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Local Area Events

JANUARY

Winter Crops Day | Waseca
Winterfest | (Jan-Feb) St. Peter
SPHS Snow Week | Cleveland
Ice Harvest | Waseca
Sleigh & Cutter Festival (Jan-March) |
Waseca
Winter Charm on the Farm | Waseca
Miss Waseca County Sleigh & Cutter Pageant

FEBRUARY

Masopust | Montgomery

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 | (Mar-Apr) Henderson
Jazz Festival & Concert | Waseca
The Mill Bridal Show | Waseca

APRIL

City Wide Garage Sales | Montgomery
Miss Czech-Slovak MN Pageant |
Montgomery
Tree Jamboree | Henderson
Le Sueur Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt

MAY

Memorial Day Celebration | Le Center,
Montgomery
City Wide Garage Sales | Le Sueur, Waseca,
Waterville
New Prague Half Marathon
Fox Hollow Annual Spring Trail ride | Le Sueur

JUNE

Traditions Car Show | (4th Thursday, June-
Aug) Waterville
Cherry Creek Festival & Car Roll-In
| Cleveland
Sauerkraut Days | Henderson
Hay Daze | Janesville
St. Mary's Festival | Le Center
Bullhead Days | Waterville
Taste of the Farm | Waseca

JULY

Elysian 4th of July Celebration
Old-Fashioned Fourth of July | St. Peter
Kolacky Days | Montgomery
Lakefest | Waseca
Waseca County Free Fair | Waseca
Great American Kites & Events | Waseca
Waseca Garden Walk
Farm & City Days | New Richland
Garden Club Walk | Waseca

AUGUST

National Night Out | Area Wide
Le Sueur County Free Fair | Le Center
Annual Pioneer Power Show | Le Sueur
Giant Days | Le Sueur
Czech Out | New Prague
Hummingbird Hurrah | Henderson
City Fireworks | Cleveland
Meat-a-palooza | Waseca

SEPTEMBER

Half-way to St. Paddy's Day | Kilkenny
Fireman's Dance | Kasota
Dozinky Celebration | New Prague
Czech Harvest Festival | New Prague
Waseca Marching Classic

SEPTEMBER (CONTD)

Rock Bend Folk Festival | St. Peter
Classic Car Cruise | Dozinky, New Prague
Club 57 Classic Car Show | Waseca
Farmamerica Fall Festival | Waseca

OCTOBER

Beer & Brats Event | Waseca
Treats & Streets | Waseca
Pumpkin Party | Waseca

NOVEMBER

Hollydaze Winter Festival & Parade | Le
Center

DECEMBER

Christmas in Elysian
Torchlight Parade & Fireworks | Montgomery
Lighted Parade & Tree Lighting | New Prague
Sights & Sounds of Christmas Walk | Waseca
Holiday Lights | Waseca
Nativity Drive-Thru | Waseca
Winter Wonderland | Waseca

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Le Sueur County History



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
 DERRYANE – 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.*

Le Sueur County Communities

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 County Communities

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.



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Waseca County History



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.*

Waseca County Communities

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.

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 measure 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.

Patience and Forgiveness: Pets, especially young ones, can be mischievous or have accidents. Be patient with them during the training process and forgive any mistakes they make along the way.

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?

DOG PARKS

Waseca Dog Park

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EUSTICE PARK

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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

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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

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County Park features

a campground, boat launch,

fishing opportunities and picnic areas.

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**For more information on parks throughout Waseca County, call: (507) 835-9727*



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 cortisol 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.



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Deer

09/13/25 - 12/31/25 Archery - Statewide
10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Early Antlerless
10/16/25 - 10/19/25 Youth - Statewide
11/8/25 - 11/23/25 Firearm (Season A) 100 Series permit areas
11/8/25 - 11/16/25 Firearm (Season A) 200 & 300 Series permit areas
11/22/25 - 11/30/25 Firearm (Season B) 300 Series permit areas
11/29/25 - 12/14/25 Muzzleloader - Statewide

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone
12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone



Fox, Gray & Red

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Jack - Statewide
09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Squirrel, Gray & Fox

09/20/25 - 02/28/26 Gray & Fox - Statewide

Grouse

09/13/25 - 11/30/25 Sharp-Tailed - Northwest zone
09/13/25 - 01/4/26 Ruffed & Spruce - Statewide

