



ROBBINSDALE'S TIERED WATER RATES

A new state law effective January 1, 2010, requires metropolitan area public water utilities to implement residential and commercial rate structures that encourage conservation. A conservation rate structure is one that provides households with a financial incentive to use less water. The City's 2010 utility tiered rates for residential water consumption are listed below.

Water Use (for 2 months)	Tiered Rates for promotion of water conservation
The first 20,000 gallons	\$2.20 per 1,000 gallons
Use from 20,001 to 35,000 gallons	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons
Use from 35,001 to 50,000 gallons	\$3.44 per 1,000 gallons
Use from 50,001 gallons and higher	\$5.16 per 1,000 gallons

Average home in Robbinsdale uses 12,000 gallons for 2 months

Residents are encouraged to keep these new rates in mind as they water lawns this summer (also keep in mind the City's Sprinkling Ban—no watering between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m., April 15 through September 15). In addition, water leaks inside the home in toilets, dripping faucets, water softeners, and other areas are major contributors to high water usage. A list of **Water Conservation Tips** is available at City Hall or you can print the list from the City's website at <http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/billing.shtml#UtilityBilling>.

MOTOR VEHICLE/DEPUTY REGISTRAR NEW HOURS

Robbinsdale's Motor Vehicle/Deputy Registrar Office has reduced its hours as of May 1, 2010, and **will not** be open on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. *Hours now are Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and the 1st and 2nd Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon* (except for some holiday weekends). Services offered through the Robbinsdale's Motor Vehicle/Deputy Registrar Office include vehicle title transfers, vehicle registration renewals, passport applications, hunting and fishing licenses, passport services, and limited drivers license services (if you moved or lost your license). A variety of specialty license plates are also available.

2010 ELECTION INFO

The 2010 Primary Election date is August 10, 2010, and General Election date is November 2, 2010. Robbinsdale's City Council seats for Wards 3 and 4 are up for election this year. The candidate filing period opened on May 18 and will close on Tuesday, June 1, 2010. Election information as well as a voter registration application is available on the City's website at http://www.robbinsdalemn.com/Election_info.shtml.

Election Judges Wanted: *If you are interested in serving as a Robbinsdale Election Judge either for the Primary or General Election, call the City Clerk at 763-531-1252.*

HELP BRIGHTEN DOWNTOWN ROBBINSDALE

The beautiful hanging flower baskets along West Broadway will arrive soon, but we need your help! The flowers are only possible thanks to generous donations from Robbinsdale residents and business owners—donations in any amount are appreciated, please mail to: **Dawn Langfellow, Robbinsdale Beautification Committee, 3958 Orchard Avenue N., Robbinsdale, MN 55422.** Thank you!

2010 CENSUS

Congratulations to Robbinsdale residents for an 81% participation rate in mailing in their 2010 Census forms compared to the national average of 72%. Go to <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/> to see national participation rates.

WHIZ BANG DAYS, JULY 8-11, 2010, FESTIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

- *Sidewalk Sales West Broadway, Robin Center, Osterhus, & Town Center, Thursday-Saturday
- *Carnival at Lakeview Terrace Park Thurs 6-9 pm, Fri 2-9 pm, Sat 12 Noon-9 pm, Sunday 12 Noon-10 pm
- *Citizens State Bank Annual Plaza Party, Thursday 4-7 pm
- *Wine & Beer Tasting Social, Sacred Heart, Thursday evening
- *Live Music Thursday at Nonna Rosa's Ristorante Italiano with Italian Musician Pietro Benso, Happy Hour with wine sampling - proceeds to Whiz Bang Days
- *City Band concerts Thursday & Sunday
- *Softball tournaments Friday-Sunday
- *Diggers Plant & Flower Show Friday afternoon & Saturday morning
- *Senior craft sale Friday & Saturday
- *Robbin Gallery Whiz Bang Show on Friday
- *TCF Bank Ice Cream Social on Friday, Noon-4 pm
- *Birdtown Lot Party Live Music Beer Brats & more at Robin Center Friday & Saturday (sponsored by Eagles Nest/Broadway Pizza)
- *The LODGE restaurant • Lounge at Town Center Live Music indoors "Boogie Wonderland" Friday and "Gel" Saturday night.
- *North Memorial Whiz Bang Race10K, 5K Run/Walk on Saturday. Register at www.active.com
- *Youth Fishing Derby on Saturday
- *Horseshoe Tournament Saturday
- *Royalty coronation Sunday at Hollingsworth Park
- *Parade at 3 pm Sunday and Fireworks at 10 pm at Lakeview Terrace Park

Watch the Sun Post for a full schedule and time of activities or log on to www.whizbangdays.com.

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT WHIZ BANG DAYS!

Each year the fireworks cost \$7,500 and the parade costs approximately \$9,000. The events are funded by donations from the community. In recent years we lost several of our Premier and Gold sponsors, and we need to find other sources of income. If you enjoy the Whiz Bang Days parade and fireworks, please consider making a donation so we can continue these fun community events. No donation is too small. Every donation will directly fund Whiz Bang Days events now and in the future. To contribute please send your donation to: **Whiz Bang Days, P.O. Box 22385, Robbinsdale, MN 55422.**

YARD WASTE REMINDER

Don't forget new state law requires using only noncompostable plastic or kraft (paper) bags to bag your yard waste. Stickers are not required for yard waste. A container weighing less than 30 lbs with a lid and labeled "Yard Waste Only" is allowed. ("Yard Waste Only" stickers are available at City Hall.)

Although there continues to be an Emerald Ash Borer quarantine, Waste Management takes the yard waste to a facility that grinds it up to prevent the spread of the Emerald Ash Borer so no need to separate Ash Tree yard waste.



RESIDENT RECYCLING PARTICIPATION RATES

Current Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day (January-March 2010)				
*Monday 93%	*Tuesday 82%	*Wednesday 94%	*Thursday 82%	*Friday 90%
Participation Percentages Per Pick-Up Day Reported for Previous Quarter				
*Monday 93%	*Tuesday 81%	*Wednesday 95%	*Thursday 86%	*Friday 90%

