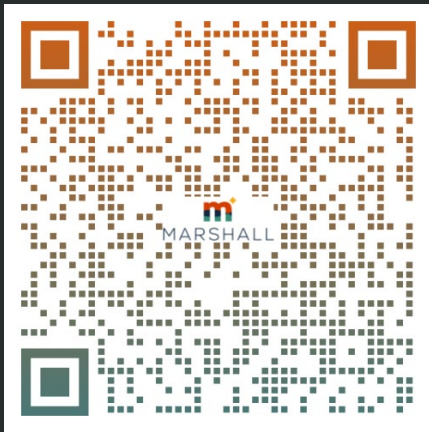


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We are working on updating the Public Works web pages to help the public find documents, plans, permits and more. Use the QR Code or visit the web address above to stay updated!

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FALL LEAF MANAGEMENT

With the leaves changing and falling, the Public Works Division would like to remind residents to please not deposit fallen leaves into the street. The leaves and debris can get into the stormwater system causing restriction of the capacity of the system, additional maintenance and more. The City of Marshall has a compost site available for leaf disposal for city residents located on North 7th Street across from ADM. Please see the Public Works website for details.

SNOW AND ICE

The first snows will soon be fast approaching. There are a couple reminders for residents to keep in mind during snow events. Residents are responsible for removal of snow from the sidewalks in front of their properties. However, it is illegal to plow, push, or otherwise deposit snow into the street. This can create safety hazards for vehicles in the street. Street Department staff is dedicated to providing the City an effective response to snow events to keep our streets clear of snow and safe for the traveling public. Please exercise caution while driving to allow for additional stopping distance needed during adverse weather and slippery conditions.

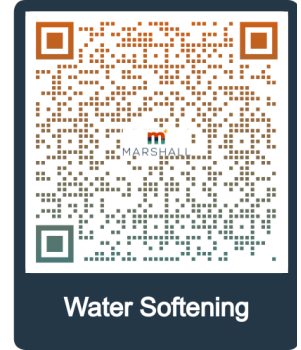


The Public Works Division, through its Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program, aims to continue improvement of practices to limit salts from entering the Redwood and Cottonwood Rivers. City residents can help protect the watersheds through their own practices. Limiting the use of de-icing salt helps greatly when an entire community participates. A coffee mug full of salt (12 oz.) can effectively cover a driveway for a 2-stall garage and sidewalk (about 1,000 square feet). Remember, 15°F and below is too cold for salt to work. Use sand for traction when salt is ineffective. For more info on how salt (chlorides) effects our environment, please visit the MPCA Chloride 101 website at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/chloride-101>.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

Water Softener Adjustments

With the completion of the Water Treatment Plant Softening Enhancement Project, Marshall Municipal Utilities (MMU) is currently delivering water to city residents at eight (8) grains hardness as opposed to thirty-five (35) grains as previously delivered. If you own or rent a water softener in the City of Marshall, your water softener settings should be adjusted to minimize salt use. Adjusting your water softener settings will reduce your salt use by an estimated 75%, thereby lowering the amount of salt you need to purchase. In addition, you will use less water due to fewer regeneration cycles. You may be able to adjust your water softener settings by yourself; however, if you have questions, or need assistance, please contact a water softening company or plumber of your choice to assist with making the adjustment. There may be a one-time service charge associated with having a service technician adjust your water softener settings.



Sump Pump Disconnection

It is unlawful to discharge your sump pumps, foundation drains, or any other ground water or surface water into the City of Marshall sanitary sewer between April 1st and October 31st. Sump pump water must be discharged outside and onto your property. During the period of November 1st to March 31st, discharge of sump pumps to the sanitary sewer is allowed by annual permit only. The permit is available online through the City of Marshall website by hovering over the “Community Planning” tab and clicking on the “Engineering Permits” drop down. An alternative method would be to request a permit directly from the Wastewater Department. The Wastewater Department can be contacted by calling 507-537-6776.

By discharging your sump pump into the sanitary sewer without a permit (indoor discharge), you are violating the law and potentially causing harm to your neighbor and/or the environment. The sanitary sewer collection system is not designed to receive inflow from sump pumps and during periods of high groundwater levels, the collection system can become overwhelmed and property damage can occur from sanitary sewer backups. Further, the Wastewater Treatment Facility does not have excess capacity to handle large inflows of groundwater. This can result in untreated discharge of sewage into the Redwood River.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Updated as of 10/13/21

Our big construction projects are mostly completed apart from some minor cleanup items that may still remain. The trail replacement project in Independence Park is moving steadily forward as concrete has been placed around the concessions building and is planned for the area adjacent to the basketball court and horseshoe pits. The remaining work will be completed in Spring/Summer 2022. Construction updates are available on the Construction page of the Public Works website. To access the page, you can use the camera on your smartphone to hover over the QR Code to the right. Click on the pop-up link and you will be directed to the Construction Projects page.

