



CIRCLE PINES

City News

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November 2025

When the Snow Flies Crews are Ready to Plow

When a storm hits in the middle of the night, Public Works crews are called to clear the roads for the morning commute. The goal is to clear the roads within 4-8 hours. The biggest challenge is seeing other drivers and anticipating how they will react to the snowplow. Another challenge is trash containers in the street. Here are a few things you can do to help make plowing activities safe and efficient.

- Do not park in the street when 2 inches or more of snow is forecasted or between the hours of 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. This ensures more effective plowing, but also helps you avoid your vehicle being towed and cited.
- Keep trash and recycling containers in the driveway and off the street.
- Make sure kids are not building snow forts near the street.
- Keep sleds and toys away from the street.
- Residents may find it less frustrating to wait until plow trucks have completed their street before cleaning the end of the driveway. City plows are designed to discharge snow to the sides of the road and are not capable of skipping driveway areas.
- If possible, snow at the bottom of the driveway should be shoveled to the right as you face the street. This will reduce the amount of snow being placed back into the driveway.
- Residents using contractors to plow their driveway should remind the contractor about state and local laws that prohibit pushing or placing snow back into or across the street. This also makes it difficult for city crews to keep the streets clean.
- Ensure your mailbox can withstand a Minnesota winter. Inspect for repairs. For uninterrupted mail service, keep mailboxes clear of snow.



Recycling Holiday Lights and Extension Cords

Long, stringy items like holiday lights and extension cords get caught up in the recycling facility machines when they are put in recycle bins. Recycle holiday lights and extension cords at drop-off centers or drop off your Christmas lights at City Hall.

Winter Parking Regulations

November 1 to April 1

There is no parking on city streets
everyday from
2 a.m. – 6 a.m.
or anytime it snows more than 2 inches.

Vehicles will be ticketed if they are left
on the streets.

This is important, as snowplows
need to clear the entire street to en-
sure safe driving and safe streets for
everyone.



City Hall Holiday Hours

Closed Tuesday, November 11
Closed Thursday & Friday, November 27 &
28 for Thanksgiving.

Garbage Pick-up

Garbage pick-up for the week of
Thanksgiving is Saturday, November 29.

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November Public Meetings
City Council
11/12 & 11/25 7 p.m.

Park Board
11/12 6:00 p.m.

Utilities Commission
11/25 5 p.m.

Planning Commission
11/17 7 p.m.

You can also view the latest Council meeting at any time on the internet on the City Website at

www.ci.circle-pines.mn.us. Click on City Council meeting video on demand.

Environmental Stewardship Plan Evening of Family Fun

Join us for an evening of family fun at the Anoka County Centennial Library, 100 Civic Heights Circle, on Thursday, November 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We'll have storytime, crafts, and activities that relate to the Environmental Stewardship Plan.

The Environmental Stewardship Plan is being created by the city to outline simple ways the community can work together to help our shared natural resources—land, air, water, soil, plants, and wildlife.



Additional Recycling Opportunity Saturday, November 8, 2025 8 a.m.-Noon Recycle Technologies 1525-99th Lane NE, Blaine

Accepted for Free:

Laptops, Tablets, Cell Phones and Scrap Metal, Holiday Lights, Extension Cords and Cables(\$7 charge if computer or laptop has a hard drive in it)

Accepted for a Fee:

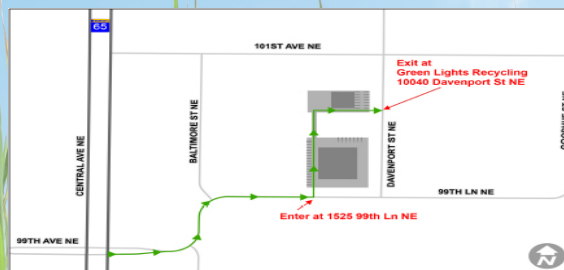
Fluorescent Bulbs and CFLs (\$.50-.95) H.I.D. Lamps (\$2.50) DVD, VCRs, Radios, Speakers, etc. (\$6)
Residential Inkjet Printer (\$10), All-In-One Printer (\$35), Residential Laser Printer (\$35)
TVs and Monitors (\$20-50) Console TV's and Rear Projection TV's (\$85)
Scanners & Fax Machines (\$10) Appliances (\$12-30) Mattresses & Boxsprings (\$20) King Size (\$25) Tires (\$7-11.25)
Treadmill (\$40) Non Electric Exercise Equipment (\$25)

Larger items may require more than 1 coupon item for free.

