



### Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW) and Household Electronic Wastes (HEW)

Household hazardous material such as gasoline, oils, herbicides, mercury thermometers, paints, and pesticides and household electronics such as cell phones, cameras, computers, monitors, printers, televisions or other electronic devices used for entertainment or communications **should not be disposed of with your garbage.**

HHW and HEW may be dropped off free of charge at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 1015 East Chambers Street.

Tuesday – Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

Saturday 8 AM – Noon

Business wastes or other electronics such as appliances, dehumidifiers, microwaves, power tools, vacuums **are not accepted.** For more information, call 605-367-8695.

### Recycling

To save landfill space, it is important to rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle whenever possible. Under City ordinance, residents are required to recycle banned material from the landfill such as cardboard, chipboard, paper, plastics, and electronics. Garbage haulers are required to provide garbage collection at least once per week and recycling collection at least twice per month to all customers. Contact your waste hauler for specific information on their services.

Contact the Environmental Center at 367-8276 or [www.siouxfalls.org/green](http://www.siouxfalls.org/green) with questions.



Keeping your yard free of **old appliances, furniture, yard waste, vehicles, auto parts, broken or abandoned equipment, buckets, tires, and other similar items** is important in the control of insects, rodents, and small animals. Many of these items can also present significant hazards to children.

It is important to:

- Keep vehicles locked and the keys inaccessible to children. Abandoned vehicles must be removed.
- Maintain your yard neat and clean.
- Store all garbage in a rigid container with a tight fitting lid.
- Empty garbage containers weekly.
- Eliminate sources of stagnant water like old tires, containers, etc.
- Quickly report any concerns or violations to appropriate city department.
- Clean up after pets.

Properly dispose of unused portions of pesticides and other household chemicals. Toxic gases may be created from leaking chemical containers that are improperly stored.

1. Keep chemicals out of the reach of children.
2. Ensure all chemicals are properly labeled.
3. Keep chemicals tightly sealed in their original containers.
4. Keep chemical containers dry to prevent corrosion.
5. Store chemicals in a well ventilated area.



Statistics throughout the country show that well-maintained neighborhoods have lower crime rates.

The Police Department requests your assistance in their crime prevention efforts through reporting of suspicious or criminal activity when it occurs and through setting up and maintaining a Neighborhood Watch.

Please Remember to:

- Walk with a friend. Studies show that doing this can reduce your chance of becoming a victim by 70%.
- Notice what is around you.
- Lock your doors and windows and increase the lighting around your house.
- Lock your car doors and take the keys out.
- Never store valuables in your car.
- If you are confronted, run to a safe location with other people or open businesses.
- Be prepared and have a plan in advance if you are confronted.
- If you see suspicious persons or activity in your neighborhood, call 911. To report gang graffiti or any other non-emergency, call 367-7000.
- Start or join a neighborhood watch by calling 367-7212.

To track crime activity in your neighborhood go to [www.siouxfalls.org](http://www.siouxfalls.org) (30 day call log).

# About Property Maintenance



## Project NICE/KEEP



Project NICE and Project KEEP are City assisted clean ups completely **free of charge**. If your neighborhood is selected for either of these projects, you will be notified by mail.

Project NICE (Neighborhood Improvement/ Complaint Easement) assists neighborhoods with environmental issues such as **garbage, rubbish, waste material, dilapidated buildings, and zoning concerns**.

Project KEEP (Keep Environmental Enhancement Permanent) helps maintain previous Project NICE neighborhoods.

Residents in designated NICE/KEEP neighborhoods place all unwanted and nuisance items at their curb. The City will collect and dispose those items **for free**.

Items Accepted	Items NOT Accepted
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waste Materials</li> <li>• Appliances</li> <li>• Tires</li> <li>• Yard Waste</li> <li>• Lumber and Wood Products</li> <li>• Scrap Iron</li> <li>• Household Items (Furniture, Bedding, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hazardous wastes including but not limited to: Paints, Solvents, Oil, Batteries, Fuels</li> <li>• Electronics</li> <li>• Compressed Gas Cylinders</li> <li>• Raw Household Garbage</li> <li>• Animal Waste</li> <li>• Vehicles</li> </ul>

After the clean up is completed, the neighborhoods will be surveyed by City Inspectors and any remaining violations of City ordinance will be addressed.

The Project NICE/KEEP City assisted clean up have proven to be very beneficial for the neighborhood residents and the City of Sioux Falls.

## Parks & Recreation



Trees play a major role in the city's green infrastructure. Trees Provide:

- Aesthetic value to communities
- Noise pollution buffers
- Wind protection
- Oxygen and help clean the air
- Shade
- Reduce storm water runoff

When compared to the entire infrastructure trees are one of few parts that increase in value over time. However, trees can become a liability if not properly managed or maintained. In Sioux Falls the abutting property owner is responsible for the maintenance of trees growing in the parking strip.

Maintaining trees at proper height ensures the safety of pedestrians and motorists. Trees must have a minimum of 10 feet of clearance over the sidewalk and a minimum of 12 feet of clearance over the street. For arterial and collector streets, a minimum clearance of 16 feet must be maintained.

The City does not require trees to be planted in the parking strip. However, if the abutting homeowner wants to plant a tree there are rules to follow as far as location, spacing, and type of tree. The City requires the planting of only approved street trees and encourages tree diversity. Please visit [www.siouxfalls.org/parks/forestry](http://www.siouxfalls.org/parks/forestry) for more information or call 367-8222.

## Fire Rescue



Serious fire safety risks are associated with leaving unnecessary items lying inside your home and out in the yard. Nuisance items such as **old mattresses, boxes, linens, paper and other similar items** provide fuel for a fire and can be easily ignited. During a fire these items may block your escape and get in the way of the fire fighters who are working to save your family and home.

**Tires, batteries, chemicals, and flammable liquids** create hazards for rescue workers and can make the fire and gases even more toxic.

Do not store or use flammable or combustible liquids near your furnace, water heaters or near any open flame device that could serve as an ignition source should a leak occur!

Overgrown landscaping and unnecessary items in the yard make it hard for fire fighters and other emergency personnel to read house numbers and place rescue equipment. **This could delay accessing your home in an emergency.**

Please remember that every home needs properly located and functioning smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, and a multi-purpose (Class ABC) fire extinguisher.

Up to four smoke alarms are available per household at no cost and can be picked up at 2820 S. Minnesota Avenue.

## Building Services



The Building Services and Zoning Divisions administer several codes and ordinances related to our community standards for building construction, land use, and property maintenance. Listed below are a few common standards and requirements that all property owners need to remember.

- Building permits must be obtained for any construction work completed on a building that is regulated by the building code. Permits are also required for fence construction.
- Residential rental property is required to be registered by completing a Rental Housing Permit Application to Building Services.
- Personal and recreational vehicles, including boats, campers, RV's, jet skis, and trailers are not allowed to be parked or stored in the required front or side-yard setbacks. Off street parking must be hard-surfaced.
- Nuisance vegetation (weeds and grass) must be less than eight inches in height.
- Sidewalks must be cleared within 48 hours of a snowfall or ice accumulation.

Questions can also be answered at:  
 Building Services: (605) 367-8670  
 Zoning: (605) 367-8254  
 Property Maintenance: (605) 978-6900