Pheasant

10/11/25 - 01/4/26 Ring-Necked - Statewide

Wild Turkey

04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Youth - Statewide
04/16/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - Archery - Statewide
04/16/25 - 04/22/25 Spring - A season - Statewide
04/23/25 - 04/29/25 Spring - B season - Statewide
04/30/25 - 05/6/25 Spring - C season - Statewide
05/7/25 - 05/13/25 Spring - D season - Statewide
05/14/25 - 05/20/25 Spring - E season - Statewide
05/21/25 - 05/31/25 Spring - F season - Statewide
10/4/25 - 11/2/25 Fall - Statewide

TRAPPING

Badger

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Bobcat

01/4/25 - 01/19/25 South Furbearer Zone
12/20/25 - 01/17/26 North Furbearer Zone

Fox

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 Gray & Red - North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 Gray & Red - South furbearer zone

Opossum

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Rabbit

09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Jack - Statewide
09/13/25 - 02/28/26 Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare - Statewide

Raccoon

10/18/25 - 03/15/26 North furbearer zone
10/25/25 - 03/15/26 South furbearer zone

Squirrel

09/20/25 - 02/28/26 Gray & Fox - Statewide



*Check the MN DNR website for updates.
<https://www.dnr.state.mn.us>
or scan the QR code



You can purchase hunting and fishing licenses, cross-country ski passes and snowmobile trail stickers through the Electronic License System. Online www.dnr.state.mn.us, Toll Free: 1 (888) 646-6367
Or visit one of the ELS agents available throughout the area:

CLEVELAND **TWEENTENS ONE STOP**

800 Hwy. 99 | Cleveland | (507) 934-1003

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LE CENTER **LE SUEUR CO. LICENSE BUREAU**

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TWEENTENS ONE STOP

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(507) 357-6800

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301 SW 4th St. |
Montgomery
| (507) 364-
5778



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118 Main St. E | New Prague |
(952) 758-2324

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PHILMART

437 E Main St. | Waterville | (507) 362-8800

WASECA **SPORTSMANS**

1818 N State St. | Waseca | (507) 835-4647

WALMART SUPERCENTER #1038

2103 N State St. | Waseca | (507) 835-2250

WASECA LICENSE BUREAU

300 N State St. | Waseca | (507) 835-0625

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!



FISHING SEASONS

INLAND WATERS

Lake Trout - 12/30/23 - 03/31/24

Lakes entirely within the BWCA

Lake Trout - 01/13/24 - 03/31/24

Lakes partially or completely outside the BWCA

Bullhead - 03/01/24 - 02/28/25

Burbot (eelpout) - 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

06/16/24 - 04/14/25

Smallmouth Bass - catch-and-release

09/09/24 - 02/23/25,

Statewide except the northeast

**Contact the MN DNR for specific zone information/
dates:*

1 (888) 646-6367

www.dnr.state.mn.us

scan the QR code



(Fishing licenses are effective from March 1 to the last day of February of the following year. A fishing license for the current 2025-26 license year is effective until Feb. 28, 2026.)



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.

YOUR Help is NEEDED!



Do
NOT
Transport
Invasive:

- Fish
- Invertebrates
- Aquatic Plants

CLEAN. DRAIN. DISPOSE.

KNOW THE LAW! YOU MAY NOT...

- TRANSPORT WATERCRAFT WITHOUT REMOVING THE DRAIN PLUG.
- ARRIVE AT LAKE ACCESS WITH DRAIN PLUG IN PLACE.
- TRANSPORT AQUATIC PLANTS, ZEBRA MUSSELS, OR OTHER PROHIBITED SPECIES ON ANY ROADWAY.
- LAUNCH A WATERCRAFT WITH PROHIBITED SPECIES ATTACHED.
- TRANSPORT WATER FROM LAKES OR RIVERS.
- RELEASE BAIT INTO THE WATER.



