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You're Invited! **Barnesville Fire Department** **OPEN HOUSE**



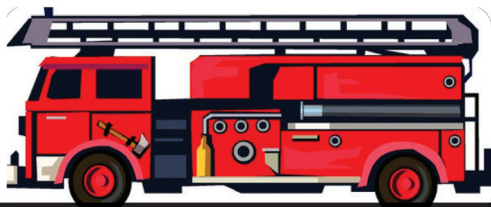
THURSDAY, OCT. 8 • 5-8 PM

Bring the whole family!

- **We're grilling burgers & brats!**
- **See the trucks and equipment**
- **Tour the Fire Hall & Fire Museum**

See You There!

119 3rd Avenue SE



FIRE SAFETY TIP: Have your heating system and chimney cleaned and inspected annually.

Absentee - Early Voting Information

There are **two options** for Barnesville residents to vote in advance of the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3.

1) **Absentee Ballot:** Complete application which is available on the MN Secretary of State website. The completed application form needs to be returned to the Clay County Auditor's Office - 3510 12th Avenue S., Post Office Box 280; Moorhead, MN 56560.

2) **Beginning October 16,** In-person **early voting** will be offered at the Auditor's Office - Clay County Government Center, 3510 12th Ave S in Moorhead. Hours are 8-4:30 Monday thru Friday, plus Saturday Oct. 24 from 9-3, Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30-7:00 pm, Saturday, October 31 from 9-3, and Sunday, November 1 from 9-3. Last day for early voting is Monday, November 2. Tuesday, November 3, polling sites will be open 7 am - 8 pm.

City Hall Open on Columbus Day!

City Hall will be open on Monday, October 12.

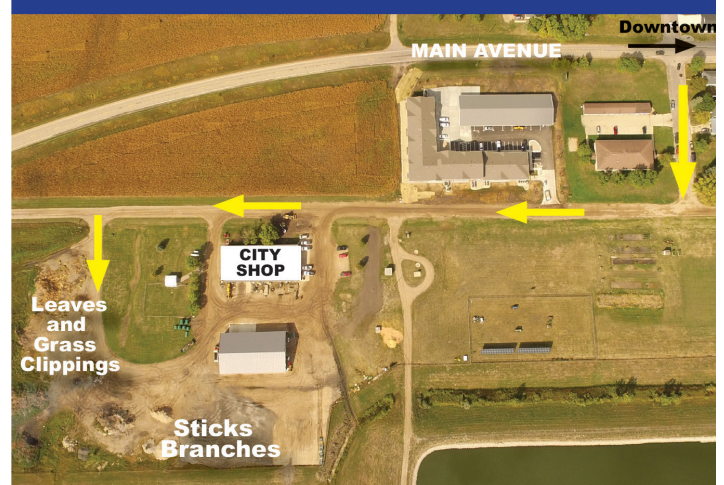
No Curbside Leaf Pick-up!

Fuchs Sanitation will NOT be providing curbside pick-up of yard waste this year.

Residents can bring these materials to the city's compost pile, located near the City Shop. See map below. **Turn south on 6th Street.** Place materials in correct piles! **NO BAGS!** Area is accessible 7 days a week during daylight hours.



YARD WASTE DISPOSAL



Stop by City Hall

OCTOBER 5-8, 2026

FOR A FREE LED LIGHT BULB

Limit three per household

About 12% of the energy you use in your home goes to lighting. Replace your incandescent bulbs with LED bulbs. LED bulbs will last up to 6 times longer and average \$25 in lifetime savings!

BARNESVILLE CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting • August 10, 2026

Regular City Council Meetings are held the second Monday of every month beginning at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chambers located at the rear of City Hall. The public are welcome. The agenda is posted on the City's website and Facebook page.

These are summaries of the minutes. The complete minutes are available online at www.barnesvillemn.com or at City Hall.

Mayor Rick called this regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Member's present were Council members Alyssa Bergman, Tonya Stokka, Scott Bauer, Brad Field, Randy McEvers, and Don Goedtk.

08-10-26-01 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the agenda as presented with the addition of the ambulance service discussion. Motion carried.

08-10-26-02 Motion Goedtk, second Bauer to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion Carried.

08-10-26-03 Motion Bergman, second Stokka to approve the 2nd reading of the Amendment to Ordinance 2026-07 - Taxes and Fees Paid. Motion carried

08-10-26-04 Motion Stokka, second Goedtk to approve the Summary Ordinance - Ordinance 2026-07 - Taxes and Fees Paid. Motion carried.

