

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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THE CITY OF LAKOTA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. LAKOTA ELECTED OFFICIALS: BRAD HOOEY MAYOR; COUNCIL MEMBERS: JIM VASICHEK, DENNIS MATTERN, BILL SOLBERG, DENNIS FAHEY, DAN FERGUSON, & JOSH NELSON



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 1: Lakota Blood Drive @ Community Center
- December 3: HolidayFest in Lakota
- December 5: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6pm
- December 23: City Office closes at 12:00pm
- December 26: City Office closed-Christmas Holiday
- January 2: City Offices closed -New Years Holiday



## Holiday Open House

The City of Lakota & Lakota Municipal Utilities would like to extend an invitation to all Lakota residents to join us celebrating the holiday! Please join us throughout the week of December 19th during business hours to enjoy a free giveaway and a special treat. The open house will take place Monday-Thursday during office hours of 8am - 3:30pm and Friday 8am-12pm.

We look forward to seeing you while we celebrate this holiday season!

## Lakota Alert Messaging System

As we approach the winter months, please take the time to sign up to receive alerts from the City of Lakota via text message. Alerts will be sent out in emergency situations and we will include any snow removal updates we may have.

We want to better serve you, especially and this way we can communicate to you instantly.

You can subscribe to the system any time. Please utilize the QR Code or sign up at <https://tapit.us/dPP5Jc>



## Online System

Have you tried our online system? To view your account online go to [www.lakotand.enerlyte.com](http://www.lakotand.enerlyte.com) and take a look. If you have not previously logged in you will need to click on the icon at the top right corner of the page. The information you need to do this is found on your utility bills you receive monthly.

Once you are logged in you will also be able to make a payment to your account and see your usage for the last 12 months.

*If not using our online system, please use the drop box at City Hall or mail payments to PO Box 505.*



## FUEL ASSISTANCE

Heating Assistance is available through the Nelson County Social Service office for those who qualify. Eligibility is based on income, assets, and obligations to pay. Please contact the Nelson County Social Service office at 247-2945 for further information.



## Rate Increases

Lakota Municipal Utilities customers will see a small rate increase on their utility bill effective on the February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 bill as approved at the November 7, 2022 City Council meeting. This rate increase was a recommendation from a utility rate study done in 2022 by Missouri River Energy Services (MRES). The approved rates are listed below.

There will also be a \$4.00 increase on the water meter rate charge.

<b>Current &amp; New Electrical Rates</b>			
Customer Class	Rate Components	Current Rates	Rates effective February 1, 2023
<b>Residential</b>	Customer Charge	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.00
	Energy Charge:		
	June-August	\$ 0.0840	\$ 0.0890
	Sept.-May:		
	0-1,200 kWh	\$ 0.0840	\$ 0.0890
	Over 1,200 kWh	\$ 0.0730	\$ 0.0750
<b>Commercial Single-phase</b>	Customer Charge	\$ 28.00	\$ 30.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0885	\$ 0.0900
<b>Commercial Three-phase</b>	Customer Charge	\$ 37.00	\$ 40.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0885	\$ 0.0900
<b>Commercial Elec. Space Heating</b>	Customer Charge	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0700	\$ 0.0720
<b>Large Commercial (Over 50 kW)</b>	Customer Charge	\$ 54.00	\$ 58.00
	Demand Charge	\$ 12.20	\$ 12.50
	Energy Charge	\$ 0.0410	\$ 0.0410
<b>NEW WATER RATES</b>			
3/4" meter - \$35/month			
1" meter - \$51/month			
1 1/2" meter - \$71/month			
2" meter - \$89/month			
Apartment - \$20/month			
Per 1,000 Gallon Charge \$5.80 **no change			
<b><u>Current water rates</u></b>			
<i>3/4" meter - \$31/month</i>			
<i>1" meter - \$47/month</i>			
<i>1 1/2" meter - \$67/month</i>			
<i>2" meter - \$85/month</i>			

# City of Lakota

## Snow Removal Policy

1. With a normal snow fall (1" to 6", with little winds) it will take approximately 6 to 8 hours, to completely open all streets in the city.
2. With a heavier snow fall (4" and up, with heavy winds) it will take approximately 10 to 12 hours, to have all streets opened completely. It could take up to 48 hours to have all clean up done.
3. Snow removal will start as soon as possible, as determined by the Public Works Department. Work can start at any time of the day or night, and will continue until completed. Snow removal will not start when the State or County has no travel posted or until the storm is winding down. The Public Works Department is on call when snow removal equipment is needed in an emergency.
4. As soon as all streets are cleared, the sand trucks will start sanding the main street intersections as needed.

### Procedure Manual

The policy statement covers most snow removal operations, keep in mind that there may be cases where excessive amounts of snow may already be on the ground, severely complicating plowing operations. If this is the case, snow removal may take longer than average, also there may be isolated areas that may take considerably longer to clear. This is an approximation, as far as timing is concerned with clearing the streets. As with any mechanical equipment, breakdowns can and do occur and may delay the time snow removal operations take. The weather in this part of the country can be hard to forecast so snow removal on weekends and holidays may take longer than normal.

Priorities of snow removal are a plow truck and a pay loader starting at the same time. In the event that a snow storm is severe enough, that the plows can't keep the emergency routes opened, the Public Works Department may determine to pull the plows until it lets up. If the county or state has closed roads and/or pulls their snow removal equipment in our area, The City of Lakota Snow Removal Employees will also be pulled. The information will be passed on to the public, through local radio stations and on the website.

### Priorities as follows:

The first roads to be opened up will be the **Snow Emergency Routes** as follows:

Main Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Street East

E Avenue

Once the emergency routes are open the following will be done:

Avenues

Streets

Fire Hall

Airport



### Clearing Sidewalks

The City of Lakota requires that owners and occupants of properties that have a sidewalk/walking path must clear the sidewalk of snow and ice, and shall after every snowfall clear the snow from the sidewalk within 24 hours. Violators may be cited or the City of Lakota may clear the sidewalk at the property owner's expense.

**A reminder that if streets have been cleaned please refrain from blowing, shoveling or pushing snow into the streets.**