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Spring 2012 CHISAGO COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

Chisago County Water Plan

Karl Oskar and Kristina Nilsson, fictional characters in Vilhelm Moberg's classic novels, represent the thousands of Swedes who left their homeland hoping to find a better life. Karl and Kristina settled in the Chisago Lakes area known by the Native Americans as Ki Chi Saga meaning "fair and lovely waters", and that's how Chisago County received its name.

Our county is still rich in water resources, which include our beautiful lakes, scenic streams, diverse wetlands, and the ground water which most of us use for drinking. Most of the County lies in the St. Croix River Basin, which means that water flowing from a lake to a stream eventually makes its way to the St. Croix River. How we care for our County's water has a *direct* effect on the quality of the St. Croix River.

The water flowing from Chisago County is divided into four primary watersheds—areas that drain to a common lake or stream (see map). They include Rush Creek, Goose Creek, Lawrence Creek and the larger Sunrise River. The Sunrise River watershed has multiple sub-watersheds, including the Chisago Chain of Lakes, the Forest Lake area, and the North Branch of the Sunrise River (for which the city of North Branch is named).

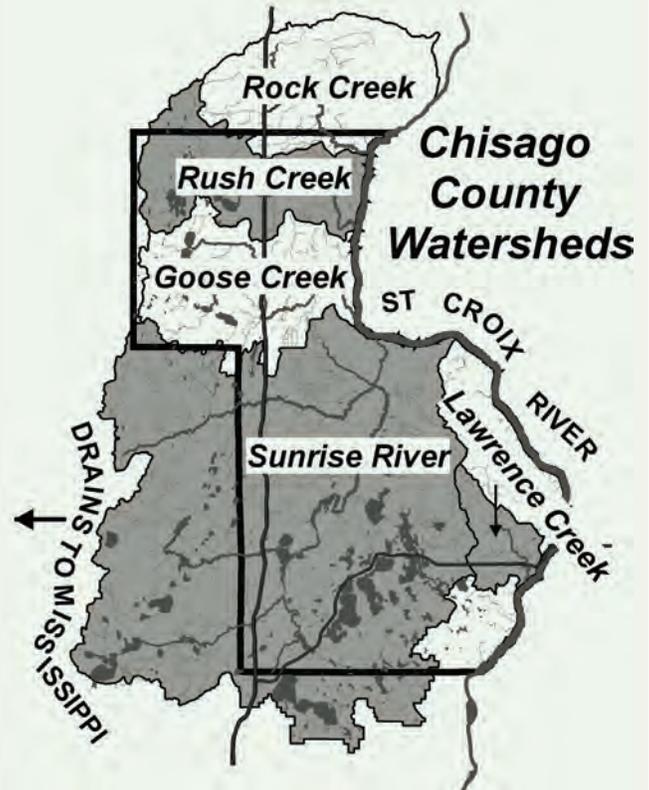
The Swedish settlers had priorities for using the County's water resources—watering livestock, transportation, fishing, and crop irrigation. Today, our County has a Water Plan designed to protect, improve and conserve our water resources, one that's based on today's priorities, which include:

- reducing the amount of phosphorus (the nutrient that turns lakes green with algae) being carried to our streams and into the St. Croix River
- developing protection and restoration plans for lakes and rivers that don't meet water quality standards
- replacing failing septic systems
- educating residents on ways we can be effective stewards of our lakes and rivers.

Chisago County has begun a process to update the current 10 year Water Plan. Over time priorities can and do change, and examining our current priorities will help us decide where best to focus our resources. While plans have specific goals, basic themes generally continue—we all want clean, safe water.

To gather suggestions about future priorities, the County is consulting with a number of groups, including lake associations, farm organizations, elected officials, government agencies, and you (see box at right). Priorities will vary; some will be county-wide, while others will be specific to a given watershed.

Looking to the Future



We want *your* input on the new Water Plan!

Yes, we want to hear what *you*, as a County resident, feel is important—both for you personally and for the County as a whole! With your suggestions, we will be able to create better defined priorities, increased agreement for future action steps, more successful outcomes, and a greater sense of public ownership—not only regarding a new Water Plan, but actual water quality improvement. Please take a few minutes to complete an online survey about Chisago County's water resources.

