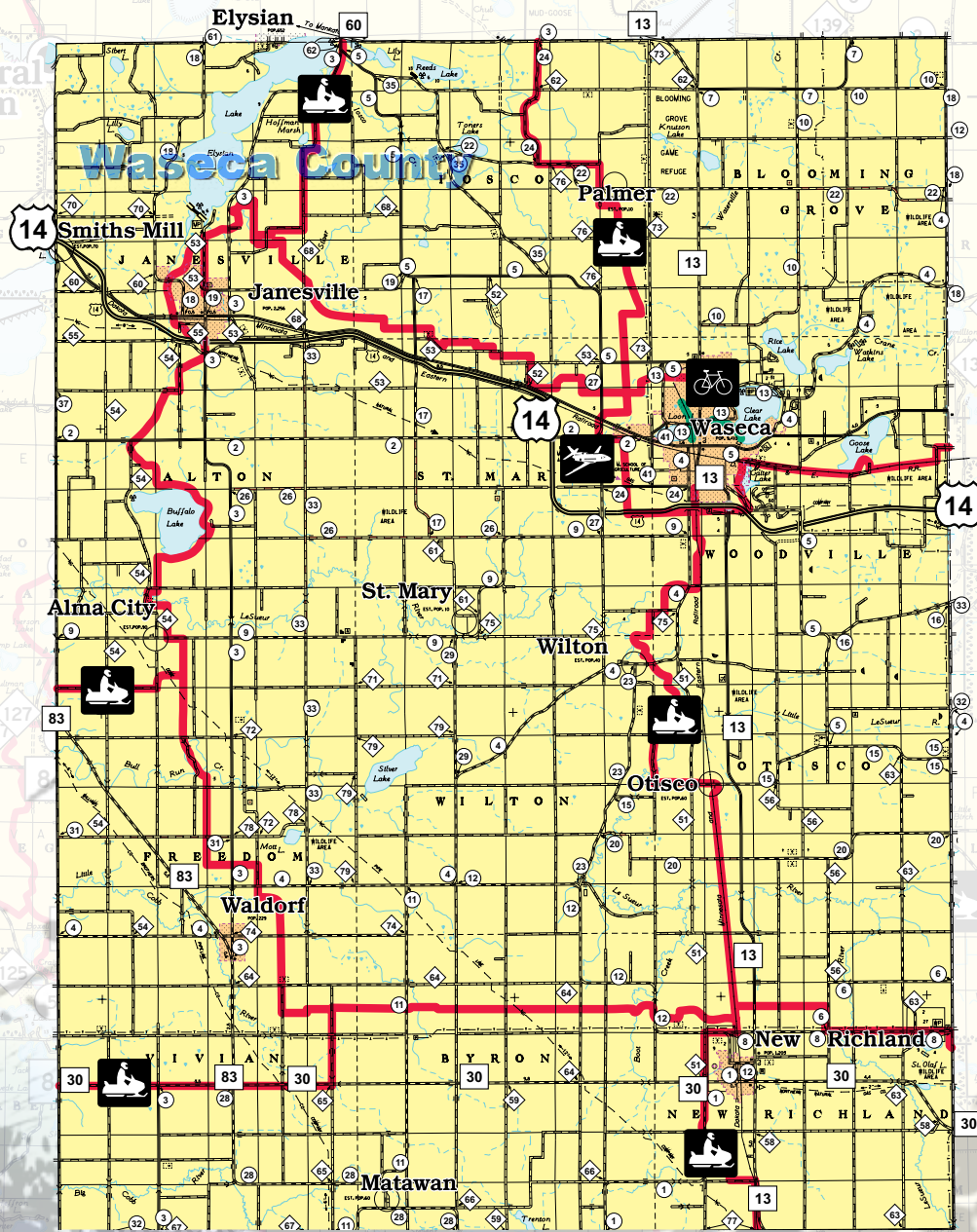
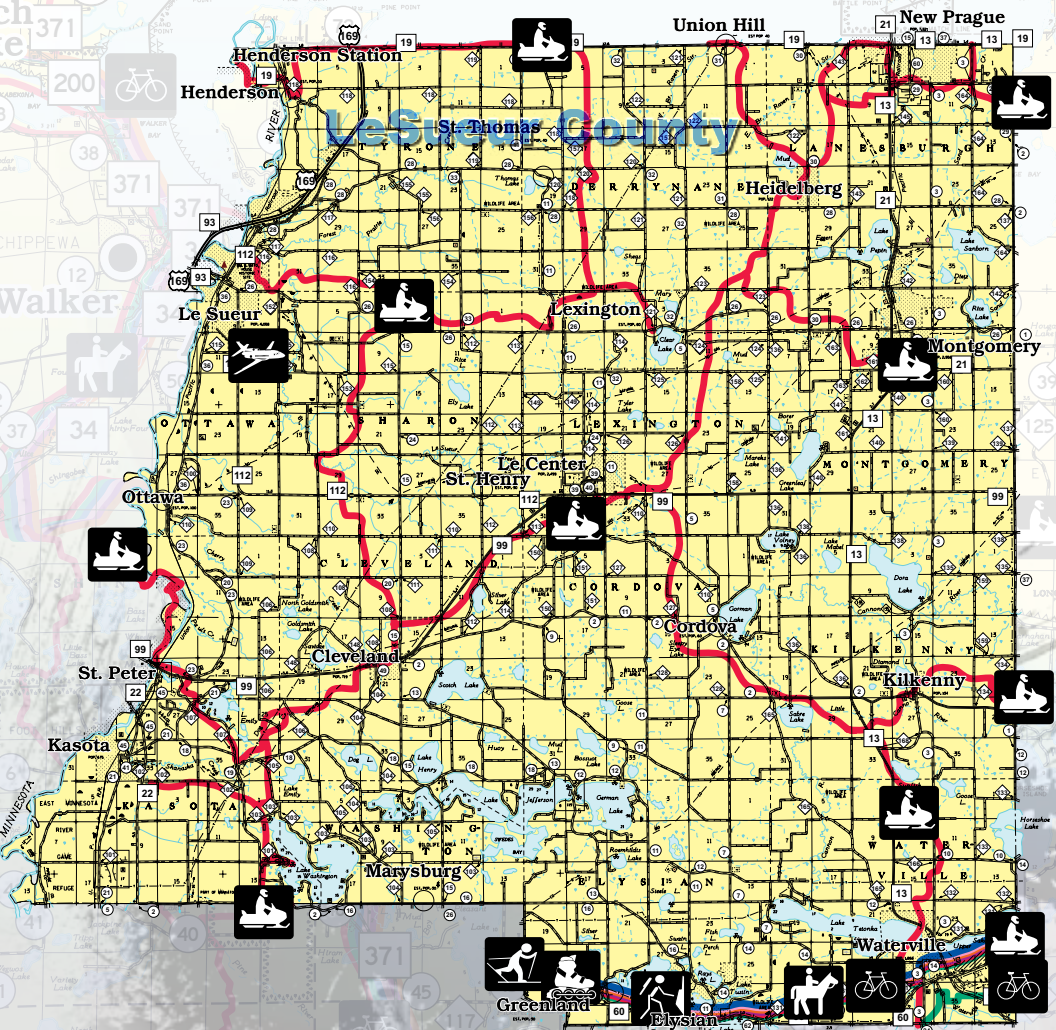


