

Lakefield Police Department Community Update

JULY 2022



L.P.D. UPDATE

Stay Aware & Stay Safe

Fireworks

Fireworks City of Lakefield Proposed Ordinance 130.16

Learn more:
www.lakefieldmn.com

Minnesota Statues 624.20

Subdivision 1. (a) As used in sections 624.20 to 624.25, the term "fireworks" means any substance or combination of substances or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, and includes blank cartridges, toy cannons, and toy canes in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel them, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, day go bombs, sparklers other than those specified in paragraph (c), or other fireworks of like construction, and any fireworks containing any explosive or inflammable compound, or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance and commonly used as fireworks.

Learn more:
<https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/sfm/programs-services/Documents/Fireworks/MN%20Statutes%20624.pdf>

CHIEF'S MESSAGE

Fireworks in the City Limits and Rolling Blackouts

As residents of Lakefield prepare to celebrate Independence Day, I want to remind everyone that the City of Lakefield has an ordinance against the discharge of fireworks inside the city limits. Every year the topic is debated, with residents agreeing and disagreeing with the city ordinance 130.16 and state statute 624.20.

The Lakefield Police Department's job is to enforce the law that the Council and elected officers has issued through the citizens they represent. Therefore, a citation or warning may be issued if the Lakefield Police Department receives a complaint.

The Lakefield Police Department asks you, before you light the fuse, to stop, and consider your sleeping neighbor, a Veteran recovering from trauma, or fearful pets.

Lakefield also has a noise ordinance beginning at 10:00 p.m. and a curfew for minors 16 and 17 begins at 10:30 Sunday through Thursday and midnight on Friday/Saturday. Ages 15 and under curfew begins at 9:30 pm.

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NOTICE

OPERATION OF ATV, UTV, & GOLF CARTS WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEFIELD

We hope the following information will increase safety and prevent accidents.

- Valid Drivers license.
- Only operated between the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm.
- Not to exceed 25 MPH.
- ATV & UTVS licensed as required by State of MN DNR.
- Golf Carts licensed through City Hall.
- May Not be operated on state Hwy.
- May Not be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
- Not operated within 150 yards of public gatherings.



Roger D. Pohlman

Summerfest 2022 Rewind



Over 1,000 bubble wands were handed out at the parade. Let's keep the conversation going.

**BURST
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Lakefield Police Department &
Des Moines Valley Health & Human Services



“Chat with the Chief” the police car and jail photo props were a hit!



REGISTER TO WIN

PAW PATROL BIRTHDAY PARTY IN A BAG

- The 'PAW PATROL THEMED BIRTHDAY PARTY IN A BAG' includes:
- 8 paper plates
- 8 paper cups
- 8 cupcakes (your flavor choice purchase)
- Birthday Candles
- It's My Birthday pin
- 8 paper napkins
- 1 tablecloth
- 8 Mini Play Packs
- 8 Paw Print Rubber Bracelets
- 1 Police Department Visit during the party.

Must have a Lakefield address.
Must be between the ages of 4 to 8.



The WINNER is Bentley Roach. He will be celebrating his birthday the fall. The bag with all the goodies will be delivered to his home on his birthday. Stay tuned.

Officer Pat Saved the Day by Dr. Suess.





Did you know?

More than 30 percent of fireworks injuries are from sparklers.

There is an average of 75 hospital visits each year in Minnesota due to fireworks injuries.

Nearly 45 percent of fireworks injuries each year happen to children.

Fireworks that explode or shoot into the air are illegal in Minnesota.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

- Only use Minnesota-legal fireworks like sparklers, fountains, ground spinners and snappers.
- Point fireworks away from people and animals.
- Use fireworks in an open area away from trees and houses.
- Extinguish and dispose of spent fireworks in a bucket of water. Do not try to relight a dud.
- Always use caution around fireworks and make sure children are supervised.