To complete our survey: go to the Chisago County web site at: www.co.chisago.mn.us. On the left side of the page, under the rotating photos, look for "News." Under it, click on "Chisago County Lakes & Rivers Survey" to open the survey. We welcome and need your suggestions as we develop future priorities!



If you grew up on a farm or in a rural area, or if you've heard the stories of rural life from relatives or older friends, you know that a

"do-it-yourself" attitude was common. Farming and rural living often meant you and your neighbors had to learn to repair and build just about anything. Survival depended in part on self-sufficiency skills.

Today, far too many products—washing machines, lawn mowers, mixers, TVs, electronics, and countless others are built to have a short useful life. Industry even has a term for this: planned obsolescence.

What's more, somewhere along the way to 2012, we managed to lose that old "fix it yourself if you can" mind set. When something malfunctions or breaks today, our tendency is to toss and buy new. In our own defense, though, how many of us had any opportunity to learn much of anything about how our household machines and electronic devices work, let alone how to repair them.

But despair not! Hope for becoming more self-sufficient (and for saving a LOT of money) is literally at your fingertips—or more specifically, at your computer keyboard.

iFixit.com is a "how-to" website for any and everyone who's interested in fixing...well, whatever!

Here's how they work and a sample of what they offer.

- **Free Repair Manuals.** iFixit makes it easy for you to fix things yourself with online step-by-step repair guides, troubleshooting tips, and a thriving community of repair technicians who want to help.
- **Learn how to repair electronics and a lot of other stuff...** including iPhones, game consoles, and vehicles, as well as household items such as toasters, cameras, microwaves, blenders, dishwashers, and much more—the easy way—one step at a time. These guides will also tell you exactly which tools you'll need to fix stuff on your own.
- **Get the repair parts and upgrades you need.** Among other items, iFixit offers part for Macs, iPods, iPhones, iPads, and Game Consoles. They fund their mission of helping people fix things by selling useful service parts.
- **Repair tools.** Nothing's worse than getting ready to repair your broken device, only to realize you don't have the correct tool to

perform the procedure. iFixit also offers every tool needed to get your machine back to working order. And if you can get it instead from a neighbor or local hardware store, they'd love that!

You can help fix the planet: Repair IS recycling!

The best way to keep electronics and a whole lot of other stuff out of landfills is to keep them working longer. Toxic electronic waste is a global problem that iFixit and Chisago County are working to solve. Do-it-yourself repair can save you money and it helps the environment!

Maintaining and repairing devices dramatically improves their usable lifespan. If we work together and just double the length of time the average piece of electronics is used, we could *halve* the amount of e-waste created.

If you're interested in learning more about e-waste, what happens to it and how YOU can help, go to: www.ifixit.com/Info/environment.

Being responsible is easy: Sell or donate stuff you no longer need to people who will reuse it. Repair things you can still use, and recycle them when there's no use left.

Way to go Chisago County residents!

Holiday Lights Recycling Program: Collection of old and unwanted holiday lights at the Government Center and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility has increased every year since the program started. Thanks for helping to keep recycling jobs in Minnesota and recyclable items out of landfills. Pounds collected and recycled per holiday season:

- 2009 - 250 pounds**
- 2010 - 450 pounds**
- 2011 - 750 pounds**

Unwanted Medications Program: Chisago County was the first county in the State to start a permanent collection for unwanted medications. Use of the program continues to grow every year, and the last shipment sent out earlier this spring weighed 565 pounds! Thanks for helping to properly dispose of unwanted drugs, to keep them out of our water and out of the wrong hands.

Household Hazardous Waste Facility: Collections at the facility reached an all-time high last year serving over 2126 residents and local businesses. Thanks for properly disposing of all those assorted chemicals and hazardous materials and keeping them out of the landfill.

Chisago County Residential Recycling Program: Tires, Appliances, and Electronics

Why should you recycle?

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources and generates a host of financial, environmental, and social returns. Some of these benefits accrue locally as well as globally.