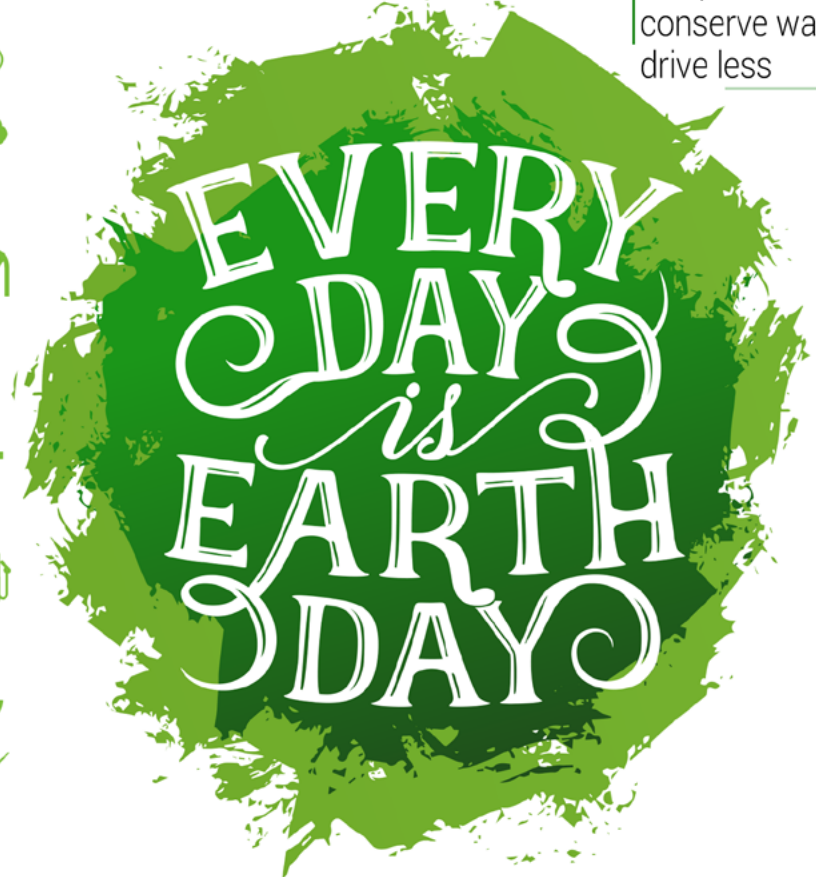
GO GREEN

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

reduce waste, reuse materials & recycle properly



Cut back on single-use plastics, conserve water, drive less



Community/Home Gardens: Really good at absorbing carbon dioxide. Cuts down on pesticides/fertilizers. Also benefits mental health and provides fresh food.

Composting: Decreases the amount of trash in landfills and reduces carbon emissions.

Plant Trees: Planting trees is a classic Earth Day activity.

Local Food: Buy local sustainable food.

Clean-Up Events: Organize or participate in local clean-up efforts.

Upcycle Crafts: Get creative by turning old items into new useful objects.



HONEY *Glazed* CHICKEN



Simple meal with a *Gourmet* Feel

INGREDIENTS

4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
1/2 cup honey
1/4 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons olive oil
2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
2 garlic cloves, minced
Salt and pepper to taste

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Preheat the oven to 375°F (190°C).
- 2 In a small bowl, whisk together the honey, soy sauce, olive oil, apple cider vinegar, garlic, salt, and pepper.
- 3 Place the chicken breasts in a baking dish and pour the honey glaze over the chicken, making sure it's evenly coated.
- 4 Bake in the preheated oven for 25-30 minutes, or until the chicken is cooked through and no longer pink in the center.
- 5 After 15 minutes of baking, remove the chicken from the oven and brush the remaining honey glaze over the chicken. Return the chicken to the oven and continue baking.
- 6 Once done, remove from the oven and let rest for a few minutes before serving.
- 7 You can garnish with sesame seeds and chopped green onions if you like.

*Enjoy your delicious
honey glazed chicken!*

PREP: 10 MIN • TOTAL: 40 MIN

*Send in
your Favorite
Recipe*

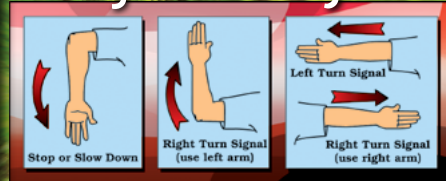
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Be Aware of your Surroundings

- 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.

Bicycle Hand Signals



Drink lots of Water!



Know Your ATV

Read the owner's manual

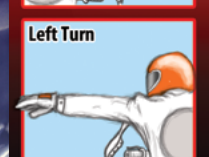
and know your vehicle thoroughly. • Check your vehicle before you ride. • Wear protective equipment and clothing. • Don't lend your vehicle to unskilled riders. • Supervise young or inexperienced riders. • Never carry a passenger on vehicles meant for one rider. • Do not operate under the influence of 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.