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EMERGENCY PLAN

WATER
MEDICATION
COMMUNICATION
FOOD
PETS
A FAMILY PLAN
A BUSINESS PLAN



LET'S MAKE LAKEFIELD DISASTER RESILIENT

Clip & Save

Phone Numbers

For all emergencies dial **911**

Lakefield Police Dept.
1-507-662-5353

Jackson County Dispatch Services
507-847-4420

Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Lakefield City Hall
507-662-5457

Domestic Assault Victims (SW Crisis Ctr.)
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center 24 hour SAFE Line
800-376-4311

MN SW Crisis Center Youth Text Line
218-666-8336

MN Elder Justice Center
651-440-9312

Violence Free Minnesota
1-800-333-SAFE

Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault
800-964-8847

The Council for Prevention of Domestic Violence
712-362-4612

Des Moines Valley Health and Human Services
1-800-662-5207

Jackson Cnty. Court
507-800-7003

Jackson Medical Cntr.
507-847-2420

EMERGENCY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

The Do 1 Thing is a twelve-month preparedness program that focuses on a different area of emergency preparedness each month.

Do 1 Thing is designed to help people take small steps toward personally preparing for emergencies or disasters.

What residents can do: Visit: <https://www.do1thing.com/individuals/> and download a 12 month plan. It is so easy go www.do1thing.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/d1t_00_factsheets.en_.pdf Pages 6-9 are examples of the 12 month plan.

What businesses can do: Visit: <https://www.do1thing.com/business/> And download a 12 month plan.

The City of Lakefield has a generator and does an excellent job to mitigate power outages. The following information is help families and business be disaster resilient.

Additional Sites with more Information:

1. www.ready.gov
2. <https://www.do1thing.com/> Pages 5-8 are examples of the 12 month plan.

DO ONE THING GOAL FOR THE MONTH OF JULY IS A FAMILY COMMUNICATION PLAN

Disasters can happen at any time.

Have the ability to communicate with family members during a disaster. Today we have more ways to speak with one another than ever

Phones with cordless handsets won't work in a disaster because they need more electricity than they can get from the phone jack. Old fashioned phones with a cord connecting the handset to the base will work even in a power outage. Make sure you have at least one phone with a cord in your home in case of a power outage.

Keep a car charger for your cell phone in your vehicle. If the power is out in your home, you can still charge your cell phone in your car.

If you don't have a landline and you use a cell phone as your home phone, remember that cell phone towers may be tied up with calls in an emergency. However, a text message from your cell phone may get through when a phone call doesn't. Make sure everyone in your family knows how to send and receive text messages.

Develop a plan so you can stay in touch with your family in a disaster. Include phone numbers for all family members and those who can give you extra help, such as caregivers. Also include all work, school, and daycare phone numbers, if applicable. A wallet-size form you can use to write down this information can be found at www.ready.gov. Be sure each family member has a copy of your communication plan. Post the communication plan by a phone in your home, and include it in your go bag as well. <https://www.do1thing.com/>

SUBSCRIBE TO JACKSON COUNTY EMERGENCY ALERTS

<https://account.civicplus.com/identity/CivicPlusLogin?signin=ac78cf6f75410930bd08679f85f92e22>



Power



THE GOAL: *Be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage.*

We count on electricity for heat, food, and medical needs. Many gas appliances even need electricity to run. A power outage is an emergency that often follows another emergency—like a hurricane, tornado, or winter storm. That makes it even more important to be prepared in advance.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.

Using a properly connected generator of adequate size during a power outage will reduce or almost eliminate the impact a power outage has on your life. Before you buy a generator, talk to an electrician about the size and type you need. Think about what you want your generator to run. Generators can be used to keep food cool, provide lights and electricity for phones and television, power furnace blowers and pumps.

Always run generators outside. Never use a generator inside a house, in a basement, or garage. Never use a cord from a generator to backfeed a circuit in your house.

The best way to use a portable generator is to connect it to your home using a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician. This will keep the power from overloading the wiring in your home. It will also keep the power from your generator from traveling back into the power lines, which can injure or kill people working on power lines, or can unexpectedly re-energize downed power lines near your home. You may also connect equipment directly to the outlets on the generator, but be sure that any extension cords are of the proper length and gauge to handle the power requirements.

Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios.

When the lights go out, the safest way to provide emergency lighting is with flashlights or battery-powered lanterns. Keep flashlights with fresh batteries in several places throughout your home and check them for proper operation regularly. Always keep a supply of extra batteries. Think about buying a rechargeable flashlight. Batteries might be hard to find in a disaster.

