

2021 LEAVES & GRASS CLIPPINGS FALL COLLECTION



Leaves and grass clippings – North of Broadway – Have out by 7:00 a.m. Monday, October 18th
Leaves and grass clippings – South of Broadway – Have out by 7:00 a.m. Monday, November 1st
NOTE: We go past each address once.

Tips to facilitate and speed up the leaf collection process:

1. Place leaves parallel and adjacent to the curb on the lawn (within six-feet (6') of the curb line)
2. Please do not put leaves in the street, on a tarp, cover with tarp or branches, or put in bags
3. Please do not include animal waste with the leaves
4. Please help us serve you better by placing leaves away from curbies, light poles, mailboxes, signs, trees, posts, utility boxes/pedestals, etc.
5. And please do not park on the street in front of the yard waste until pick-up is complete (if possible, allow fifty feet (50') either side of the pile so the tractor pulling a trailer with vacuum hose has enough room to collect the material)
6. If you live on a dead-end street, place material on the curb in front of the house not on the dead-end
7. If you live on a corner lot it is possible that one side will be picked up before the other as the trucks run north to south and then east to west to be more efficient in the collection process. (Suggestion: Place all leaves on the same side of the street if you want all your leaves picked up at the same time)

Please share this information with your yard service company.

The collection process is quite lengthy (it took over 5 weeks in 2020), and in order to complete the process before it snows, crews sometimes have to start the collection before all the leaves have fallen. Collection dates for the areas north and south of Broadway are rotated each year.

Should you miss the collection dates, yard waste can be taken to the City's yard waste drop-off site. *Snow may end the process prematurely but leaves and garden waste can be taken to the drop-off site.*

Drop-Off Site Open 24 Hours A Day, 7 Days A Week – The brush and soft yard waste drop-off site located at 1128 North Swift Street, (southwest intersection of St. Julien and Swift Streets) with access off West Swift Street are open year round for your convenience in dropping off brush and soft yard waste. Brush and tree trimmings need to be cut shorter than 6 feet. **Separate bunker now provided for dropping off fill (rocks, dirt, etc.).** **REMINDER:** Access Pass (orange sticker) Required for Compost/Drop-Off Site.

This service is provided and funded by the Environmental Service Fee on your utility bill.

To keep up with events happening in and around Saint Peter tune in to local Channel 8.

To obtain information on City business, visit our website at: www.saintpetermn.gov.

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING



The City of Saint Peter, Department of Public Works, Water Utility will begin fall hydrant flushing and flow testing between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on Monday, October 4th and will continue until all hydrants are flushed, approximately Friday, October 15th.

This process could make water cloudy temporarily. Please check your water before doing laundry.

BENEFITS OF HYDRANT FLUSHING:

- Improved Water Quality - Hydrants are flushed at least twice yearly to remove residue from the main pipe system, which helps keep our water clear.
- Fire Safety and Fire Rating - The Water Utility tests the flow at hydrants to ensure it is adequate to pump to the City's fire tanker. Hydrant flow is important in helping control fire insurance costs.
- Economic Development - Accurate flow information is available to prospective businesses and industries that are considering locations in Saint Peter.

2021 GENERAL ELECTION – Did you know Saint Peter is one of only a few cities around Minnesota to conduct odd-year elections? The November 2nd ballot will include City Council, Mayor, and School Board races as well as a sales tax question for the City and a referendum question for the School District.

So what do you need to know before then? Here is a list of the most commonly asked questions and where to find the answers:



How do I vote by absentee? The process begins on September 17th and will continue through November 1st. Absentee voting takes place in person at the Nicollet County Government Center, or by mail. Find out more - <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/356/Elections>.

Where do I vote and what's on my ballot? Use the Secretary of State's precinct finder to find your polling place and, following the prompts, get directions to your polling place and find out what's on your particular ballot - <https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/>.

Am I already registered at the place where I currently reside? The Secretary of State's office has all the information you need at <https://mnvotes.sos.state.mn.us/VoterStatus.aspx>. If you aren't registered, doing so online before election day will help you avoid lines at your polling place, but don't wait too long. Deadline for voter pre-registration is October 12th!

When do the polls open on Election Day? Election Judges will be ready to assist voters beginning at 7:00 a.m. and voting will continue until 8:00 p.m.

For more information on the November 2, 2021 general election, please contact the City Administrator's Office at 507-934-0663 or barbaral@saintpetermn.gov.



***Be an active citizen – exercise your right
to vote on November 2nd!!***

LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX INFORMATION

On November 2, 2021 eligible Saint Peter voters will consider a ballot question to finance construction of a new fire station. The information below is presented for your information and begins with the question you will see on your ballot.

Ballot Question: *Shall the City of Saint Peter, Minnesota be authorized to finance the construction of a new fire station in the City by imposing a sales and use tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%)? An affirmative vote would impose the tax until a total is raised of \$9,121,000 (plus amounts needed to pay interest and costs of issuance on bonds issued to finance the project) or for 40 years, whichever comes first.*

We all want to know how implementation of a local option sales tax will impact our personal budget. The information below shows the impact on property taxes should the sales tax question be voted down. You can also see the amount your family would need to spend on taxable items to equal the amount of property tax increase.

