



# City of Hawley Newsletter June 2020

## Hawley Recycling Center Now Open

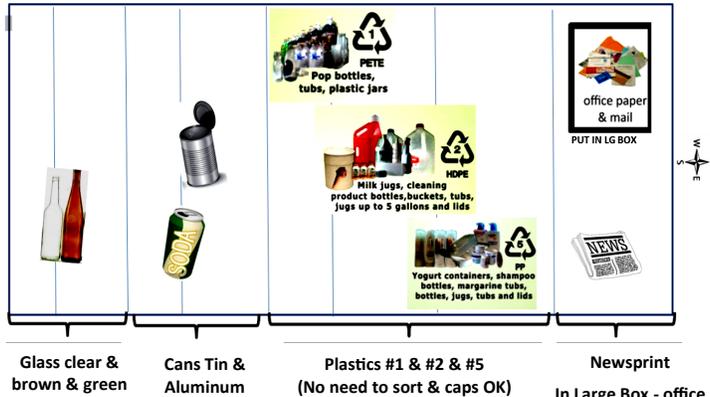
8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. 716 Front St & 614 Front St

**GOOD NEWS...**we have Simplified the recycling sorting process and changed the layout of the roll-off recycling bin.

You can now: combine Glass - clear & brown & green in Bins #1&2; combine Cans - tin & aluminum in Bins #3&4; combine Plastics - #1, #2, & #5 in Bins #5,6&7; put Newsprint in Bin #8; and put Office Paper & Junk Mail & Phone Books in the Large Box at the end of Bin #8.

• **NO Cardboard in the main building.** All Cardboard now needs to go to the Cardboard Recycling building (brick building to the East of the main building) 614 Front St. Break down all cardboard & lay flat in the roll-off. We needed to create more room for recycling of Plastics as they take up the most room in our recycling bin.

### HAWLEY'S NEW RECYCLING ROLL-OFF SORTING - SIMPLIFIED



**NO:** deli/bakery plastic, styrofoam, plastic bags, packing materials, paint, batteries, or dirty items Please

**PLEASE KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING – IF OTHERS ARE IN THE BUILDING LET THEM FINISH AND KEEP 6’ MINIMUM DISTANCING.**

- Shredded paper should be kept in bags and stacked on the west side of the roll-off.
- White Goods Recycling \$15 Non-Freon, \$20 Freon - bring payment down to City Hall & get a sticker to place on your appliance & put inside of the main recycling center building on west side of roll-off.

**Thank you for your cooperation and patience.**

- **Hawley City Hall**  
Walk-up Window Open  
218-483-3331  
305 6th Street  
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
[www.hawley.govoffice.com](http://www.hawley.govoffice.com)  
[info@ci.hawley.mn.us](mailto:info@ci.hawley.mn.us)
- **Hawley Deputy Registrar**  
Walk-up Window Open  
Renewals & Title Work  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Motor Vehicle Licenses  
DNR Licenses  
*Pmt by Check or Cash Only*
- City Council Meetings  
June 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>  
(the Meetings are broadcast live on Arvig Local Channel 14 at 5:30 p.m.)
- **Recycling Center** 8am - 8pm daily  
New Simplified Sorting
- Utility Emergency - After Hours # 701-238-7657
- **Community Center** - Open for rental (groups of 10 or less)
- Clean Up Day(s)  
July 9<sup>th</sup> or July 13<sup>th</sup>  
**Call Before You Dig it's the law!**  
**Contact GSOC by calling:**  
651-454-0002 or  
1-800-252-1166 or 811

## City of Hawley's continued response to COVID-19 5-20-2020

**We are now complying with Governor Waltz's new Stay Safe Minnesota Plan. We look forward to the reopening and more fully opening of many of our Hawley businesses in the near future. We are all in this together.**

► Hawley City Hall is using our walk-up window in the main entryway. We have a drop box for utility payments available in the main entrance and the option to view and pay your utility bills on-line from a link on our website: [www.hawley.govoffice.com](http://www.hawley.govoffice.com) You can also call us and we can help with many things over the phone - especially if there is a long line with Motor Vehicle customers (218) 483-3331.

*\*\*We will eventually use the walk-up window and allow 1 or 2 customers at a time inside of the lobby (as long as those who enter the lobby area wear a face covering.) No one under 18 in the lobby at this time please.*

► Hawley Motor Vehicle Office is open (renewals & transfers) and we will be able to assist MV customers one (1) at a time, through our walk-up window in the main entryway. Please keep a 6' distance on the sidewalk from other customers who are waiting.