- Recycling protects and expands U.S. manufacturing jobs and increases U.S. competitiveness.
- Recycling reduces the need for land-filling and incineration.
- Recycling prevents pollution caused by manufacturing with virgin materials.
- Recycling saves energy.
- Recycling decreases emissions of greenhouse gases.
- Recycling conserves natural resources.
- Recycling sustains the environment for future generations.

How much will it cost to recycle?

Prices vary because these companies are privately run, with the exception of the East Central Solid Waste Commission (ECSWC). Please refer to the pricing chart for current prices. The County pays part of the cost of recycling in order to make it more affordable. Call your local recycler, or call Chisago County for more information at (651) 213-8920.

You can recycle tires, appliances, mattresses and electronics at these companies. These program prices are for residential items only; **no** business or commercial items will qualify. **Proof of Chisago County residency is required** and you must fill out a form at time of drop-off to qualify for the discounted price.

- **AAA Appliance, Electronic and Metal Recycling:**
Pick up only, Lindstrom, (651) 238-0226.
- **Dan's Recycling:** 29415 West St., Chisago City, 55013, (651) 325-6510.
- **E Cycling Solutions:** 10544 Liberty Lane, Chisago City, 55013 (651) 815-0423. www.ecyclingsolutions.com
- **ECSWC—Cambridge Transfer Station:** East of Cambridge, Highway 95 (763) 689-4056. www.ecswc.cog.mn.us
- **Evergreen Recycling, LLC:**
53427 Forest Blvd., Rush City, 55069
(320) 358-3988. www.evergreenrecyclingllc.com
- **RFW—Recycling for Wildlife:** 42775 Forest Blvd., Harris, 55032 (651) 674-7268
- **SRC, Inc.:** East Viking Blvd., Wyoming, 55092, (651) 462-5298 www.mytrashservice.com

To make recycling even more affordable, use this coupon for \$5 off when recycling a monitor, computer system, or appliance at one of the participating facilities listed on the coupon.

2012 Chisago County Residential Recycling Program—Price Summary

RECYCLER	AAA	E Cycling	Dan's	ECSWC	Evergreen	RFW	SRC	County Pays the Add'l
County Resident Discount Fee: Your Cost								
APPLIANCES:								
w/o refrigerant	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10	\$4	\$10	\$10	\$5
w/refrigerant	\$15	\$10	\$15	\$10	\$4	\$10	\$20	\$5
ammonia (sm/lg)	\$100	N/A	\$50	\$75	\$100	N/A	\$25/100	\$50
TIRES:								
automobile	\$1.50	N/A	Free	\$3	Free	\$.50	\$1.50/2.50	\$2.50
truck w or w/o rim	\$2.50	N/A	.50	\$3	Free	\$1	\$3.50/4.50	\$2.50
semi w or w/o rim	\$8	N/A	\$5	\$15	\$1/2	\$5/6	\$15	\$5
tractor/w rim	\$32	N/A	\$35	\$40	\$15	\$25/35	\$30/40	\$10
MATTRESSES:								
Mattresses	\$15	N/A	N/A	\$11	\$6	\$8	\$20	\$5
ELECTRONICS:								
Computer package	\$10	\$8	\$10	N/A	\$6	\$10	N/A	\$5
Monitor (sm/lg)	\$8	\$8	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$5	\$11	\$5
CPU	\$1	Free	\$4	\$3	Free	\$1	\$4	\$1
Laptop	\$5	Free	\$2	\$3	Free	\$2	\$13	\$3
Scanner/Printer/Fax	\$5	\$4	\$2	\$3	Free	\$2	\$13	\$3
Copier	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$30	\$15	\$25	\$45	\$5
Typewriter, Stereo	\$7	\$4	\$2	\$3	Free	\$2	\$7	\$3
VCR/DVD	\$5	\$4	\$2	\$3	Free	\$2	\$7	\$3
TV—small	\$3	\$3	\$10	\$10	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$10
TV—large	\$10/15	\$15/23	\$35	\$30	\$10	\$30	\$30	\$10

This coupon good for
\$5 off

recycling a: TV, Computer system,
Monitor, or Appliance.
Recycle item with coupon at:
AAA, Dan's, E-Cycling,
Evergreen, RFW and SRC.

