**Mendota News**



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Tom Loonan, City Attorney:

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**The City of Mendota holds City Council Meetings at 7:30 on the second Tuesday of every month at the**

**VFW Post 6690**

**1323 Sibley Memorial Hwy.**

**Mendota, MN 55150**

**Summer 2023**

 **Recycling**

**Minnesota recycling works**

Have you ever questioned if recycling is worth it? Short answer: yes. Beyond saving energy and protecting natural resources, recycling also supports vital industries.

Recycling is the process of collecting materials that would otherwise be thrown away and turning them into new products. Our cans, bottles and paper are dropped off at a local facility where people and machines sort the recycling into material types which are sent to many different companies:

• **Paper and cardboard** are made into newspapers, toilet paper rolls and cereal boxes at five paper mills in Minnesota.

• **Cartons** like juice boxes are sent to a company in Wisconsin that makes a material for new paper products.

• **Aluminum cans** get turned into new cans, wire, siding and more at plants in the South.

• **Steel cans** like those used for soup are made into steel beams in Chicago.

• **Plastic bottles** with a number 1 like water and soda bottles are shipped to other states to be made into new bottles and carpet.

• **Plastic containers** with a number 2 like milk jugs are transformed into low-maintenance lumber by companies like Avon Plastics in Paynesville.

• **Cottage cheese** and other plastic tubs with a number 5 are used to create food containers, car parts and more by companies in other states.

• **Glass bottles and jars** are sorted by color in St. Paul. Clear glass goes to Anchor Glass in Shakopee to make condiment bottles. Brown glass is sent to Illinois to make beer bottles.

Our recycling is wanted by many companies in our state and across the country. Help support local recycling business:

• **Stick to the basics**: Recycle the items listed above.

• **Keep it loose**: Empty recycling into your bin – no plastic bags.

• **Check the Recycling Guide for everything else. www.dakotacounty.us, search recycling guide].** Partially funded by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Dakota County.

**Reserving the Gazebo:**

The park is available for all Residents of Mendota to use. There is a sign-up sheet at the Post Office or feel free to call the City Clerk 612-803-0517. There is no fee to use the park, the only thing the city asks is that you respect the park and clean up after you are done. Please do not vandalize the park or Gazebo. It is there for everyone to use.

## Donating and thrifting just got easier

Try out the Reduce & Reuse Map by Dakota County to quickly find the closest places to donate goods, shop used, rent equipment and repair your stuff. You can select custom filters based on what you need:

* Rent: Search for tents, tools and other equipment at rental locations.
* Donate/Buy Used: Find the closest location to donate and buy secondhand home goods, books and furniture.
* Repair: Get items like shoes and jewelry fixed and mended using a local repair business.
* Sell Used Items: Discover consignment shops that will pay you for your gently used sporting goods, clothing and more.
* Drop boxes: Drop off clothes and shoes using a donation box near you.

When you make your stuff go the extra mile or score unique items at a secondhand store, you do more than just save money. Buying secondhand also helps the planet. Less resources are need to make new stuff. Check out the new map by scanning the QR code or visit [www.dakotacounty.us](http://www.dakotacounty.us), search *reuse map.*