

Beginning November 1, 2018, all Municipal Solid Waste (MSW), otherwise known as "garbage" generated in Renville County will be transported to the Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility located in Redwood Falls, MN. The Facility is a designated transfer site where MSW is reloaded and transported to the Lyon County Regional Landfill.

Preparations for the eventual landfill closure have been in the works since 2009. Planning began about the same time Redwood County was seeking state funds to construct a new recycling facility. Renville County Commissioners inquired about Redwood County's need for a new recycling facility and Renville County's need for a future location to dispose of its MSW, as their landfill capacity was diminishing. A feasibility assessment was completed and within months the two county Boards signed an agreement to form a Joint Powers Board and created the Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority.

After several attempts to secure financial assistance from the State of Minnesota, funding was awarded in 2012, and the construction of the Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility was completed in September 2015. With the increased number of tons of materials being recycled by both residents and businesses, and other various factors, the anticipated landfill closure date was pushed back nearly two and a half (2 ½) years. The maximum capacity for MSW at the Renville County Landfill will soon reach its limit.

The closure of the Renville County Landfill means the landfill will no longer be able to accept MSW after November 1st. Residents and businesses that currently "self-haul" to the site will need to bring their garbage directly to the Redwood/Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility located in Redwood Falls or contact an MSW service provider. Please see Renville County website (landfill link) for a list of MSW haulers. Residents and businesses that currently have garbage

collection should see no changes to their services.

Although the Renville County Landfill will no longer be accepting MSW (garbage) and/or "mixed loads" (Demolition Material and MSW mixed together in a load) after November 1st, the landfill will be adjusting its hours and days of operation to accommodate customers looking to dispose of the following items:

- Demolition Waste (clean loads): Limited to concrete, construction wood products, shingles, sheetrock, and plaster. No garbage, furniture, plastic, carpet, or household items are allowed. Loads must not contain non-demolition items. Mixed loads will be directed to the Redwood-Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility located in Redwood Falls for disposal. (See Renville County website for a complete list of what is/is not acceptable. (Fee Charged)
- Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): Items such as paints, stains, pesticides, mercury, and cleaners from households. Fluorescent bulbs and LED lights will also be accepted. (No Fee)
- Scrap Metal: Including bicycles, lawn mowers, old grills, etc. (No Fee)
- Recyclables: Paper, plastic, glass, aluminum, and cardboard. (No Fee)
- Tires: Car, truck, and tractor. (Fee Charged)

Residents and businesses who need to dispose of appliances or electronics should visit a Renville County collection event (April – October) at the east end of the Renville County Fair Grounds in Bird Island or contact SW Recycling at (320) 235-9323 or (800) 366-8665.

For more information regarding the closure of the Renville County Landfill or the location of the Redwood-Renville Regional Material Recovery Facility, please call (320) 523-8002 or (507) 637-1800 or vist www.renvillecountymn.com

Renville County Roadside Cleanup by Jon Mitchell

- 4 Members of the BOLD National Honor Society Program (community service project)
- Selected Road Renville County #5 (south) (cleaned last July)
- Renville County Highway Department Staked the road every 1/4 mile
- Bags were received from Scott Larson, RRRSWA supplied pokers and high vis vest's
- Scientific approach was taken to determine what was being thrown out, at what volumes in comparison to distance from town and what side of the road showed more material

RESULTS:

- 1. For the first 3/4 mile the garbage was heavier on the west side of Highway #5, beginning with a 1/4 bag of material until reaching full bag status at the 3/4 mile mark.
- 2. After the 3/4 mile mark, the amount collected was the same on both East/West sides
- 3. Beginning at the 1 1/4 mile mark, garbage was heavier on the east side until the 1 3/4 mile marker (beer/alcohol containers).
- 4. In the last 1/4 mile, we saw the largest volume of material, with the heaviest at the intersection of County #5 and County #17. There we collected a significant number of beer cans (tall bud light, cigarette boxes).



TOTALS:

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ALUMINUM Beer Soda	TUBS 4 1
PLASTIC Soda/Water	3
GLASS Alcohol (Beer/Spirits)	3/4
CONVENIENCE STORE (misc.) McDonalds/Handi-Stop Pizza (fast food)	1/2 Bag
CIGARETTE/TOBACCO Marlboro/Skoal/Swisher Sweets	1/4 Bag
GARBAGE Paper/Plastic/Cardboard/Auto Parts (approximately 150 lbs)	6
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TAKEAWAY:

The group was saddened by the amount of waste thrown in the rights-of-way over such a short period of time (9 months). More alarming was the amount of drinking and driving (alcohol use) signified by the number and variety of alcohol containers collected. We are researching if littering signs are an option to be installed by the Renville County Highway Department including language of a fine if caught.

BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2018 the Renville County License Bureau will be taking applications for Real ID, Enhanced Driver's License and Standard Driver's License. Determining which type of license or ID card works best depends on what the card is needed for.

Minnesota Standard Driver's License or ID Card

Now: These can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges. These cards are also an acceptable form of ID for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities. **Beginning October 1, 2010:** While these cards will continue to be a valid form of identification, they will NOT be accepted for domestic air travel or access to federal facilities. Another form of identification, such as a valid passport or Enhanced Driver's License, will be required for air travel or access to federal facilities.

Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) or Enhanced ID Card (EID)

Now and beginning October 1, 2020: In addition to being a valid form of identification and indicating lawful driving privileges, EDLs and EIDs can be used as a border crossing document to re-enter the U.S. by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, and some countries in the Caribbean. They can also be used for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities, and are only issued to U.S. citizens. (Learn more on the DPS-DVS website.)

REAL ID-Compliant Driver's License or ID Card

Beginning October 1, 2020: When they become available in Minnesota this year, REAL ID-Compliant cards will be an accepted form or identification for domestic air travel and to access federal facilities. These cards can be used as a valid form of identification and for lawful driving privileges. These cards cannot be used as border crossing documents.

Additional information comparing these identification options, and a list of the required documents and fees can be found on Minnesota's Real ID website or by calling our office (320) 523-3612



illness or other conditions, such as dementia. Guardians are people who are Court appointed to make decisions on behalf of people who, due to their mental status, are not able to make those decisions on their own behalf. For example, a guardian, in conjunction with their treatment team, will determine the appropriate residence (such as a group home or nursing home) for the individual who is no longer able to live independently.

The guardian's major responsibilities include authorizing placement and services, attending annual meetings or care conferences, completing annual well-

being reports to the court, and authorizing medical care if needed. The amount of time is determined on a case-by-case basis.

Family member, relatives or sometimes friends typically serve as Guardians for people. However, the reality is that not everyone has someone willing to be responsible for his or her decision-making and urgently need a guardian.

Compensation may be available for performing this service. Please contact Rita Berg at 320-523-3524 if you are interested in becoming a volunteer guardian.

Summer Road Construction UPDATE

US 71 to CSAH 5 Duininck, Inc. is the prime contractor and will be completed by July 31, 2018.

CSAH #5 to MNDOT TH4 R & G construction is the prime contractor working on 8.5 miles of reconstruction. Anticipated to have sustained completion by October 1, 2018, weather dependent. Road surface will be gravel until summer of 2019. Paving will be under a separate contract advertised for bid this winter.

CSAH 8 in city of Buffalo Lake, complete reconstruction from US 212 to the north City Limits, completion scheduled for August 2019.

Bridge on CSAH 8 North City Limits of Buffalo Lake. Bridge is scheduled to be completed and open to traffic by September 1, 2018.

2018 MN ELECTION DATES

Primary Election Tuesday, August 14, 2018

General Election Tuesday, November 6, 2018

OFFICES ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS STATEWIDE:

- · U.S. Senator
- · U.S. Representative
- · State Representative
- · Governor & Lt. Governor
- · Secretary of State
- · State Auditor
- Attorney General

LOCAL OFFICES ON GENERAL ELECTION BALLOTS:

- County Commissioner
- County Auditor/Treasurer
- · County Attorney
- · County Recorder
- · County Sheriff
- · City Officers
- · School Board
- · Township Officers

If you need to register to vote or have questions, please contact the Renville County Auditor-Treasurer's office at 320-523-2071.





Let's Go Swimming in Renville County!

The coolness and buoyancy of water are appealing to people of all ages. Swimming promotes both physical and mental well-being for people of all ages.



Teaching your child to swim and encouraging him to swim regularly can have benefits for both his health and safety. Many pools also cater specific hours or events for adults and seniors, who may prefer swimming in a more relaxed setting. Especially on a hot day, swimming is a way to keep cool while encouraging a healthy level of physical and social activity. Go to indoor pools in the colder months to promote an active lifestyle all year long.