Expires: December 31, 2012.
Limit: One coupon per household.

What types of **plastics** can I put in my recycling bin?

Our packaging and food container industry commonly produces seven plastics which are labeled #1 through #7 found inside the “chasing arrows” symbol, usually stamped into the bottom of the package.

Plastics #1 (e.g. soft drink bottles), and #2 (e.g. milk jugs), are the most common, and are collected for recycling by all trash hauling companies in Chisago County. The general rule has been: if it has a neck, it will be recycled. If you put plastics in your recycling bin with numbers #3 – #7, they were probably removed and landfilled.

You may have heard recently that some Twin Cities metro area recyclers are now accepting all plastics for recycling: #1 through #7. Two of the largest, Waste Management and Allied Waste, will now take such items as plastic yogurt cups, margarine tubs, and other plastic bottles. You may be wondering if this applies to your recycling, too.

In Chisago County, each hauler is an independent business, and whether they will take #3 through #7 plastics depends on how they process your recycling. Haulers either sort the recycling themselves, or take what they collect to Recycle America, Waste Management’s Twin Cities recycling operation. If this is the case, then Waste Management is separating and selling the recycling for re-manufacture. Their market is global, and thus they will accept and sell more kinds of recyclables, including plastics #3 through #7. If, however, your hauler sorts at their own facility and sells the separated recycling directly to commodity markets, they may limit what they accept—meaning no #3 through #7 plastics.

When you recycle, put only plastics marked with the number inside the “chasing arrows” into your recycling bin. Just because an item is plastic



doesn't automatically make it recyclable. Plastic items without any markings are usually NOT recycled and will most likely be landfilled anyway.

In addition, because plastic films are NOT yet readily recycled curbside, don't put plastic film or loose plastic bags in your recycling bin. Fortunately, many stores have recycling bins for film and bag plastics in their lobbies, so check with your local supermarket.

Please put only *empty* containers that contain no product contamination in your bins. Your rule of thumb for recycling should be: “If in doubt, throw it out.” Don't contaminate a whole load of recycling.

If you have questions about what can go in your bin, please call your trash hauler directly, or Chisago County at (651) 213-8920.

SWCD Bare Root Tree and Shrub Sale!



The Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) holds an **Annual Spring Bare Root Tree and Shrub Sale** selling approximately 25 species ranging from evergreens and deciduous trees to a variety of smaller shrubs. **To learn more about this program and what trees are available, call the Chisago SWCD office at 651-674-2333 or visit our web site at: www.chisagoswcd.org. Mark your calendar! Tree pick-up dates for 2012 are: April 26, 27, & 28.**

Child Car Seat Recycling Event

May 19th, 9am–3 pm at the
Chisago County Public Works Facility, Center City

As parents, we know that along with baby comes an assortment of baby equipment: cribs, strollers, and swings, just to name a few. Child safety seats, or **car seats**, are the only piece of equipment required by law—because they keep children safe while traveling in a vehicle. Kids grow and change quickly, however, and their car seats need to keep up with them! Minnesota car seat laws remain in effect to age eight, which means that as they grow, kids pass through two or three types of car seats before they are allowed to wear only the standard seat belt. With approximately 4 million babies born in the U.S. annually, Americans buy as many as 12 million car seats per year.

According to a recent Earth911 reader poll, 96 percent of parents do not know where to recycle a car seat and would like to learn where, though only a handful of programs exist nationwide.

The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) was often asked about car seat recycling. Finding few options, they created the answer with REseat™, a recycling program that was unveiled on America Recycles Day in 2011. This new and exciting program recycles all unwanted child safety seats. Local individuals are employed at Hutchinson Vocational Center to disassemble the car seats before sending them to local facilities to be recycled. The car seat is dismantled into the three main components for recycling: metal, plastic and cloth straps. This allows 95% of the car seat material to be recycled!

“This program is the first of its kind in Minnesota to safely and securely recycle the material in car seats,” Ellen Telander, RAM’s Executive Director and creator of the program explained. “We often get calls from Minnesotans who do not want to throw car seats away, so we decided to do something about it!” Their ultimate goal is to offer this recycling program statewide.



