

City Newsletter

April 2021



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928-2240

24 Hour Utility Emergency # 928-2345

City Wide Clean-Up Day will be April 26th.

The city will be doing refuse pickup for **residential customers only** starting April 26th. Commercial customers are asked to call Brommer Sanitation @ (712) 722-0631 for any pickup needs. For a complete schedule of charges for items and the items that are not accepted visit the City of Hartley website (hartleyiowa.com), watch for the ad in the Sentinel, or call City Hall.

Branches can be taken to the City dump site

located east of town. There are separate locations at the City dump where leaves and cut grass can be placed. Only branches, leaves, and cut grass will be accepted at these sites. No garbage please!

A temporary drop location is located on the west side of the City Maintenance Shop. **No dumping after bins are taken down! Please remove all yard waste from paper or plastic bags and boxes, do not leave them as they qualify as trash not yard waste!**

Curb Side Collection is the last Wednesday of each month from April through October. Branches and bagged or boxed leaves and grass clippings will be collected.

Remember to check your sump pump:

Sump pumps shall not be connected to the City's sanitary sewer system. City code prohibits connection of "a roof downspout, sump pump, exterior foundation drain, areaway drain, or other source of surface run-off or groundwater to a building sewer or building drain which in turn is connected directly or indirectly to a public sanitary sewer".

Given the sewer problems we encountered in the past years this is one minor step that we can do to help prevent future issues and to ensure that our sanitary sewer system continues to function properly.

Hartley Municipal Utilities employees will be flushing hydrants April 21st through 23rd. Flushing is important for the water system to maintain water quality and ensure the proper mechanical operation of hydrants.

Customers may experience periods of low water pressure and/or discoloration of water during flushing. If you experience discolored water, run your cold-water tap until it clears. During periods of discoloration, postpone washing clothes and limit your use of hot water until the cold water clears. Contact City Hall with any questions or concerns Monday-Friday 7:30-4:30 at 928-2240

Residential Paint Program



The purpose of this program is to help qualifying homeowners upkeep the external appearance of their homes, garages, sheds and buildings by providing financial assistance for up to 10 gallons of paint. The grants are on a first-come basis until funds are exhausted for the year. For all rules and terms of the program or to apply contact City Hall at 928-2240 or Email hartley@tcaexpress.net.

Residential Sidewalk Replacement Program



The purpose of this program is to help qualifying homeowners repair defective sidewalks on their property by providing financial assistance with the cost of replacement. The grants are on a first-come basis until funds are exhausted for the year. For all rules and terms of the program or to apply contact City Hall at 928-2240 or Email hartley@tcaexpress.net.

Residential Recycle Schedule

April 22nd, May 6th & 20th, June 3rd & 17th,
July 1st, 15th & 29th



IF YOU LIVE OR WORK NEAR A PIPELINE

HOW CAN YOU TELL WHERE A PIPELINE IS LOCATED?

Since natural gas pipelines are underground, Line Markers may be used to indicate the approximate location of the pipelines. However, these markers do not indicate how deep the pipeline is buried. Also, the route can take twists and turns between markers. Never assume the pipeline lies in a straight line. Always call 811 the Iowa One-Call Center before digging. It is a crime for any person to deliberately damage, destroy or remove any pipeline sign or right-of-way marker.

Pipelines can lose cover through natural erosion or other forces. Certain types of deep farming activities require advanced notification. Some examples are: chisel plowing, waterway work, and tiling. If you observe indicators that a pipeline is shallow or exposed, contact the City of Hartley at 928-2240

WHAT IS A PIPELINE RIGHT-OF-WAY?

A pipeline right-of-way is the strip of land over a pipeline. The right-of-way agreement between our Utility and the property owner is called an easement. Easements provide our Utility with permanent, limited access to the land to enable us to operate, test, inspect, maintain and protect our pipeline.

CAN I BUILD/DIG ON A RIGHT-OF-WAY?

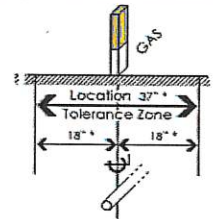
Pipeline right-of-way must be kept free from structures and other obstructions. If a pipeline crosses your property, please do not plant trees or shrubs on or near the right-of-way without first having our Utility personnel mark the pipeline, stake the easement and explain construction guidelines to you.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I DETECT A GAS LEAK IN MY HOME?

If you suspect a natural gas leak inside your home or on your service line, immediately evacuate and contact the City of Hartley at 928-2345.



Know what's below.
Call before you dig.



Before you begin any excavation project, call Iowa One-Call Center. This service is available to you, free of charge, so that you can proceed safely with any digging, trenching, blasting, excavating, drilling, plowing, boring, augering and grading. Never guess where a pipeline is located. If you ever damage or hit a City of Hartley pipeline, no matter how minor the contact may seem immediately call the City of Hartley at 928-2240 so we the damage can be assessed. **Before excavating, please call the Iowa One Call Center at 811 or call 1-800-292-8989.**

Anytime you plan to dig, whether as part of a construction job or homeowner project such as erecting a fence, planting trees or shrubs, installing a pool or basketball hoop, building a home addition or deck, putting in a new driveway, installing a septic system, sprinkler system or water drainage system or terracing, the law requires that you call "One Call" notification service at least 48 hours prior to that first shovelful. The 48 hours timeline will commence only during normal business days between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and does not include weekends or legal holidays (the 48 hours timeline on calls after 5:00 p.m. will begin at 7:00 a.m. the following business day).

The One Call service will contact the City of Hartley so that locate personnel can mark underground natural gas piping and electric line locations with flags or paint within 48 hours of your call (excluding weekends and holidays). Please understand that during the City's location process, we mark only City of Hartley-owned underground gas locations. Customer-owned underground facilities (customer-owned includes piping or wires in service after the natural gas passes through the utility-owned meter) such as gas piping running to grills, yard lights, garages or outbuildings may NOT be marked during City of Hartley locates. Please seek the services of a qualified private locate contractor to identify the location of customer-owned underground gas piping or other facilities.

Marking utility lines helps protect you and your neighbors from potential fire hazards or explosions from punctured natural gas lines, high voltage shocks from buried electrical lines, services interruptions as well as interruptions to critical services like 911. Those digging without having utility lines marked may be liable for any damages caused by the excavation. Iowa's One Call service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The call and the services are free. Why take the risk? Iowa One Call at 811 or call 1/800-292-8989, www.iowaonecall.com