Renville County has four beautiful community pools to take advantage of. Check out the website or call for times of operation and different activity options.

OUTDOOR / SUMMER POOLS:

- Fairfax Community Pool (507)-426-7503 https://fairfax-mn.gov
- Hector Community Pool (320)-848-2533 https://hector.govoffice.com

 RCW Pool (320)-329-8368 Ext 1035 https://www.facebook.com/RCWPool

YEAR-ROUND INDOOR POOL:

BOLD Community Pool (320)-523-1031
 Ext 3152 https://bold.k12.mn.us/our-schools/community-ed/

Every type of physical activity has its selling points. But swimming is unlike any other activity in a few important ways. The fact that you're submerged in water means your bones and muscles are somewhat unshackled from the constraints of gravity. This makes swimming ideal exercise for people with arthritis, who are overweight or have difficulty walking. Research has linked swimming with lower blood pressure among people with hypertension.



But don't be fooled; your body is working hard when you're in the pool. Water is denser than air, so moving through H₂O puts more external pressure on your limbs than out-of-water training. Even better, that pressure is uniformly distributed. It doesn't

collect in your knees, hips or the other places that bear most of the burden when you exercise with gravity sitting on your shoulders.

How you breathe during swimming is another big difference. During a run or bike ride, your breath tends to be shallow and your exhales forceful. "It's the other way around with swimming," says Jill Bruns, Public Health Director. "You breathe in quickly and deeply, and then let the air trickle out." Because your head is under water when you swim, these breathing adjustments are vital, and they improve the strength of your respiratory muscles.

"If you think about most activity, you primarily use your lower body," Bruns says. "Swimming not only engages your legs, but also your upper body and core". Your back also benefits. Working out in a horizontal pose may be an ideal way to counteract all the time you spend hunched over a desk or steering wheel. Swimming may help improve your posture and prevent the back injuries and pain that stem from long stretches of sedentary time.



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Protecting the Housing Stock

Housing in Renville County is a topic of daily conversation in the Housing and Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority (HRA/EDA) offices. As you drive through any of the communities or along the country side you will see a variety of home ages and varying degrees of home conditions. In an effort to protect the current housing stock in the area and as a way to provide a small incentive, the HRA/EDA has developed two 0% interest loan programs to help alleviate some of the ownership costs. The Home Ownership and Rehab Program and The Rental Rehab Program are available to qualifying residents to help make purchasing and maintaining a home more affordable.

The Home Ownership and Rehab Program will match you dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 for permanent home repairs or for down payment and/or closing costs associated with the purchase of a home in Renville County. These loans are interest free and repayable over 5 years or if you're utilizing the Down Payment Assistance, it is deferred until your first mortgage is payed off. The Home Ownership and Rehab Program is income based however, the income guidelines have been increased in an effort to allow the program to fit the needs of residents; for example, a household of two can qualify while making up to \$70,744 per year and a household of four can earn up to \$88,413.

The newest addition in housing loans is the Rental Rehab Loan; which is available to owners of single family rental properties. This loan is also interest free and will match the owner dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 for permanent repairs. These loans are repayable over 3 years, with no income guidelines. The property must be owned and used as a rental property under the current owner for at least one year prior and it must be renter occupied throughout the life of the loan.

Applications for both programs are available at www.renville.com under the housing tab. For more information about these loan programs please contact the EDA at (320) 523-3656.



Example of permanent home repairs include but are not limited to roofs, siding, insulation, mechanical systems, windows, doors, masonry work, additions and more.

Income Guidelines for the Home Ownership & Rehab Program:

1 Person	\$61,875
2 People	\$70,744
3 People	\$79,613
4 People	\$88,413
5 People	\$95,494
6 people	\$102,575
7 People	\$109,656
8 People	\$116,738

See you at the...



The Housing Redevelopment Authority and Economic Development Authority will be at the **Renville County Fair August 8-10**. Be sure to stop by the **county booth** to learn more about the variety of programs available and the resources staff can connect you and or your business to.



Business Recycling

Want to reduce your garbage fees?

Please contact the Redwood/Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority (RRRSWA) for your own **95 Gallon "BUSINESS" Recycling Cart.** Your *FIRST CART IS FREE* and will be picked up on the same day as your community residential collection at **NO COST**. If you generate large volumes of recyclable, cardboard, ect. (more

than a 95 gallon cart every two weeks), contact RRRSWA for a free assessment of your recycling collection needs and learn about the options available to your business at (320) 523-8002.