► Hawley Liquors is planning to extend their hours effective June 1<sup>st</sup>: OPEN 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

► Community Center will be open for rental to groups of 10 or less who use social distancing.

► **Clean Up Days** are scheduled for Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> or Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup> depending upon your regular garbage day. More details in the July newsletter on what you can put out. Please No Clean Up Materials are allowed on the Boulevard until July 4<sup>th</sup> at the earliest.

► Playgrounds in City Parks are reopening May 20<sup>th</sup>. Please Note: the city will not sanitize the equipment and encourages visitors to bring their own sanitizing products. You are encouraged to maintain the recommended 6-foot social distancing policy that is currently in place by the CDC. For now, restrooms and drinking fountains will not be open. You are asked to bring your own bottled water if desired.

► The City of Hawley's COVID-19 Preparedness Plan (5-12-2020) is posted on the City Website.

If you are sick please do not come into any City buildings or play on City Playgrounds & Stay Home.

**Please stay calm and informed.** [www.cdc.gov/COVID19](http://www.cdc.gov/COVID19) [www.mn.gov/covid19](http://www.mn.gov/covid19)

The Council will continually revisit our safety measures and will post changes as they occur on City website, Facebook page, and in newsletters.

**Thank you for everything you are doing to care for yourself, your family, your neighbors and your community during this difficult time.**



**Hawley Motor Vehicle Office**  
**Open for Renewals & Transfers MV & DNR**

•Customers with 2 or more transactions may be asked to hand us the filled out paperwork, payment, and their phone # at the window. They will then be asked to wait in their car while staff processes their multiple transactions at our regular motor vehicle stations. If we have questions when processing we will call their phone # and get those answers. As soon as their work is completed they will be called and can come to the window to pick up their completed work and stickers/plates.

• **IMPORTANT to have:**

- #1) payment by check or cash (no credit cards & no ATM);
- #2) your insurance company name, policy number & expiration date (mm/dd/yy); and
- #3) your printed renewal form or your license plate number(s) & drivers license if you do not have your renewal form.

**Thank you for your business.**

**15th Street Closure Update** - 15th Street is closed due to the frost coming out of the street, soft spots, and in an effort to allow the subgrade below the Otta Seal to dry out and heal up. We anticipate this street will reopen to City use sometime in the next few weeks. The traffic from the north will be restricted until such time as the road can handle vehicles abiding by the 5-Ton per axel posted weight limits. Thank you for your cooperation and patience.

**2020 Electrical Underground Replacement Project**

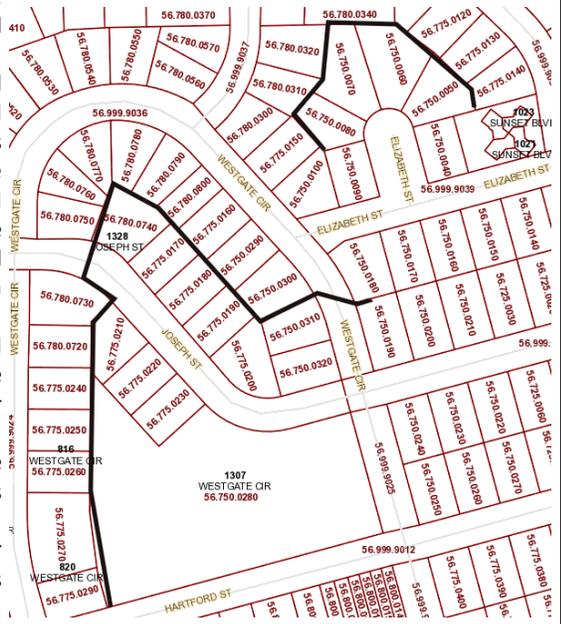
Work to replace deteriorated underground electrical lines will be done in the western portion of the City this summer. The Hawley Public Utilities has hired Arvig to bore in these new underground lines.

This project will require some planned outages for customers in the vicinity of the work. Every effort will be made to inform the residents and property owners in advance.

This work is needed to ensure reliable service to our customers.

Work will be done generally in the areas shown on this map.

Thank you for your patience during this important project.



**ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF MINNESOTA FROM HOME**

These on-line puzzles let you virtually visit your favorite Minnesota destinations like the Mississippi River Headwaters, Paisley Park, Pipestone National Monument and more, all from the comfort of your couch.

<https://www.exploreminnesota.com/minnesota-digital-puzzles>

**CITY BRANCH PILE**

The City Branch pile is located south of the city on County Road 31 - 950' south of the railroad crossing. Enter the driveway on the east side of the road and follow signs. TREE BRANCHES only in this area.