For example...if there was no sales tax, owners of a \$150,000 house would pay an additional \$70.29 per year in property taxes to fund construction of the Fire Station. If the sales tax was implemented (meaning no property tax increase), property owners would have to buy \$14,057 in taxable items per year in Saint Peter to equal that same \$70.29. It may be important to note that even people that do not pay property taxes here will most likely buy things and pay sales tax.

City of Saint Peter, Minnesota

Preliminary Tax Impact Analysis - Fire Station (No Sales Tax)

Amount Financed:	\$	9,400,000
Term:		40 years
Interest Rate:		2.25%
Debt Service Levy - NO SALES TAX:	\$	358,867
2021 Tax Levy	\$	3,332,971
Projected Levy	\$	3,691,839
Pay 2021 Net Tax Capacity	\$	6,446,504
2021 Tax Rate		51.70%
Projected Rate		57.27%

Assessor's Market Value (Residential Property)	Current City Tax:	Projected City Tax:	Projected Tax Increase:	Annual Taxable Purchases by Residential Property	0.5% Sales Tax on Taxable purchase
\$ 75,000	\$ 230.13	\$ 254.90	\$ 24.78	\$ 4,956	\$ 24.78
\$ 100,000	\$ 371.01	\$ 410.96	\$ 39.95	\$ 7,990	\$ 39.95
\$ 150,000	\$ 652.79	\$ 723.08	\$ 70.29	\$ 14,057	\$ 70.29
\$ 200,000	\$ 934.57	\$ 1,035.19	\$ 100.63	\$ 20,125	\$ 100.63
\$ 250,000	\$ 1,216.34	\$ 1,347.31	\$ 130.97	\$ 26,193	\$ 130.97
\$ 300,000	\$ 1,498.12	\$ 1,659.42	\$ 161.31	\$ 32,261	\$ 161.31
\$ 500,000	\$ 2,585.10	\$ 2,863.44	\$ 278.34	\$ 55,669	\$ 278.34

Assessor's Market Value (Commercial Property)	Current City Tax:	Projected City Tax:	Projected Increase:
\$ 200,000	\$ 1,680.32	\$ 1,861.24	\$ 180.92
\$ 500,000	\$ 4,782.44	\$ 5,297.37	\$ 514.93
\$ 1,000,000	\$ 9,952.64	\$ 11,024.25	\$ 1,071.62

For more information on this local option sales tax question, please visit the City's website at <https://www.saintpetermn.gov/499/Local-Sales-Tax-Option> or call the City Administrator's Office at (507) 934-0663.

UTILITY BILLS AVAILABLE ON-LINE

View your Utility Bill on-line, no need to wait for the US Postal Service! The link to access on-line billing is: <https://stpetermn.enerlyte.com/> or go to the City website www.saintpetermn.gov and click on Pay Bills and View your Utility Bill Online. You will need to create a Log In with your e-mail address and create a password. The following information from your **Utility Bill will need to be entered exactly as it appears:**

Name
Service Address
Account Number

You can then view your bill and flyer on-line

SIGN UP FOR PAPERLESS BILLING



At <https://stpetermn.enerlyte.com/> there is an option to change how you receive your bill. You can elect to receive a paperless e-mail bill, a paper bill, or both. If choosing paperless or both, you will get an e-mail notice that your bill and flyer are ready to view as soon as the bills are processed. Bills are processed no later than the last working day of the month and are due the 15th.

SIGN UP FOR AUTOMATIC UTILITY PAYMENTS

The City of Saint Peter offers FREE automatic bank payment from any bank. You would still receive your utility bill at the same time each month. On the top of the bill it is noted - ***DO NO PAY* PAID BY DRAFT**. Your payment will be deducted from your checking or savings account on the due date each month. If you are interested in this option, please fill out the following form and attach a voided check. Return completed form to the Finance Department at City Hall.

AUTHORIZATION FOR AUTOMATIC UTILITY PAYMENTS

I AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF SAINT PETER'S FINANCE DEPARTMENT AND THE BANK NAMED BELOW TO INITIATE VARIABLE ENTRIES TO MY CHECKING/SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR PAYMENT OF MY UTILITY BILL. THESE ENTRIES WILL BE MADE ON THE DUE DATE (USUALLY THE 15TH) OF EACH MONTH. THIS AUTHORIZATION WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL I NOTIFY THE CITY TO CANCEL IT IN SUCH TIME AS TO AFFORD THE CITY A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY TO ACT ON IT.

CUSTOMER NAME-PLEASE PRINT

UTILITY ACCOUNT NUMBER

SERVICE ADDRESS

CUSTOMER PHONE NUMBER

BANK NAME

BANK ADDRESS

BANK ROUTING NUMBER

ACCOUNT NUMBER

IS IT A CHECKING ACCOUNT

OR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

IS IT A COMMERCIAL BANK ACCOUNT

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE

DATE