A Photo ID will be required.
Please enter at 99th Ln NE. Exit at Davenport St NE.

Cash or Checks are acceptable payment types.

If you would like to recycle four free items, be sure to bring the coupon.



CP Recycle
4 items for Free
(\$55 Maximum)

Coupon valid only on
November 8, 2025
8 a.m.-Noon
Recycling
Technologies

Library News Centennial Branch

The final stretch of 2025 begins with November, and as the holiday season begins, we join with our community in preparing for the end of the year. Although this is a busy month, (check to see when we're open!), the library is full of programs and activities for everyone. Here are some of the programs and events happening this month at the library:

Library Holiday Hours:
Tuesday, November 11
Veterans' Day

Thursday & Friday
November 27 & 28
Thanksgiving

Storytimes

Storytimes have started and will run through December 14. Come join us for:
Toddler Storytimes are Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; this session is designed for children between ages 2-3.

Family Storytimes are Thursdays at 11:15 a.m.; any age is welcome to these sessions.

Youth

Spooky Story Writing with Featured Author Jake Rudquist. Thursday, November 6, 5-6 p.m. Calling all young writers! Do you love spooky stories and creepy mysteries? Join local author Jake Rudquist, creator of *We're All Dead Here*, for a fun and creative writing workshop! In this session, students in grades 4-6 will learn how to create suspense and spooky settings, practice writing their own short scary stories, get expert tips and tricks from a real author, share stories, and have fun!

This program is funded by the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

Adults

Introduction to Artificial Intelligence. Monday, November 10, 5 - 6:30 p.m. Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a technology that enables machines to think, learn, and make decisions like humans. From virtual assistants like Siri to self-driving cars, AI is shaping our everyday lives. It works by utilizing data and algorithms to perform tasks such as recognizing faces, understanding speech, and even playing games. It is transforming industries such as healthcare, finance, and entertainment, making it a key driver of innovation. But is it safe technology, or will it be the end of humanity? This presentation provides a brief overview of how AI evolved, its operational principles, its impact on our world, and its potential future directions. *This program is sponsored by MELSA.*

Centennial Bookclub for Adults. Monday, November 24, 6:45-8 p.m. Interested in trying out a new book group? Join us for the Centennial Book Club! Drop in for a favorite book discussion or become a regular member. This month's book is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Current hours:

Centennial's hours of operation are:
Monday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Wednesday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Thursday: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday: Closed

Fall Stormwater Tips from RCWD

Fall is a great time to give a little extra care to your green infrastructure. Below are seasonal tips from Rice Creek Watershed District (RCWD) on maintaining rain gardens, rain barrels, native plantings, and your lawn.

Native Plant Garden Maintenance

- Wait until spring to cut back. Many native plants hold seeds through winter and provide shelter for pollinators and other beneficial insects.
- Fill in gaps now. Fall is still a good time to plant new native plugs or seeds in bare spots of your garden.

Rain Barrel Winter Prep

- Drain and clean. Empty your barrel completely and remove any debris.
- Disconnect and dry. Detach from downspouts and store indoors if possible or turn upside down outdoors to prevent freezing damage.

Rain Garden Care

- Clear debris. Remove leaves, dirt, and trash from your rain garden and catchment inlets so they don't wash in during spring rains.
- Check bare areas. Replant with native plants in the fall or spring to keep your rain garden functioning well.

Lawn Care

- Leave the leaves. Mulch leaves with your mower or leave a thin layer on your lawn to return nutrients to the soil.
- Avoid bagging. Raking and bagging leaves is not necessary unless the layer is very thick. For more detailed information like a rain barrel maintenance guide, rain garden maintenance guide, and more, visit RCWD's resources here:

RCWD Grant Program Resources,
<https://www.ricecreek.org/grants/grant-program-resources/>

Centennial Fire District's *Santa's Fire Engine Parade*

The Centennial Fire District Firefighters will be hosting the Santa Parade on Wednesday, December 10 this year. Santa leaves the station at 5:30 p.m. To participate, have any non-perishable food and/or new unwrapped toys you would like to donate ready as Santa makes his way through your neighborhood. Come out to visit us and put your food and toys in the truck. Santa will have treats for the kids along the route. If you are unavailable during the time Santa visits your neighborhood, simply leave your food donation by your mailbox with the label that reads "Santa Parade Donation" and Santa will pick it up on his way. All donations will go to the Centennial Community Food Shelf that serves residents of Blaine, Lexington, Circle Pines, Lino Lakes and Centerville. We look forward to seeing you all along the parade route. See the map for approximate times Santa will be on your street.