Recycling vs. Reusing:

Car seat companies like Graco issue each car seat with an expiration date, which is typically 5-6 years from the manufacture date. They do so because the materials in them degrade from ultraviolet light, extremes in temperature and use over time, which reduces seat effectiveness in an accident. In addition, car seats, like bike helmets, should not be reused after an accident. Handing down an old car seat, (or buying a used one), isn't a good option, either, because you don't know its history. Car seats older than six years cannot legally be donated for safety reasons, so they most commonly end up in landfills or basement storage rooms.

May 19: special car seat recycling event in Center City from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

RAM is partnering with Chisago County Environmental Services/Zoning to hold a special

car seat recycling event on May 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chisago County Public Works Facility, 31325 Oasis Road, Center City, MN 55012. This program will be held in conjunction with the rain barrel/composter pick-up event.

The cost for recycling is \$10 per car seat or booster seat.

If you can't make it to the Chisago County recycling event, there are several YEAR-ROUND drop off locations for child car seat recycling with RAM. For more information, to prepay, or to learn about other recycling programs, go to RAM's website: <http://www.recycleminnesota.org/programs/reseat.html>

Second Annual Rain Barrel and Composter Sale

May 19th, 9 am – 3 pm

Last year's rain barrel and compost bin sale was a huge success (158 rain barrels and 100 compost bins sold), so the sale is back! The Chisago County Department of Environmental Service/Zoning and the Chisago Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) are renewing their partnership with the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) to offer rain barrels and compost bins to Chisago County residents and surrounding communities at wholesale prices.

To place your order, visit <http://recycleminnesota.org/> and click on "Sale Events". Find the Chisago County sale, with the pickup date on May 19th. Additional information about each product is available on this site. You MUST pick up your order on May 19th between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Chisago County Public Works Facility located at 31325 Oasis Road, Center City.

Composters

Backyard composting is simple and helps save you money. By composting kitchen and yard waste items that would otherwise go in the garbage can, you reduce the amount of trash volume going to landfills by as much as 500 pounds per year, which may reduce your disposal costs. After completion of the composting process, you also have a nutrient-rich compost to use in gardens and plantings, free of charge! Instead of buying and using fertilizers, your compost will provide the nutrients your plants need. Compost improves soil texture and water-holding capacity, which can reduce your garden watering needs by 30%.



Rain Catcher barrel

Home Composting

Ever thought about starting a home composting pile? It's very easy and requires little time or money. Composting is Mother Nature's way of closing the loop on recycling and is a natural process that breaks down matter and reprocesses it into reusable nutrients. No need to haul away garden wastes or leaves any more. Practice sustainable living right in your backyard using the finished compost as a soil enhancer in your garden. It adds organic matter to loosen up clay soil, nutrients to sandy soil, and makes great mulch to retain soil moisture around flowers or vegetables.

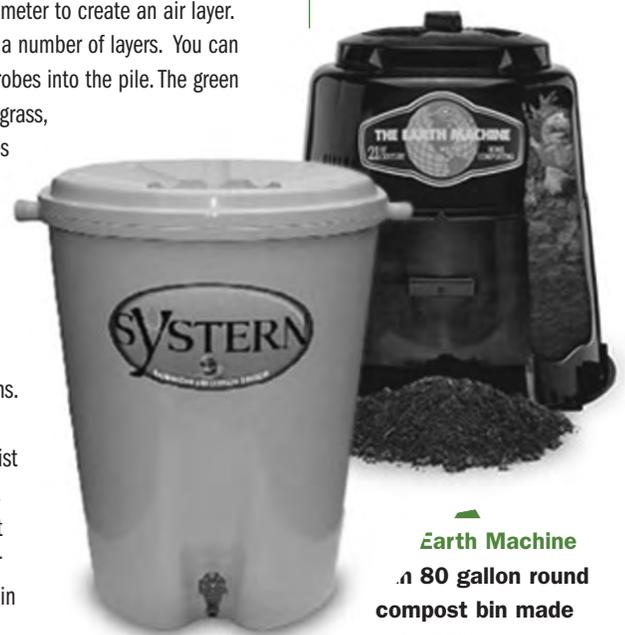
Compost ingredients

Start with a layer of sticks 1/4" or smaller in diameter to create an air layer. On top of this, layer green matter over brown for a number of layers. You can also add a layer of dirt in order to get more microbes into the pile. The green layer supplies the nitrogen and consists of fresh grass, green leaves, plant trimmings, and kitchen wastes (coffee grounds, tea bags, fruit and veggie scraps). The brown layer supplies the carbon, and consists of dried grass or leaves, straw, wood chips or twigs no larger than 1/4 inch.