08-10-26-05 Motion McEvers, second Bergman to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 2026-08 - City Surveillance Camera Systems. Motion carried.

08-10-26-06 Motion Bergman, second Goedtk to approve Resolution 08-10-26-07, Appointment of Election Judges for 2026. Upon a roll call vote, motion carried. Randy McEvers abstained.

08-10-26-07 Motion McEvers, second Goedtk to approve the consumption request for Ratzos's Pool Hall on August 21-22, 2026. Motion carried.

08-10-26-08 Motion Field, second Stokka to approve the consumption request for Potato Days Festival for Saturday August 22, 2026. Motion carried.

Mayor Rick adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.



CITY OF BARNESVILLE
WATER HARDNESS
READING
September 14, 2026

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Event Center

This beautiful, totally renovated space is perfect for your company or family holiday events! It's easy to check dates!
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Seasonal Sump Pump Waiver

Barnesville residents are reminded that sump pump drain discharge into the sanitary sewer is prohibited from April 1 to October 31.

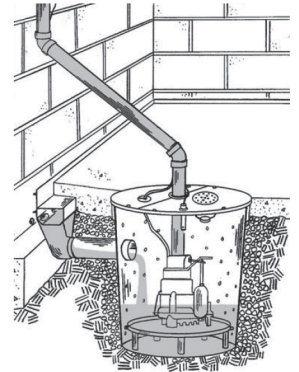
ONLY property owners who apply for a waiver through City Hall are allowed to discharge sump pumps into the sanitary sewer from November 1 to March 31!

Under the waiver requirements, the property owner agrees to pay an annual fee of \$50 as established by Resolution of the City Council, which will be billed at \$4.17 per month. This allows the discharge to go into the sanitary sewer during the winter months.

Per City Ordinance, on April 1, the sump pump must once again be discharged outside.

Residents are reminded that per Barnesville City Code, non-compliance with the Sump Pump Ordinance is subject to a \$100 month penalty.

Care should be taken so, the discharge doesn't cause icing problems on sidewalks or streets. For more info or **to apply for a waiver, call City Hall at 218.354.2292**



Get your e-mail when you're gone!

All Barnesville Internet customers have FREE access to Webmail services, available anywhere you have internet service, simply by going to www.bvillemn.net and clicking on Webmail access on the left. You will need to enter your entire e-mail address and e-mail password, and then you can read, write and respond to all your e-mails. Forget your password or just need help? Call the Internet Help Desk at 218.354.2222.

Going south? To utilize Webmail, you will need to put your phone and internet on winter hold. For more information call City Hall at 218.354.2292.



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Minnesota Department of Health

Drinking Water Protection

health.mdh@state.mn.us

www.health.state.mn.us

Questions? Contact your water system:

Charlie Revering, Public Works Director

City of Barnesville Public Works

701-219-5791

publicworks@barnesvillemn.com

[Barnesville Water & Sewer](#)

At a glance

The material of the service line connecting your property to the water main is unknown and may be lead. Until the full line is identified, it is treated as potentially lead. This brochure explains what that means and the steps you can take.

What you can do

- Use a certified filter (NSF/ANSI 53 & 42)
- Use cold water for drinking & cooking
- Run the tap before use after water sits
- Clean your faucet aerator regularly
- Ask us about testing your water

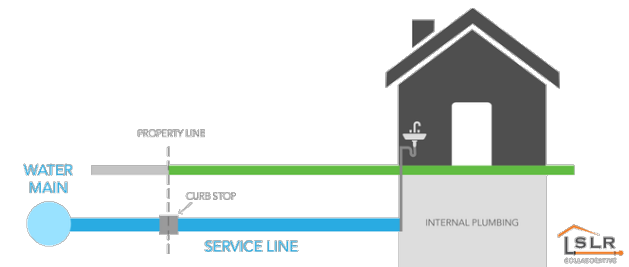
Full details are inside this brochure.



