

**Dakota County** is offering to its residents on a first-come, first-serve basis well sealing grants to help pay the cost of sealing unused or abandoned wells on their property. Successful grant applicants will receive 50 percent of the total well sealing cost or up to \$2,000, whichever is lower.

For more information or to apply for a grant, visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us) and search well sealing grant or call 952-891-7000.

**Snow removal and parking:** As much as some people hate the thought of winter, it is coming. We would like to remind you that any vehicle left unattended upon any street, parking lot or public area, which constitutes an obstruction to traffic or to removal of snow, may be removed at the vehicle's owner's expense per Ordinance No. 240.

Also, this is a reminder that it is unlawful for anyone to deposit any snow or ice in a public road right-of-way or to otherwise obstruct a public road. This does include pushing/plowing snow across the public road.

Also, on garbage day, place your garbage can four feet off the road so that the plows do not hit them, damage them and drag them down the road. Plowed snow will knock over the garbage can and garbage will be all over the place.

Also, it is important to keep fire hydrants shoveled in case we might need them!

**Mailboxes:** Owners are responsible for erecting their own mailboxes in order to receive roadside mail delivery. Mailboxes must conform to the standards established by the Minnesota Department of Transportation. If, in the opinion of the road superintendent, a mailbox was damaged through direct contact with snowplowing vehicles, the Town will repair, replace, or make other arrangements with the owner to correct the damage to the mailbox. Under no circumstances will the Town pay more than \$40 to correct damage to a mailbox.

**Empire Townships website:** If interested in getting an email update when there are events or notices when something important is happening in Empire Township, go to our website at [EmpireTownship.govoffice.com](http://EmpireTownship.govoffice.com) and click on Online Requests- Submit Email Addresses and submit your email address.

**Street Sweeping:** Around October 30 the streets are scheduled to be swept. Please do not park your vehicles on the streets at this time.

**Hydrant Flushing:** The scheduled date to start hydrant flushing is the week of October 6 or October 13. When the hydrants are being flushed, you may notice a change in water pressure and clarity. This change should only occur during the flushing cycle.

**Compost Permits:** RRT, 16454 Blaine Ave., has offered to process Empire Township's resident's compost for free. **Stop at the Town Hall for a free permit which is good for one season.**