Do not mix meat, dairy, pet waste, diseased plants, weed seeds, wood or coal ash into your compost bin because these items cause problems. In order to keep the bacteria and fungi alive to "cook" your compost pile, make sure it stays moist with occasionally watering. You should also stir it with a pitchfork once or twice a month to keep it composting evenly and to reduce odors. Summer compost will "finish" faster than a batch started in the fall, and may take 4-6 weeks to finish. You'll know it's done when the pile looks dark and crumbly and has a nice earthy smell to it.

The composting process takes as little as 10 minutes per week and compost will be ready in 4-6 weeks. Simply set aside compostable kitchen and yard wastes (food scraps, leaves, grass clippings, shredded paper, cardboard, and newspapers) for composting in the Earth Machine instead of throwing them in the trash. Occasionally water, stir, and poke the composting material.

The Earth Machine is an 80 gallon round compost bin made with 50% recycled materials. The twisting locking lid is easy to use and allows access to the top of the compost pile. The harvest door allows access to the bottom of the pile. The entire unit can be turned to access various parts of the pile. The Earth Machine measures 33" x 33" and is available for \$59.00 (this includes tax).



System rain barrel

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compost bin made
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Septic Fix-Up program for lake and river properties ends in December: Act now to receive grant funding

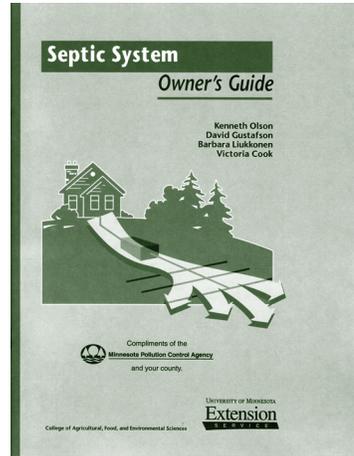
Rain barrels

Rain barrels are becoming more popular as a way to use the natural rain fall for watering landscaping and flower pots rather than using the hose or irrigation. Rain water is free! Rain barrels should be positioned under a downspout gutter to capture the water running off the roof. The water is stored in the barrel until it is needed. A hose at the bottom of the barrel allows you to access the water easily. A screen on the opening at the top of the barrel keeps leaves, insects, and children out of the water. Typical home lawn and garden watering needs can account for up to 40% of your total home water use. Using rain barrels for some or all of your outdoor watering needs can reduce your water use.

Rain barrels are also a valuable tool in helping reduce stormwater runoff, especially in urban and suburban areas. Rain barrels capture water that would otherwise be running down driveways or streets, collecting sediment, chemicals, and other pollutants. This water usually enters a storm drain and then a nearby lake or stream without any treatment.

Two rain barrel models available

Both barrels hold 54-55 gallons of water, come with a mesh screen and hose attachments, and cost \$69 (this includes tax). The brown Rain Catcher barrel is made of high quality UV stable polyethylene. The System barrel is made with 50% recycled materials and blends into any garden setting. The blue System sticker shown in the photo is not on the barrel. Both barrels are able to connect to additional rain barrels for greater water-holding capacity.



Caring for your septic system

Do you own a home with a septic system? Are you wondering how it works and/or what kind of maintenance it needs? (Yes, it DOES need care and maintenance, and with proper care, your system should work well for many years.)

The Chisago County Environmental Services Department provides free Septic System Owner's Guides which are made available by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Don't wait until a problem occurs; learn everything you need to know now about your septic system! Stop in any time during working hours to pick up your *free* guide—Room 243, 313 N. Main St., Center City, MN

The final year of the Septic Fix-Up Program will end

December 31, 2012. All property owners who live within the shoreland area of lakes or rivers under the jurisdiction of Chisago County for septic systems are welcome to participate in this program.