PRIVATE PROPERTY
NO TRESPASSING

Please respect private property and no trespassing signs. Stay on trails. Exercise extreme caution on all lakes and streams. Obey all state and local laws and ordinances. Do not operate snowmobiles/ATVs on county roads or state highways.

LOCAL AREA TRAILS

-  **Snowmobile Trail**
-  **Bicycle Trail/Route**
-  **Equestrian Trail**
-  **Hiking/Walking Trail**
-  **In-Line Skating**
-  **Cross-Country Ski Trail**
-  **Airport Locator**



10 Tips for Green Thumb GARDENING

Don't like all the dirt in your fingernails while you work in the garden? Before you go out, run your fingernails across a bar of soap and you'll effectively seal the undersides of your nails so dirt cannot accumulate. Then, after you are all done gardening, use a toothpick or nailbrush to remove the soap and your nails will be sparkling clean.



2. Spray vegetable oil on your string trimmer to help prevent jamming or breaking (Treat before installing string in trimmer).



3. Make a convenient measuring tool out of a long handled garden tool by laying it on the ground next to a tape measure. Use a permanent marker to copy the inches and feet. Next time you are spacing plants you already have a dual-purpose measuring tool in your hand!

4. Write the names of your plants (With a permanent marker) on the flat parts of stones of any size and lay them in front of your plants for natural looking markers.