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY

- 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

Communication is an essential part of safe riding. Hand signals are a practical way to communicate between other riders and traffic. Be sure to give easy to see and clear hand signals when snowmobiling. Hand signals should never be subtle, but always deliberate.



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



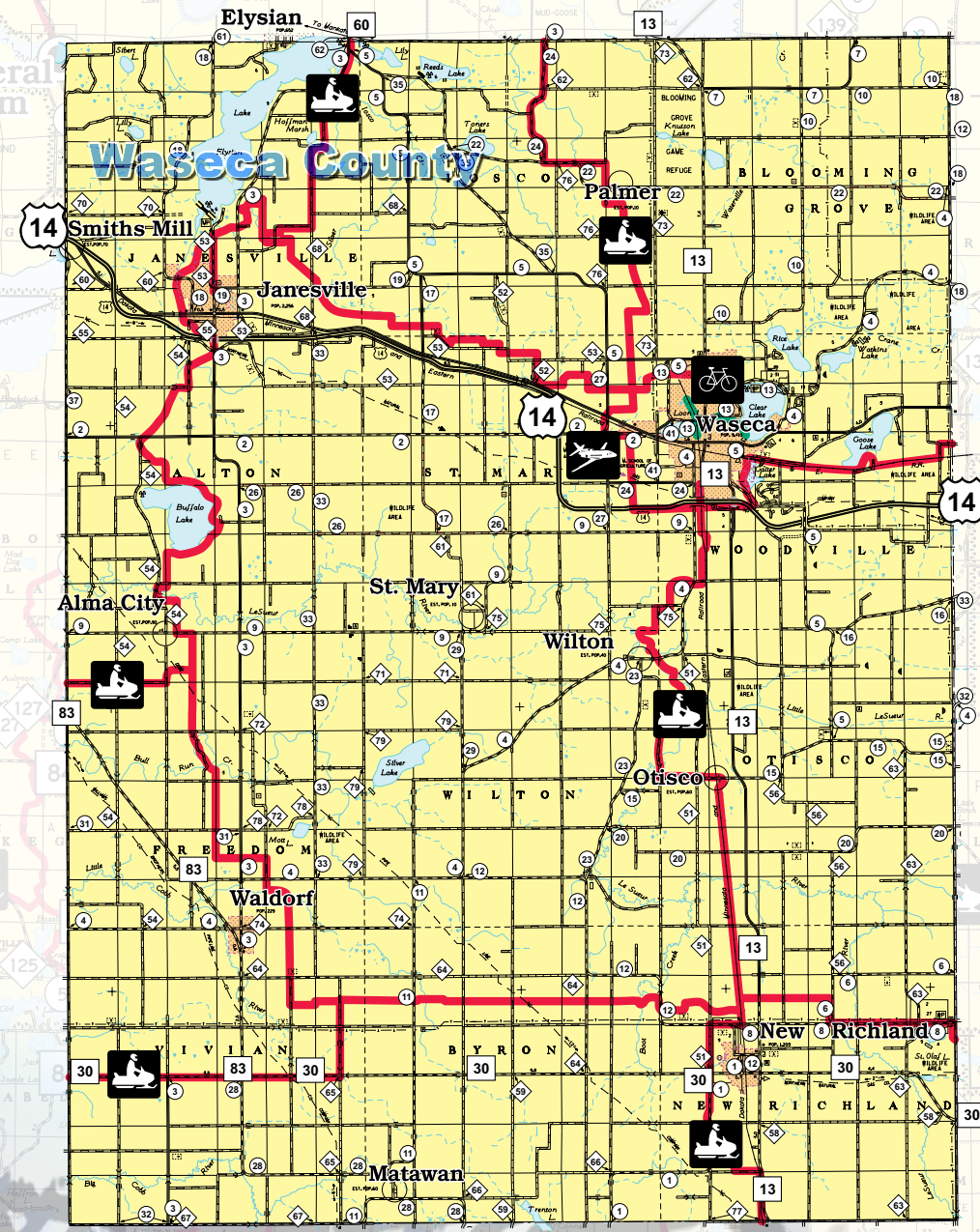
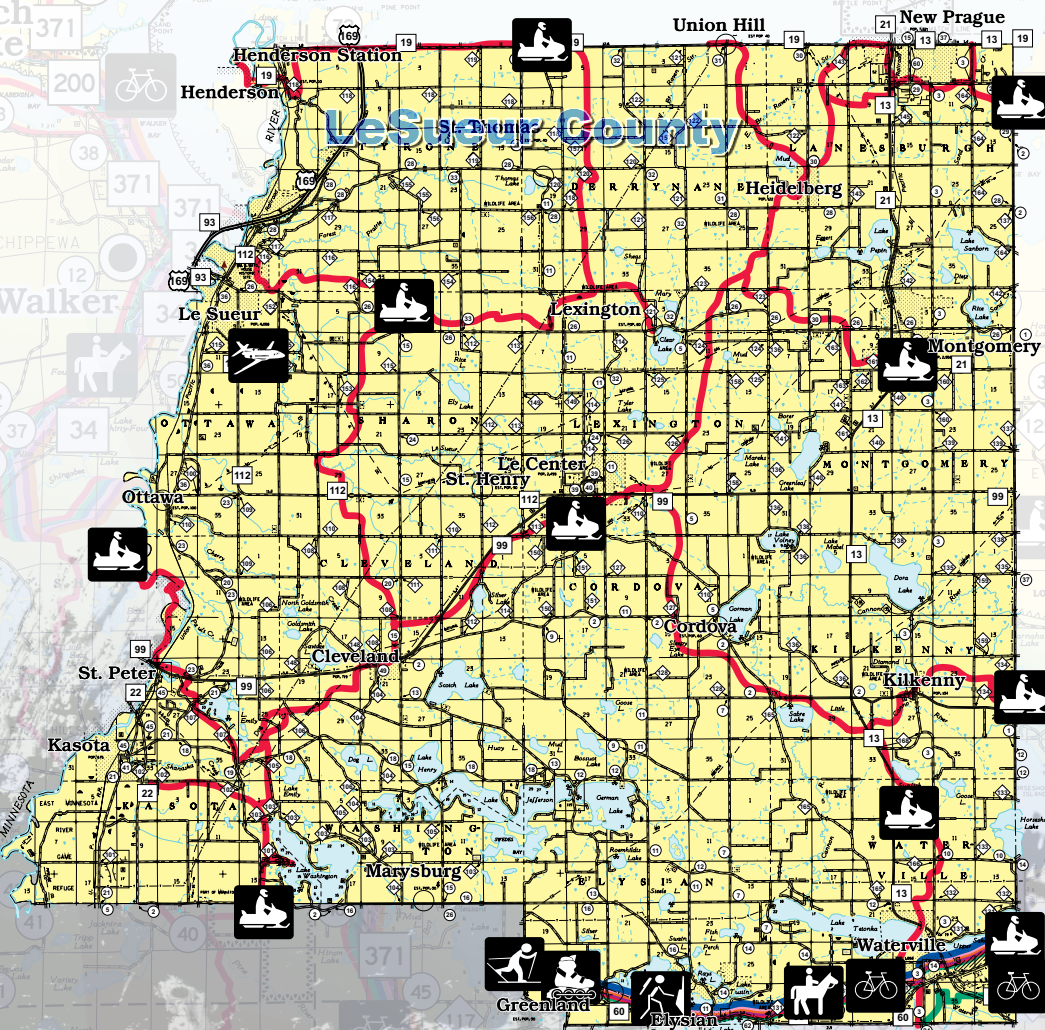
In-Line Skating