Power Outage Safety

- Discard food if the temperature in your refrigerator exceeds 40 degrees for more than 2 hours.
- Stay away from downed power lines and anything they are in contact with such as fences or buildings.
- Never drive over downed power lines; they may be energized.
- Never use charcoal or gas grills inside a structure. You may be overcome by carbon monoxide.
- If you must use candles, be sure to use them safely. Never leave candles burning unattended.

Create a power outage plan – decide what you can do before, during and after a power outage to minimize the effect on your household.

BEFORE THE POWER GOES OUT:

- Fill empty space in freezer with containers of water. Frozen water will displace air and keep food cold longer. Remember to leave space in containers for ice to expand.
- Have at least one phone with a handset cord in your home. Many cordless phones will not work in a power outage.
- If you have an automatic garage door opener, learn how to use the manual release and open your garage door manually.
- Try to keep your car's gas tank at least half full. Many gas stations will not be in operation during a power outage. Fill up your tank if a major storm is predicted.
- Make sure you have a car or lighter plug cord for your cell phone.

- If you use special healthcare equipment like oxygen generators or dialysis equipment, notify your power company.

AFTER THE POWER GOES OUT:

- Unplug major appliances and electronics. When the power comes back on, there may be power spikes that can damage large appliances or delicate electronics.
- Do not open refrigerators or freezers any more than necessary. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for approximately 4 hours, an unopened freezer will keep food frozen for approximately 24 hours.
- Use a battery-powered radio to stay informed.

Emergency Supplies



THE GOAL: Remember important items that may be overlooked when leaving your home in a disaster.

Any emergency is easier to handle when you have prepared ahead of time. Put together an emergency kit with important items to keep at home, and a go bag with items you will need to take with you if you evacuate. Think about what you and your family would need in a disaster. You can make kits for your home, car or workplace. Emergencies can happen anywhere.

▶▶▶ CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Gather your emergency supplies in an accessible place.

Have a go bag ready if you have to shelter in place or evacuate your home. Your go bag can be part of your emergency kit, just make sure it is in a bag or easy to carry container and that it is easy to get to.

THINK ABOUT THESE ITEMS FOR YOUR GO BAG:

- Battery powered radio and extra batteries
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Lightweight blankets
- Emergency information, including insurance policies
- A list of medications and correct dosage, and doctor's names
- Personal items such as toothbrushes, soap, extra glasses, etc.
- First aid kit
- Whistle
- Change of clothing
- Nonperishable snacks
- Books, cards or magazines to pass the time

Along with the basics on the previous page, think about these items for your go bag:

FOR INFANTS AND CHILDREN:

- Baby formula and food
- Diapers
- Baby wipes
- Blanket or toy

FOR MEDICAL CONDITIONS:

- Empty pill bottle(s) or a list of current medications (*Make sure you update your go bag when your medications change*)
- Your doctor's phone number

FOR PETS:

- Pet food & water
- Collar with ID tags
- Pet medication(s)
- Pet carriers and leashes
- Medical records from vet
- Photos of your pet
- Microchip information

Create an emergency supply kit for your pet, your car, and your workplace or school.

Disasters can strike when you are away from home. If your office or school does not have an emergency kit, offer to help make one. The kit should include:

- First aid supplies
- Flashlights or light sticks
- Building emergency procedures
- Building maps showing evacuation and shelter areas
- Pens or pencils
- Signs with the words "Need Help" and "All Clear"
- Clipboard with class/staff names

Make or buy an emergency kit for your car. If you travel with your pet regularly, make sure that you have an emergency kit for them as well. Some items to think about for your car kit are: a small first aid kit, flashlight or light sticks, flares or reflective cones, a blanket, cell phone charger, jumper cables, bottled water, nonperishable snacks, and a "help" flag or brightly colored cloth that can be tied to the antenna.

Stash some cash in case ATMs and credit card machines are not usable in a disaster.

Many things that we take for granted are not available when there is no power. ATM machines may not work. Grocery stores and other businesses may not be able to accept your credit or debit card. Cash could be the only acceptable means to make a purchase. Some experts say you should have at minimum \$150.00 in cash stashed away. Realizing this may not be possible for everyone, any amount is good to start with. Take \$1.00 dollar a week and place it in an envelope in your emergency kit. In just a little time, you will have some cash stashed away for use in emergencies.