**Lawn clippings/leaves:**

Compost roll-off located behind the Cardboard Recycling Building

**Zoning Permit Needed....**

Anytime you are adding a deck, constructing a garden shed, or enlarging the footprint of your home or garage, a zoning permit is needed. The City ensures that setbacks from property lines are maintained and that the use is allowed per City Codes. Please contact City hall for the proper forms. Thank you!

**10 Minutes of Your Time = 10 Years of Benefits for Us**

**Would you take 10 minutes to help Clay County?**

We need you and everyone in your household to be counted in the 2020 Census – from newborns to any relatives or friends living with you. **The results of the 2020 Census will impact us for the next 10 years.**

Census results impact funding and guide decisions for our state and county – and for every business, nonprofit, and government organization in our community.

Census data are used to determine how over 245 billion dollars (each year) in federal funding are spent on medicare/medicaid, education, medical funding, emergency response, employment programs, highway funding, food programs, and more. Census data also impact our representation in Congress and the state legislature.

**You and your family matter to us.  
 Be counted. Go to  
 2020Census.gov or  
 call 844-330-2020**

**COVID-19 Relief through Energy Assistance.**

As our communities struggle to cope with the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Minnesota Department of Commerce reminds Minnesotans the state's Energy Assistance Program has funds available for help paying their energy bills. There are now Revised Income Guidelines due to COVID-19.

▶ For those who have not already received help this heating season, there is still time.

The Department of Commerce especially encourages newly unemployed, households with young children, people with disabilities, veterans and seniors to apply.

▶ Additional Crisis Funding is Available for those households who have already applied - so more help may be available to you too.

**West Central Minnesota Communities Action Energy Assistance Program**

**1-800-492-4805 Option 1 Ext 1**

Email [EAP@WCMCA.ORG](mailto:EAP@WCMCA.ORG)

411 Industrial Pk Blvd

Elbow Lake, MN 56531

[www.WCMCA.org](http://www.WCMCA.org)

Application forms are also available at Hawley City Hall & on City website [Hawley.govoffice.com](http://Hawley.govoffice.com)

We will fax your completed application into WCMCA for free.

**MOSQUITO CONTROL**

The City of Hawley begins to spray for mosquitos towards the end of June, twice per week, normally Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please note that spraying days can change – depending on weather conditions, spraying will be done on a more favorable evening. Below is a list of ways to prevent mosquitoes in your yard.



- Get rid of all standing water on your premises
- Discard unnecessary containers, including old tires, that may catch and hold water. Drain bird baths, small ponds, etc., weekly.
- Repair any water leaks, hose, sprinkler system, or cooler that may cause water to pool.
- Control your irrigation.
- Fill low spots and level your yard. Don't over irrigate. Water should never stand more than three days, even in tree wells. If underground irrigation system does not drain, prevent mosquito entrance by closing valves and providing tight covers or screens on standpipes between irrigations. We will try to post to City Facebook information on when the spraying will be done. Thank you!

## HAWLEY 2019 DRINKING WATER REPORT

**Making Safe Drinking Water** - Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: three wells ranging from 134 to 136 feet deep, that draw water from the Quaternary Buried Artesian aquifer. Hawley works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources. Contact Paul Thompson, Public Works Lead, at 218-483-3331 or email pthompson@ci.hawley.mn.us if you have questions about Hawley's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

**Hawley Monitoring Results** This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2019. We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their health.

**How to Read the Water Quality Data Tables** The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we included them in the tables below with the detection date. We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Definitions:** **AL (Action Level):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow. **EPA:** Environmental Protection Agency **MCL (Maximum contaminant level):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **MCLG (Maximum contaminant level goal):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. **Level 1 Assessment:** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Level 2 Assessment:** A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. **MRDL (Maximum residual disinfectant level):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. **MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. **NA (Not applicable):** Does not apply. **ppb (parts per billion):** One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l). **ppm (parts per million):** One part per million is like one drop in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l). **PWSID:** Public water system identification. **Variations and Exemptions:** State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain conditions.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous years)	EPA's Limit MCL	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Level Found		Violation	Typical Source of Contaminant
			Range of detected test results	Highest avg. or highest single test result		
Arsenic	10.4 ppb	0 ppb	N/A	4.83 ppb	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Nitrate	10.4 ppm	10 ppm	N/A	.86 ppm	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Barium (7/13/2017)	2 ppm	2 ppm	N/A	.03 ppm	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposit
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.54-.55 ppm	.55 ppm	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth

Contaminant (units)	EPA's Action Level	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	90% of results were less than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Copper (9/7/2017)	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0 ppm	.56 ppm	0 out of 10	No	Corrosion of household plumbing
Lead (9/7/2017)	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0 ppb	1.5 ppb	0 out of 10	No	Corrosion of household plumbing

### **Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)**

Fluoride: If your drinking water fluoride levels are below the optimal concentration range of 0.7 to 1.2 ppm, please talk with your dentist about how you can protect your teeth and your family's teeth from tooth decay and cavities. For more information, visit: MDH Drinking Water Fluoridation (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/com/fluoride/index.html>).