Reminder that the rural recycling sites (located in each city) are for rural residents only. If you are in need of your own recycling cart please call RRRSWA today at (320) 523-8002.

Secure 65 gallon document destruction carts also available for personal or business papers for a nominal fee.



August 3rd Renville County Walk for Life, Olivia August 8th-10th Renville County Fair, Bird Island August 11th Ride to Remember, Franklin August 12th Czech Heritage Festival, Bechyn





WANTED Child Care Providers

Anyone in Renville County who is considering becoming a Family Child Care provider should contact Sue Thomes with United Community Action Agency. Thomes is the Child Care Aware Coordinator working to recruit and assist new Family Child Care providers. Limited funds are available to help new providers with the costs associated with training and licensing.

For additional information please call 320.235.0850 ext. 616 or by e-mail at suet@heartlandcaa.org



RUSTIC CAMPING

Along the Banks of the Minnesota River

- No Electricity
- No Running Water
- No Reservation
- No Problem!

Renville County Parks
www.renvillecountymn.com



Cover Crop Cost-Share Assistance Available to Renville County and Hawk Creek Watershed Producers

The Hawk Creek Watershed Project, Renville County Water Management, and Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District are offering a cost-share program for fall cover crops. The program will cost-share the seed, labor, and equipment use costs to plant cover crops. There is a maximum of three years of cost-share payment through this program, per producer.

Cover crops have multiple benefits including reduced soil erosion, increased soil organic matter, nitrogen management, reduced soil compaction, increased water infiltration, decreased water evaporation, reduced weed pressure, and livestock forage/grazing.

Producers in Renville County and the Hawk Creek Watershed, may be eligible for cost-share assistance except those receiving payments through other State or Federal programs for cover crops. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis and must be signed and approved before planting takes place. The cover crop seed mix must be pre-approved, and be planted during specified seed mix seeding dates. The cover crop practice must remain in place through winter with no fall tillage or excessive grazing and will be inspected to ensure compliance. Payments will take place after the inspection and all invoices and seed tags are submitted.

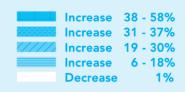


For more information contact the Hawk Creek Watershed Project (320) 523-3666 or the Renville County Soil and Water Conservation District (320) 523-1550 ext.3.



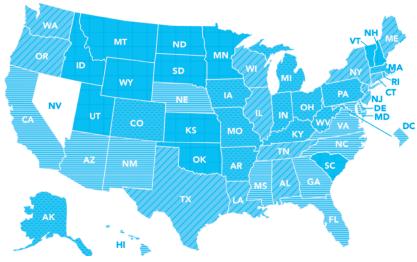
U.S. Suicide Rates Have Climbed Dramatically

Suicide rates rose across the US from 1999 to 2016.



SOURCE: CDC's National Vital Statistics System; CDC Vital Sians. June 2018.

More than a mental health concern. suicide is a leading cause of death in the US. Suicide rates increased in nearly every state from 1999 through 2016. Mental health conditions are often seen as the cause of suicide, but suicide is rarely caused by any single factor. In fact, many people who die by suicide are not known to have a diagnosed mental health condition at the time of death. Other problems often contribute to suicide, such as those related to relationships, substance use, physical health, and job, money, legal, or housing stress. Making sure government, public health, healthcare, employers, education, the media and community organizations are working together is important for preventing suicide. Public health departments can bring together these partners to focus on comprehensive state and community efforts with the greatest likelihood of preventing suicide.



STATES AND COMMUNITIES CAN

- Identify and support people at risk of suicide.
- Teach coping and problem-solving skills to help people manage challenges with their relationships, jobs, health, or other concerns.
- Promote safe and supportive environments. This includes safely storing medications and firearms to reduce access among people at risk.
- Offer activities that bring people together so they feel connected and not alone.
- Connect people at risk to effective and coordinated mental and physical healthcare.
- Expand options for temporary help for those struggling to make ends meet.



5 STEPS TO HELP SOMEONE AT RISK

- 1. Ask.
- 2. Keep them safe.
- 3. Be there.
- 4. Help them connect.
- 5. Follow up.