5. The next time you boil or steam vegetables, use the leftover water to water potted patio plants, and you'll be surprised at how the plants grow with "vege-soup."



6. You can use leftover tea and coffee grounds to help acidify the soil of acid-loving plants like azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias, gardenias and blueberries. A light sprinkle of about 1/4 of an inch applied once a month will help keep the pH of the soil on the acidic side.



7. You can use chamomile tea to control damping-off fungus, which often attacks young seedlings quite suddenly. Just add some tea to the soil around the soil of seedlings once a week for healthy plant.



8. Here is a really quick way to dry out your herbs: Just lay a sheet of newspaper on the seat of your car, arrange the herbs in a single layer, then roll up the windows and shut the car doors. Your herbs will be dry in no time!



9. Use your blender to grind up egg shells. Just like a mother bird chews up worms for the baby birds making the food easier to digest, grinding eggshells makes it easy for your garden to absorb the calcium egg shells retain.



10. Animals (cats especially) seem to think all of the hard work you've put into your garden looks like a huge litter box. To keep them from pooping on your basil and other plants, strategically place a few plastic forks around your plants to deter them from destroying your fresh herbs, fruits, and vegetables.



Eat Breakfast

A healthy balanced breakfast every morning is very important. It allows your body to run smoothly throughout the day and can help with weight control while lowering your cholesterol levels. It will improve things like concentration, performance and strength. Also studies have shown that women who skip breakfast have a higher chance of developing diabetes and men who skip breakfast have a higher chance for heart disease.

Eat Your Greens

Leafy greens and vegetables contain phytochemicals which help to fight diseases. This will help against things like metabolic syndrome, diabetes, cancer and strokes. Vegetables are also rich in fiber which helps with hunger. The recommended amount of vegetables for the average person is around 2 ½ cups a day.

Drink Enough Water

Many people don't get enough water throughout the day. It is recommended that the average person drinks roughly a half gallon a day which is equal to about eight 8 ounce glasses. Water helps rid the body of toxins and with unwanted weight gain by flushing out by-products of fat in your system. Water also helps your immune system, energy levels, focus and mood.

Take a Walk During Lunch Break

Your body and mind benefit greatly when getting out for a quick walk. A walk can help with weight management, blood pressure, bone strength, balance and coordination. Plus it helps you focus by getting extra blood flow and oxygen to your brain. Also a lot of people don't get enough vitamin D in their diet and getting outside is one of the easiest ways to ensure you are getting your vitamin D.

Get Up and Move

It is important to try and get around 10,000 steps in per day. It is very hard on our bodies when we are slumped over a desk or kicked back in a recliner all day. Studies have shown that just from walking more you can lower your risk of high cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes. It may be hard to get the 10,000 steps in every day but doing small things like getting up from your desk every so often and doing a lap around the office or parking farther away from your destination will help.

Floss and Brush

This might not seem like the most significant health issue but it is very important. If you don't floss and brush daily you build up plaque on your teeth and at the gum lines. This can lead to things like gum disease and if not treated can enter the bloodstream and trigger inflammation in the arteries causing things like heart disease, diabetes, erectile dysfunction in males and delayed conception for women.





Bird Feeder Care Tips



With the return of summer means the return of a variety of bird species. If you plan on providing food, there are a few things to keep in mind.

According to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, birds may become sick from moldy bird food and uncleaned bird feeders. This tends to happen in spring more often because of the rain and humidity. If there is mold growth, it can cause an avian disease called aspergillosis, which can disrupt a birds respiratory system. Birds can also get Salmonella from unclean feeders. Either of the diseases may kill the bird.

You should wash your bird feeders a few times every year to ensure their is no mold growth. You can do this with some bleach and water (one part bleach to nine parts water), just make sure to rinse and dry well. If you can, let it dry in the sun to help kill off any left over bacteria. This also applies to hummingbird feeders but, they should be cleaned weekly.

You also need to clean up the fallen seeds and hulls from the ground under the bird feeders to prevent moldy conditions. The seeds on the ground have a tendency of attracting some animals you may not want around like mice, voles, raccoons and bears.

When buying a bird feeder you should look for one with as much air flow as possible. Look for hopper-type feeders or fly-through feeders that provide good air flow. Another way to help keep the bird seed dry is by filling the bird feeder less and more often.



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