## HAWLEY 2019 DRINKING WATER REPORT - CONTINUED

**Monitoring Results—Unregulated Substances** In addition to testing drinking water for contaminants regulated under the Safe Drinking Water Act, we sometimes also monitor for contaminants that are not regulated. Unregulated contaminants do not have legal limits for drinking water. Detention alone of a regulated or unregulated contaminant should not cause concern. The meaning of a detection should be determined considering current health effects information. We are often still learning about the health effects, so this information can change over time. The following table shows unregulated contaminants we detected last year, as well as human-health based guidance values for comparison, where available. The comparison values are based only on potential health impacts and do not consider our ability to measure contaminants at very low concentrations or the cost and technology of prevention and/or treatment. They may be set at levels that are costly, challenging, or impossible for water systems to meet (for example, large-scale treatment technology may not exist for a given contaminant).

A person drinking water with a contaminant at or below the comparison value would be at little or no risk for harmful health effects. If the level of a contaminant is above the comparison value, people of a certain age or with special health conditions—like a fetus, infants, children, elderly, and people with impaired immunity—may need to take extra precautions. Because these contaminants are unregulated, EPA and MDH require no particular action based on detection of an unregulated contaminant. We are notifying you of the unregulated contaminants we have detected as a public education opportunity. More information is available on MDH's— A-Z list of Contaminants in water (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html>) and Fourth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring rule (UCMR4) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html>).

**Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water** than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at **1-800-426-4791**.

**Learn More about Your Drinking Water Drinking Water Sources** Minnesota's primary drinking water sources are groundwater and surface water.

Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources. **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife. **Inorganic contaminants** include salts and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban storm water runoff, and wastewater discharges. **Pesticides and herbicides** are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and commercial and residential properties. **Organic chemical contaminants** include synthetic and volatile organic compounds. Sources include industrial processes and petroleum production, gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. **Radioactive contaminants** such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil and gas production. The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including: How Hawley is protecting your drinking water source(s); Nearby threats to your drinking water sources; How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed. Find your source water assessment at [Source Water Assessments](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/) ([www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa/)) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., Mon - Fri.

**Lead in Drinking Water** You may be in contact with lead through paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk. Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Hawley provides high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings. Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

**Let the water run** for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: [Are your pipes made of lead? Here's a quick way to find out](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home) ([https://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home](http://www.mprnews.org/story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-in-your-home)).

The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure. Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.

**Test your water.** In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young children or pregnant women drink your tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample:

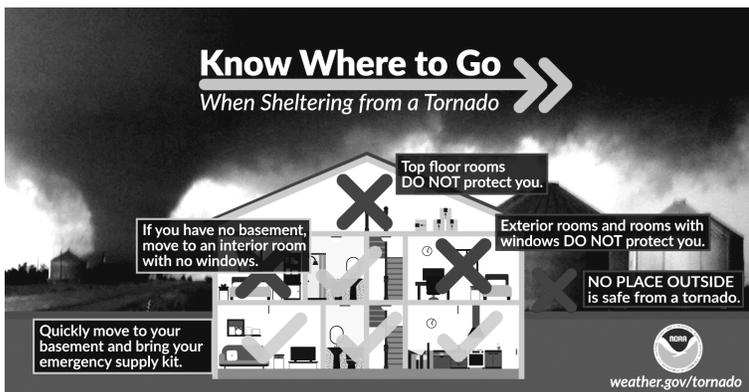
[Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program](https://apps.health.state.mn.us/elabo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://apps.health.state.mn.us/elabo/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>)

The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results. **Treat your water** if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run. Read about water treatment units: [Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html)

(<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/factsheet/com/poulead.html>) Learn more: Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/contaminants/lead.html#Protect)

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Visit [Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead) (<http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>) Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791. To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit [Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/sources.html) (<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/lead/sources.html>).



**Tornado Watch** - Tornadoes are possible in the area you live in. Listen to the radio or watch the television for updates. Be prepared to move to safety.

**Tornado Warning** - A tornado has either been spotted by Doppler radar or one is on the ground. You should find shelter immediately!