Find out why this can save a life by visiting: www.BeThe1To.com



RENVILLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2017 Facts

2010 Federal Census Data for Renville County

Total Population 15,730 people • 7,948 Males and 7,782 Females 3,656 are Under Age 18 • 9,029 are Age 18 to 64 • 3,045 are Over Age 65



Public Health Services

151 parents of infants and children received 2,285 family home visits for parenting support

293 restaurants, hotel, pools and camparounds were inspected for health and safety

SHIP worked with 56 partners to increase access to healthy foods, increase physical activity and decrease Tobacco use

1,780 home health care visits & 1,457 case management visits provided for elderly & disabled citizens

Monthly car seat classes for parents, grandparents, foster parents and day car providers with 91 car seats provided



Human Services

510 Households Received Over \$300,000 in Fuel Assistance Provided

291 Child Protection Reports were acted on

31 Homes Licensed for Day Care Services & 11 Child foster Car Homes

3,600+ Children and Adults Received Assistance to Pay Medical Bills

\$11,900,000 in Child Support Collected and Distributed



Veterans Services

1,645 Renville County and Surrounding Area Registered Veterans Served

10+ Million in State and Federal Veterans Benefits and VA Medical Care received for Renville County Veterans service. St

502 Local Veterans Served in Veterans Clinics and Hospitals



License Bureau

2,538 New & Renewal of Driver's License-Instruction Permits & Identification Cards Processed

13.586 Motor Vehicle Transactions Processed (New & New to State Vehicles - Transfers & Registration Renewals)

207 Game and Fish Transactions Processed

705 DNR Transactions Processed



Emergency Management

S622,000 in State Disaster Assistance Funds Received following the August 2016 flooding that assisted 4 Townships, 1 City, and 2 County Government Entities



Public Works

Road and Bridge

5-Miles Reconstruction (CSAH 4 between US 71 & CSAH 5)

6.5-Miles Base & Bituminous Surfacing (CSAH 11 between CSAH 5 and CSAH 16)

3-Township Bridge Replacements (Ericson, Bandon, and Brookfield Townships)

34-Miles Chip Seal Coating

Ditch

77-Miles of County Ditch Cleaning

330-Repair Sites in County Ditches



RENVILLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SERVICES 2016 Facts



County Attorney

77 Child Support files, 23 CHIPS files, 9 Civil files, 588 Criminal files, and 33 Forfeiture Files opened along with 7 Commitments and 8 Guardianship/Conservatorship files opened



Environmental Services

- 82 Zoning Permits Issued
- 57 Septic System Permits Issued
- 86 Feedlot Inspections Performed



Recorder

3,207 Real Estate Documents Recorded 1,744 Birth and Death Records Issued



Assessor

14,403 Real Estate Parcels Maintained \$4,519,634,000 Estimated Market Value \$3,612,100,600 Tillable Value for \$3,909,508,500 Total Ag Land



Auditor-Treasurer

Tax Collections Assisted in Funding: 27 Townships, 10 Cities, 9 School Districts, 2 Watershed Districts, 8 Rural Service Districts, Olivia HRA/EDA, County HRA/EDA, Mid-Minnesota, State of Minnesota General Tax, and 91 Ditch Systems



Sheriff Office

6,752 Cases Handled by Renville County Sheriff Office - 19.33 Events/Day

4 Cities - Morton, Bird Island, Sacred Heart & Franklin Provided with Contracting Services

6,386 911 Calls Answered by Dispatch = 5,587 Cell Phones (87.5%) & 799 Land Lines (12.5%)

24,163 Inmate Days in Renville County Jail with Average Daily population of 66.2 Inmates (Boarded Inmates for Redwood, McLeod and other neighboring counties, MN Dept of Corrections and Federal Bureau of Prisons)

579 Pounds of Medication Collected from drop-off locations in Olivia, Fairfax, Renville, Morton, and Bird Island (2,199 pounds collected since program began)



Redwood Renville Regional Solid Waste Authority

8,415 Tons of MSW (Municipal Solid Waste) Collected, 363 Tons E-Waste/Appliances Collected

3,416 Tons of Recyclables Collected, 8 Tons of Mattresses Collected

3,000 Pods of Christmas Lights Collected, 4,300 Fluorescent/LED/HPD/Bulbs Recycled

16,000 pounds Hazardous Material removed/Recycled/Disposed of at the Facilities