

# City Highlights

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## HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

The City is collecting Holiday Lights again this year to recycle. They can be dropped off anytime at City Hall. There will be a recycling bin located outside the lobby front door beginning November 27th.

## NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The City's website has a notification system that allows residents to subscribe to receive text and/or e-mail alerts when there is a notification sent by the city.

The City uses the notification system to alert residents when a snow emergency has been declared and when a water main breaks.

Signing up for the service is easy. Visit the City's website at [www.cityofmontgomerymn.com](http://www.cityofmontgomerymn.com) and click on the "Notify Me" icon. Then follow the steps.

You can remove yourself from the notification list at any time.

## SUMP LINES

Every year at this time, sump lines that drain toward the street or sidewalk can cause hazardous conditions by allowing ice to build up on the street or sidewalk. If you have a sump line, the ideal option would be to have it drain to a sump basket behind the sidewalk. There are a few locations where these baskets are available. Unfortunately, not everyone has access to a sump basket. In this case, the next best alternative is to have the sump line discharge to the back yard away from the street, sidewalk, and alley.

If you are unable to have the line run to the rear of your home and it must be run to the front, the line must be at least five (5) feet from the street or sidewalk. This will allow for some of the water to disburse in the lawn. However, as the ground freezes, ice may build up and the discharge may make it to the street or sidewalk. In this case, please monitor your sidewalk and make sure you clear it of ice buildup from the sump line. As a last resort, the sump line could be redirected to the floor drain in the basement. This would only be allowed from November to March.

## WINTER PARKING

Snow season is fast approaching and with it come questions about when vehicles are to be off the street and where residents are to park their vehicles to avoid tickets during and after a snow fall.

The City will declare a snow emergency when there is an accumulation of 1" or more of snow. When a snow emergency is declared, all vehicles are to be off the streets until they are plowed curb to curb. Vehicles left on the street during a snow emergency risk receiving a ticket and are subject to being towed at the owner's expense.

Notice of a snow emergency is put on the City's website and Facebook page, as well as the Police Department's Facebook page. Text and E-mail alerts are also sent to residents enrolled in the City's notification system. Signing up for the service is easy. Visit the City's website at

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The best practice is to move your vehicle off the street anytime significant snow is in the forecast. Residents can park in their front yard after the declaration of a snow emergency and are to return their vehicles to the street once the streets have been cleared. Residents will be allowed to park in the City parking lots until the Snow Emergency is over. However, vehicles must be removed from City Parking lots within 24 hours after the snow emergency has ended to prevent getting a ticket.

More information on the City's parking regulations can be found in the Montgomery City Code, Chapter 9.

## SIDEWALKS

Residents with sidewalks are to have the snow removed within 24 hours of a snowfall when there is 1" or more of accumulation. It is important to keep sidewalks clear for the safety of school kids and residents. When the sidewalks are not cleared, people may walk in the street and with snowbanks on the side of the road, this creates a very unsafe situation.

Failure to clean and keep the sidewalk free and clear of snow and ice may result in the issuance of a ticket.

**Remember when clearing your driveway or sidewalks; do not push the snow into the street or across the street, or into the neighbor's boulevard or yard.**

## GO PAPERLESS

Save yourself the hassle of keeping track of your utility bill and the added paper clutter on your dining room table and receive your utility bill electronically. While you are going paperless with the electronic bill, you can set up auto pay for your account so you never have to worry about your bill again.

Setting up and monitoring your account is easy. Go to the City's website, [www.cityofmontgomerymn.com](http://www.cityofmontgomerymn.com) and in the middle of the homepage click on "Utility Billing."

There you can click, and be directed to the City's payment service, Payment Services Network (PSN), and set up an account. Once you have your account with PSN set-up, you are able to have your bill and newsletter sent to you monthly via e-mail. You will also be able to view your account history, set up auto payment from your savings, checking or credit card and best of all, there is no cost to you!

Save a tree and save some time by going electronic with your utility bill.

## ANIMAL REGULATIONS

The City of Montgomery requires each dog in the city that is over 6 months old to be licensed. The license is good for two years and costs \$5.00. Licenses can be obtained at the Police Department or City Hall.

Residents can have a total of four animals, of which only three can be dogs. Wild animals, farm animals and some exotic animals are not permitted to be kept within city limits. This includes poisonous or constricting reptiles, hedgehogs, goats, chickens, ducks, pigs, ferrets, geese, etc.

When out with your dog, you must always have it leashed and please remember to clean up after your pet. We also encourage all dog and cat owners to have their pet microchipped. A lost animal with a microchip is reunited with its family more quickly.

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