A property owner located within 1000 feet of a lake/protected wetland or 300 feet of a river, stream or creek qualifies for a free septic compliance inspection (a \$200 value!) or up to \$200 applied to a septic system permit, and \$125 to be applied toward the septic pumping cost required for a compliance inspection.

Compliance inspections are required prior to the sale of a home, for building permits located in a shoreland area, bedroom additions and variance applications. The inspection will determine the integrity of the septic system and whether it meets State code. Compliance inspection results are valid for three years.

Because this is a voluntary program, any resident wishing to take part in the program must first contact the Department of Environmental Services/Zoning and fill out an application in order to participate. Funds are awarded on a first come, first served basis.

Program participants must be aware that if a septic system is determined to be an imminent threat to public health or failing to protect ground water, the system will be required to be upgraded or replaced to meet code.

To date, the Septic Fix-Up Program has provided funds for:

- 200 septic system compliance inspections & 38 installation permits
- Over \$28,000 in septic tank pumping costs
- 21 grants up to \$5,000.00 for replacement of failing septic systems.

These grant funds were made possible by the 2008 *Clean Water Legacy Act* whose purpose is to protect, enhance, and restore water quality in lakes, rivers and streams in addition to protecting groundwater and drinking water sources from degradation.

If you are interested in participating in the program but are not sure if you qualify, have questions, or would like more information, please contact County Sanitarian Kellie Strobel in the Environmental Services/Zoning Department between 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 651-213-8373. 🍀

Josh Olds New Solid Waste Deputy

The newest member of the Environmental Services/Zoning team, Deputy Josh Olds, has been assigned to the County's Solid Waste Deputy position. The County is unique in the State in that the Sheriff's Office and the Environmental Services Department partner to create a part-time Deputy position to handle waste, recycling, and zoning issues.

Deputy Olds addresses complaints such as junk vehicles, garbage houses, illegal burning and burn barrels, garbage piles, polluting, outside storage concerns, and dumped or abandoned items. He also works with the Chisago County Unwanted Medications Program.

Deputy Olds, a native of Blaine, attended school in Spring Lake Park. His first position began in 2007 with the Chisago County Sheriff's Office as a Corrections Officer in the Chisago County Jail. In January 2008, he was hired as a Deputy Sheriff under the patrol division. Today, he works full time for the Sheriff's Office, with the other half of his time as a Recreational Deputy, managing boat and water safety, ATV, and snowmobile issues.

To contact Deputy Olds concerning a waste or zoning issue, call (651) 213-6366, or email him at jrolds@co.chisago.mn.us.



Deputy Josh Olds at the unwanted medications drop-off in the Government Center.

Help Chisago Lakes Rotary and Bridging furnish homes



Chisago Lakes Rotary is working with Bridging, to hold a collection for gently used furniture, and clean household goods and bedding, during the Chisago City/Lindstrom Annual Spring Clean-Up Day, held on Saturday May 19, 2012, from 8 – 11 am, at the Chisago City Industrial Park. Donate and help Rotary and Bridging furnish homes with hope and keep usable items out of the landfill!

Environmental Connections provides Chisago County residents with information and news from Chisago County Environmental Services, located in Center City and North Branch.

To contact your Chisago County Commissioner:

1ST DISTRICT—Lora Walker, 651-462-2268 or 651-213-8831 (office) North Chisago Lake Twp, Lent Twp, Franconia Twp, North Branch S.

2ND DISTRICT—Rick Greene, 651-583-2513 or 651-213-8832 (office) North Branch N., Shafer, Shafer Twp, Taylors Falls, Amador Twp, Sunrise Twp.

3RD DISTRICT—George McMahon, 651-257-2701 or 651-213-8833 (office) Center City, Chisago City, Lindstrom, South Chisago Lake Twp.

4TH DISTRICT—Ben Montzka, 651-464-8515 or 651-213-8834 (office) Wyoming, Stacy, part of Chisago City.

5TH DISTRICT—Mike Robinson, 320-358-3223 or 651-213-8835 (office) Harris, Rush City, Nessel Twp, Fish Lake Twp, Rusheba Twp.

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