Important Information About Your Drinking Water

Unknown Service Line

A notice about the water service line to your property



Served by a Service Line of Unknown Material

City of Barnesville — Public Works



PRIMARY CARE EXPANDED IN SICKNESS AND IN HEALTH

209 2nd Street SE
Barnesville, MN 56514
218.354.2111

lrhc.org



Katie Martin, FNP-C



Owen Thompson, MD



Joseph Fullmer, MD



Miles Wosick, PA-C

Water System Contact

Name: Charlie Revering

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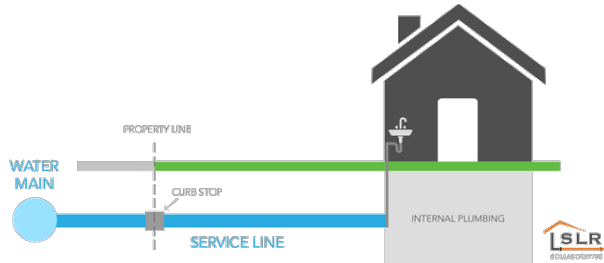
Email: publicworks@barnesvillemn.com

Web: <https://www.barnesvillemn.com/services/water-sewer/>

Date: 9/17/2026

Dear Customer,

Our public water system is focused on protecting the health of every household in our community. This notice contains important information about your drinking water.



Our public water system is working to identify service line materials and has determined that a portion of or the entire water pipe (service line) that connects your home or building to the water main is made from **unknown material** but may be lead.

In some cases part of the line has been identified as non-lead, but it stays classified as unknown until the entire length is identified. Some or all of the line could be lead, or galvanized pipe previously connected to lead. Residents of such homes have an increased risk of exposure to lead from their drinking water.

Look up service line material for Minnesota addresses with the [Minnesota Service Line Material Tool \(umn.edu\)](#).

Please share this information with anyone who drinks or cooks using water at this property, including people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, businesses, and children served by childcare here.

Identifying service line material

To help determine if your service line is lead, galvanized, or other material, contact us or a licensed plumber. EPA offers a step-by-step guide, [Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead](#).

Health effects of lead

There is no safe level of lead in drinking water. Exposure to lead in drinking water can cause serious health effects in all age groups, especially pregnant people, infants (both formula-fed and breastfed), and young children. Some of the health effects to infants and children include decreases in IQ and attention span. Lead exposure can also result in new or worsened learning and behavior problems. The children of persons who are exposed to lead before or during pregnancy may be at increased risk of these harmful health effects. Adults have increased risks of heart disease, high blood pressure, kidney or nervous system problems. Contact your health care provider for more information about your risks.

Steps you can take to reduce lead in drinking water

Below are recommended actions you may take, separately or in combination, if you are concerned about lead in your drinking water. This is not a complete list, nor does it imply all actions equally reduce lead.

Use a filter. Using a filter can reduce lead in drinking water. If you use one, it should be certified to remove lead — look for filters certified to NSF/ANSI Standard 53 (lead reduction) and Standard 42 (particulate, Class I). Follow the directions to install, maintain, and replace the cartridge. Do not run hot water through the filter. More: [EPA Consumer Tool for Certified Filters](#).

Clean your aerator. Regularly remove and clean your faucet's screen (aerator). Sediment, debris, and lead particles can collect there and be released into your water.

Use cold water. Do not use hot tap water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula; lead dissolves more easily into hot water. Boiling does not remove lead.

Run your water. The longer water sits in pipes, the more lead it may contain. Before drinking, flush your pipes by running the tap, showering, doing laundry, or running the dishwasher. Contact us for recommended flushing times.

Learn about neighborhood construction. Construction may release more lead from a lead service line. Contact us to find out about work that could disturb your service line.

Have your water tested. Contact us to learn about lead testing and lead levels in your water. You may also contact a [Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory](#) to purchase a sample container. Learn about treatment at [Home Water Treatment](#).

Understand blood lead testing

In Minnesota, elevated blood lead levels are most associated with lead paint and dust; water is rarely the cause. Routine blood lead tests are covered by insurance and medical assistance as a preventative service. If you have concerns about childhood lead exposure, contact your child's health care provider to request a test. Resources are available if your child has no provider or insurance: [Lead Information for Families](#).

Replacing lead or GRR lines when found

We will work to identify unknown lines in the future, and you would be contacted when work begins. If a lead or galvanized requiring replacement (GRR) line is found, Minnesota has a program for funding its replacement. Individual homeowners cannot apply directly to the state; our water system may apply in the future.

Ownership of a service line is often split between the customer and the water system. Our public water system is required to replace the system-owned portion of the lead or GRR line when a property owner notifies us they are replacing their portion. If the owner replaces their portion without coordinating with us, they may be responsible for all costs related to the privately owned portion.

Minnesota's Lead Service Line Replacement Program: [Program Facts](#).

More about lead in drinking water: [Lead in Drinking Water](#).