



Happy Thanksgiving!

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November 3: Daylight Savings time ends

November 4: Regular City Council meeting at City Hall @ 6:00pm

November 5: Mobile Food Panty @ Community Center 12:00-1:00pm

November 11: Veterans Day Observation-City Office Closed

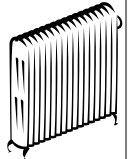
November 28: Thanksgiving Day - City offices closed

November 29: City Hall closed



FUEL ASSISTANCE

The winter season is here and it is time to heat your house. 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.



Holiday Light Display Contest

Sponsored by: City of Lakota – Economic Development

To stimulate and enhance a sense of community by rewarding residents who go above-and-beyond in decorating their home for the winter holiday season.

All homes with a Lakota address are welcome to participate. Homeowners must be registered or “nominated” by an admirer in order to be judged. Entry forms can be found at the city hall.

All entries must be received by 3:00pm, December 6th and must be within city limits. Have your lights on as soon as it’s dark. Winners will be announced at a later time.

Lots of categories – Lots of Prizes!

Clark W. Griswold - Excessive use of outdoor lighting and decoration

Inside-Out – Indoor displays that are visible

Nostalgic – Light display that captures the classic Christmas motif

Creative Use of Lights – One style or color, and/or Synchronized lights.

Business – Best window display or creative use of lights

Winners of each category will win bragging rights in Lakota with a designated yard sign and \$100 in Lakota Bucks.

Online System

Did you know that Lakota Municipal Utilities has a web site? If you go to www.lakotand.enerlyte.com you can view your balance, pay your bill or even set up your bill to receive it by email. When you sign up to receive your bills by email they are received much faster than traditional mail as they are sent out the same day they are computed. You are also able to go back and look at or print past bills.

To use the online system you need your account number that is located on your bill. If you have questions on they online site, stop in at City Hall. We would be happy to help get your online account set up.



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

2nd 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.