

CITY OF RUSHFORD VILLAGE

JULY 2020 NEWSLETTER



HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

RUSHFORD VILLAGE

OFFICE HOURS

Monday's and Friday's

9:00 AM – Noon

Tuesday's 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office Phone: 864-7974

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Rushford Village Website

www.rushfordvillage.govoffice.com

City of Rushford Village

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Rushford Village, MN 55971-5167

CRV OFFICE CONTACTS

Mary Miner, City Clerk 864-7974

(See Office Hours)

Judy Graham, Treasurer / Billing 864-7974

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CRV COUNCIL CONTACTS

Dennis Overland, Acting Mayor 864-2433

Roger Knutson, Council 864-3621

Mike Ebner, Council 864-7206

Robert Hart, Council 864-2810

Rick Ruberg, Council 864-7838

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

are held the

1st and 3rd Tuesdays: 7:00 PM;

Next Mtgs: July 7th and 21st, August 4th,

and 18th, September 1st and 15th, 2020

{Agenda items due Fridays at noon}

PLANNING / ZONING

MEETINGS:

3rd Tuesday before 2nd Council Meeting,

5:30 PM, Rushford Village Hall-Office.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN IN RESIDENTIAL

AREAS!



DUST CONTROL REIMBURSEMENT

You must call the City of Rushford Village one week prior to application of dust control, giving CRV the opportunity to grade and prep the road for the application. If notice is not given, there will be NO reimbursement nor will the city be held responsible. Once it has been applied bring in your paid receipt to the City Clerk, Reimbursement is at thirty cents (.30) per foot, up to five-hundred (500) feet, at a maximum of two (2) times per year.

COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS:

No Rentals-Due to COVID-19 the CRV Community Center is closed

Economic Development:

The City of Rushford Village has a revolving loan fund that was created by repayments for Rushford Village Business Flood Loans. This is a "gap" financing that is available to existing and new CRV businesses when financing is needed beyond what a business' primary lender can provide. Contact the CRV Office for more information and/or application. Council approval will be required.

Utility Bills may be paid at Rushford State Bank.

Non-sufficient fund check charge: \$25 charge.

****Utilities will be shut-off for non-payment, unless you call the office in advance to set-up an acceptable payment arrangement! There will be an additional \$100.00 fee to turn your utilities back on.**

Upcoming Elections Information For CRV Residents

Polling location: 43038 State Hwy 30

Primary Election: August 11, 2020

Voting from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

General Election: November 3, 2020

Voting from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm

CRV Seats on General Election

ballot: Mayor 2 year term, Two Council 2 year terms, Two Council 4 year terms

An affidavit of candidacy may be filed with the Clerk at 43038 State Highway 30 during regular office hours from July 28 to August 11, 2020 at 5:00 pm. Filing fee is \$2.00

NOTICES:

CRV Employee Update

Please welcome Kyle Chiglo as Public Works/Maintenance Supervisor.

Travis Scheck will end his employment with CRV June 30th. Thank You Travis for the past 5 years and good luck with your future endeavors

ZONING PERMITS

Jon Pettit, Planning/Zoning Admin
864-2851

Call for Zoning Permits, **ANY / ALL**

WORK COMPLETED TO YOUR HOME,

GARAGE, BUILDINGS, or PROPERTY

REQUIRES A PERMIT! **If you do not

get a permit before starting the work,

you will be charged a fine of \$250.00

plus double the original permit fee

amount.**

OPEN BURNING PERMITS:

Chuck's Feed & Grain 875-2247

Refer to Ordinance #16 on CRV

Website for CRV Outdoor Burning

regulations

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Robert P. Brand 507-438-6098

All pets should have ID tags. Please keep pets under your control and pick up after them at all times.

Garbage Collection

Notice: Change of Pick Up Day

Watch your mail for a notice from Harter's. Beginning August 4, 2020 Harter's Trash & Recycling pick up day is Tuesday's (Wednesday if a Holiday falls on Tuesday.) Put garbage out Monday night or no later than 5:00 a.m. on Tuesday. All trash and recycling must be inside the designated carts and the lid must close or they will not be picked up. Place recyclables loose in new recycling cart. Flatten cardboard boxes and put in recycling cart.

Fee for lost Trash Cart \$90.00.

Let the CRV office know if your trash is not picked up.

Reminder: There is designated area alongside the CRV sand shed for aluminum cans only. R-P Schools are benefiting from your contribution.

Thank You

Rushford Village 2019 Drinking Water Report

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a groundwater source: a 177-foot-deep well that draws water from the Wenowoc-Eau Claire aquifer.

Rushford Village 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 Mary Miner, City Clerk, at 507-864-7974 or crv@acegroup.cc if you have questions about Rushford Village'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.

Rushford Village 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.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage [Basics of Monitoring and Testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/sampling.html>).

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.
- **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.
- **N/A (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.

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Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

LEAD AND COPPER – Tested at customer taps.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Action Level	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Lead (10/23/17)	0 ppb	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	1.25 ppb	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Copper (10/23/17)	0 ppm	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0.57 ppm	0 out of 5	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

INORGANIC & ORGANIC CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water.						
Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10 ppm	10.4 ppm	0.36 ppm	0.00 - 0.36 ppm	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Barium	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.02 ppm	N/A	NO	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposit.
Mercury	2 ppb	2 ppb	0.09 ppb	N/A	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from refineries and factories; Runoff from landfills; Runoff from cropland.

CONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs) (2018)	N/A	80 ppb	18.3 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA) (2018)	N/A	60 ppb	2.4 ppb	N/A	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.35 ppm	0.15 - 0.54 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.

Total HAA refers to HAAs

OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.						
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	0.83 ppm	0.77 - 0.87 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (if Applicable)

Fluoride: Fluoride is nature's cavity fighter, with small amounts present naturally in many drinking water sources. There is an overwhelming weight of credible, peer-reviewed, scientific evidence that fluoridation reduces tooth decay and cavities in children and adults, even when there is availability of fluoride from other sources, such as fluoride toothpaste and mouth rinses. Since studies show that optimal fluoride levels in drinking water benefit public health, municipal community water systems adjust the level of fluoride in the water to a concentration between 0.5 to 1.5 parts per million (ppm), with an optimal fluoridation goal between 0.7 and 1.2 ppm to protect your teeth. Fluoride levels below 2.0 ppm are not expected to increase the risk of a cosmetic condition known as enamel fluorosis.

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.

Detection 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 the 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) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/index.html>) and Fourth [Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule \(UCMR 4\)](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/com/ucmr4.html>).

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANTS – Tested in drinking water:			
Contaminant	Comparison Value	Highest Average Result or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results
Sodium*	20 ppm	1.52 ppm	N/A
Sulfate	500 ppm	16.7 ppm	N/A

*Note that home water softening can increase the level of sodium in your water.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

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 stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges.
- Pesticides and herbicides are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater 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 stormwater 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 Rushford Village 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](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa>) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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.

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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. Rushford Village is responsible for providing 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.

1. 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: <https://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.
2. Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold water.
3. 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://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) (<https://eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam>) The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.
4. 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](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/polead.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/factsheet/polead.html>)

Learn more:

- Visit [Lead in Drinking Water](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html>)
- 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](https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/lead/sources.html>).