Cross-Country Ski Trail



Airport Locator



Mosquitoes

Prevention & Health Risks



A MOSQUITO FREE YARD

Create an environment in your yard that invites animals that like to eat mosquitoes. Some things that enjoy eating mosquitoes are:

- Bats • Frogs • Fish • Turtles • Birds • Dragonflies

To help repel mosquitoes, plant some of the different vegetation listed:

- Citronella • Geranium • Eucalyptus • Rosemary • Basil • Anise • Mint • Marigolds • Catnip • Wormwood • Tansy • Lavender • Cedar • Cloves

Don't have stagnant water sitting around in things like buckets or tires.

BE SAFE WHILE OUTDOORS

When a mosquito bites you it can leave saliva in your body. If the mosquito is infected it can transfer diseases to you. A few of the more common diseases transmitted to people are:

- Dengue • Encephalitis • Malaria • Yellow Fever.

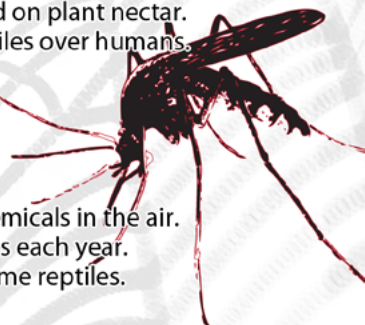
Mosquitoes can also transmit diseases to animals. A couple of these diseases are:

- Heartworm (mostly to dogs & cats) • Encephalitis.

To reduce your chance of getting a disease from mosquitoes you can, apply mosquito repellent to your skin and clothing.

RANDOM MOSQUITO FACTS

- More than 3,000 different mosquito species can be found around the world.
- There are around 50 different mosquito species in the Upper Midwest.
- Female mosquitoes feed on blood. Male mosquitoes feed on plant nectar.
- Some mosquito species prefer to feed on animals or reptiles over humans.
- All mosquitoes need water to complete their life cycle.
- One female mosquito can lay over 200 eggs at one time.
- Mosquito larvae only need a week in water to hatch.
- Mosquito eggs can survive for more than five years.
- Mosquitoes can fly around 1 to 2 mph.
- Mosquitoes find food by sight, infrared radiation and chemicals in the air.
- Around 1,000 Americans get ill or die from mosquito bites each year.
- Mosquitoes are a huge food source for birds, bats and some reptiles.



TICKS

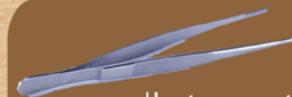
Diseases & Prevention

You can get a tickborne disease if you are bitten by a tick that is infected • Tickborne diseases are increasing throughout the United States. • Personal protection methods can help reduce the odds of a tick bite while enjoying the outdoors

Some symptoms of a tickborne disease

- Many tickborne diseases have similar symptoms
 - Symptoms usually show up within 2-4 weeks of being bitten
- Watch for symptoms like:

- Rash
- Fever
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Muscle or joint aches



Tick Removal

Prompt tick removal is important.

Use tweezers to grasp the tick close to its mouth. Gently and slowly pull the tick straight outward.

Do not squeeze the ticks' body.

Wash the area and apply an antiseptic to the bite.

Watch for early signs and symptoms of a tickborne disease. Don't use folk remedies like Petroleum Jelly or a burnt match.



Blacklegged Tick Coverage

American Dog Tick Coverage

Lone Star Tick Coverage

Blacklegged (Deer) Tick
Lyme disease
Anaplasmosis
Babesiosis
Ehrlichiosis
Powassan virus disease

American Dog (Wood) Tick
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
Tularemia

Lone Star Tick
Ehrlichiosis
Tularemia
Heartland virus disease
Southern Tick-Associated Rash Illness (STARI)

Protect Yourself from Tickborne Diseases

- 1-Know when and where you're at risk**
 - Primarily Mid-May through Mid-July

- Wooded and brushy areas – Blacklegged Tick
- Grassy or wooded areas – American Dog Tick

- 2-Wear EPA-registered tick repellent**

- DEET 20-30% on skin or clothing
- Permethrin 0.5% on clothing

- 3-Check yourself for ticks**

- Shower after being outdoors
- Check at least once a day
- Remove ticks ASAP!



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.



Healthy & Environmentally Friendly Lawn

Choose a type of grass that thrives in your area. 3" is the optimal height for most grasses, it allows the roots to become strong and healthy. It also helps to absorb more water. Don't bag the lawn clippings, it's a natural fertilizer. Keep your mower blades sharp.



Don't water every day. Give your lawn a good soaking once or twice a week. Your lawn should get about an inch of water each week, whether it be from rain fall or a sprinkler. Water your lawn in the early morning, preferably before 10am. Watering at night time can create fungus growth.



Don't use pesticides. Correctly identify what the problem is and try a non-chemical method first. If you have to use a chemical based pesticide, try spot treating the problem area. All pesticides are toxic to some degree. Make sure to read all labels.



Fertilizers can harm the environment. Use natural organic or slow-release fertilizers. The best time to fertilize your lawn is in the fall.



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.

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.

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.



Shop.
Dine.
Play.
Stay.

LOCAL

...and support the community you live in!