

General Information, City of Rush City

City Hall (320-358-4743) is conveniently located in downtown Rush City at 325 S. Eliot Avenue.

The City is governed by a five-member **City Council**, consisting of the mayor and four council members, elected at large.

City Utilities

City water/Sewer: City of Rush City, (320) 358-4743

The utilities bills are due on the 20th of each month. Penalties are assessed after the due date.

Water bills are sent out on the last day of the month. We now have e-mail billing and direct pay for your convenience.

Other Utilities and Services

Electricity can be purchased from:

- East Central Energy (320)396-3351 or (800)254-7944

Natural Gas can be purchased from:

- Minnesota Energy Resources (1-800-889-9508)

Telephone: Qwest (1-800-244-1111)

Garbage Removal: Residents must contract with a licensed refuse hauler. The licensed haulers are:

- East Central Sanitation (320) 358-4078
- J & D's Garbage Service (320) 629-2089

The City of Rush City operates a compost site near the Public Works garage. The site is open for drop-off of leaves and grass and for pickup of free compost.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Chisago County operates a household hazardous waste disposal site located at 39649 Grand Avenue (North Branch Industrial Park). Visit [Chisago County's website](#) or call (651) 213-0450 or call the North Branch disposal site directly at (651) 237-0912 for information on materials they accept.

This facility is open to Chisago County residents; bring identification proving county residency. The facility is open each Monday 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The HHW (see links listed below) facility also offers the following:

- Environmental Information & Education (I&E) Center - (651) 237-0836

- Materials Exchange (great free, reusable stuff) (651) 213-0879
- Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention Assistance (651) 237-0836
- Information on Illegal Backyard Garbage Burning (651) 237-0836
- Environmental Meeting Room at the facility for environmental groups (651) 237-0912
- Electronics Recycling information (651) 237-0836

Post Office: The Rush City Post office is located at 265 W. 5th Street, (320)358-4433.

Cable TV: Cable TV is provided in most densely populated areas and housing developments within the City. The cable provider is US Cable (1-800-783-2356) out of Cambridge.

Transportation is provided by Heartland Express. Call 763-689-8131 for information.

Communications: The City's official newspaper is the Post Review. It's the paper where the City publishes public hearing notices, ordinances, and other official information. The paper is published weekly, on Wednesday, and is distributed through subscription. The Star also covers the Rush City area and is available through home delivery. The Star is published bi-weekly on Wednesday and Saturday. To subscribe to the Post Review, contact them at 651-674-7025.

Library: The Library is owned by the East Central Regional Library system. The Rush City branch is located at 240 W. 4th St. Hours of service are: Monday-closed, Tuesday 10-6pm, Wednesday 1-8pm, Thursday 12-6pm, Friday 12-6pm, and Saturday 9-12pm.

Animal Control: Our Animal Control Officer is Barb Guy and can be reached by paging her at 320-228-0021. She will pick up animals running at-large and try to find the owner. Animals are kept for a period of 5 days and then taken elsewhere.

Residential

Real estate tax: The Chisago County Assessor's Office (651-257-1300) can provide information on how property taxes are calculated.

House Numbers must be posted and clearly visible from the street.

Burning: Recreational fires are allowed in a fire pit without a permit (no larger than 3' X 3' X 3'). All other burning requires a burning permit, which may be obtained at City Hall. You are allowed to burn agricultural products. Burning of other materials is prohibited. Permits are available at City Hall for the following periods: Jan 2- March 1 (if 3" of snow on ground), April 15-May31, and October 1-November 15.

Permits are required for building, electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning, and related work. Permits may be picked up at City Hall. We take the permit for you and call the Chisago County Zoning Office to pick up. They then do our inspections for code compliance.

Peddlers/Solicitors are required to obtain a Peddlers Permit from the City. If approached by a peddler or solicitor who does not have a license, or who refuses to leave when requested, call the police department at 9-1-1.

Signs: Contact the Planning Department for special sign permit requirements.

Signs placed in violation of City ordinances or other regulations may be removed by City personnel.

- No signs are allowed within the public right-of-way or in any location where they could obstruct sight lines for motorists or interfere with safe movement of traffic.
- Signs may not be placed on utility poles.
- Political signs may be placed for 30 days before and 10 days after an election.

Curfew: Rush City's curfew ordinance prohibits minors under the age of 15 from being on public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, or public places unsupervised between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. of any given day. Minors 16 to 17 years of age are the hours of 12 am to 5 am on any given day. Young people out after curfew can be stopped and questioned by police; curfew violations may lead to a fine or court appearance. Parents or guardians may also be guilty of a petty-misdemeanor if they allow-either intentional or through negligent supervision-a juvenile to break curfew.

Young people may be out after curfew if they are with a parent, guardian, or other responsible adult. They may also be out if they are attending or returning from an organized and supervised school function.

Parking: It is unlawful for anyone to park a vehicle on a public alley, street or highway within the City between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. from November 1st until April 15th, or after any snowstorm until the snow has been removed.

If your car is parked on a street during hours when it is prohibited, you can be given a parking ticket and your vehicle could be towed. Car owners are responsible for both the towing and impound costs.

Driver's Licenses/Car Tabs: Rush City does not have license bureau. You may obtain a driver's license or vehicle license at one of the following license bureaus:

Cambridge Deputy Registrar, (763) 689-1130
Pine County Deputy Registrar, (320) 629-2560