

USEFUL INFO FROM THE BARNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT!

MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED MOTOR VEHICLE QUESTIONS

I just moved to Minnesota from another state, how long do I have to register my vehicle?

If you are a new Minnesota resident, you are given 60 days to properly register your vehicle in Minnesota.

If I move or change my name, how long do I have to get my driver's license changed?

You are required to obtain a new driver's license within 30 days.

Do I need two license plates on my vehicle?

Yes. Vehicle must display one license plate affixed to the front of the vehicle, and one license plate affixed to the rear of the vehicle. License plates should be free of any obstruction. This would include lenses or frames on a license plate.

Can a driver use headphones while driving?

Minnesota statute states that the driver of a vehicle cannot use headphones while operating a motor vehicle. In addition, no television screen shall be installed or used in any motor vehicle where it is visible to the driver while operating the motor vehicle.

Are ATV's allowed on City streets?

ATV's are generally allowed if they are properly registered in the State of Minnesota, are operated by a person over the age of 16 years old, used for limited transportation such as the closest route in and out of town, and if operated in compliance with State Law. Operation is prohibited on County and State roads. This includes those portions of their roadways within the City limits.

Can I tint my vehicle windows?

Minnesota State Statute prohibits any side or rear window that is composed of or treated with any material so as to obstruct or substantially reduce the driver's clear view through the window or has a light transmittal of less than 50 % plus or minus 3 %. *Exemptions to this statute are the rear windows of a pickup, or the rear windows or the side windows on either side behind the driver's seat of a van, limousine or funeral vehicle may be tinted to darker than 50 %.*



RULES FOR SAFE SUMMER ENJOYMENT

With summer just around the corner we will want to enjoy family barbeques and evenings by the fire, but it's important to be aware of city ordinances regarding open burning.

Both charcoal and gas barbecue grills that are used for the preparation of food are permitted under city ordinances. Apartment residents must keep grills off balconies and at least 15 feet away from the apartment structure.

In recent years, fire pits, such as those you might buy at Home Depot or Target, have become increasingly popular. Both commercial and homemade fire pits as shown in the picture above are allowed ONLY if equipped with an enclosed mesh cover which will help control and contain fly-away sparks and burning debris.

When using these units, NO grass, weeds, leaves or rubbish may be burned, only wood or artificial logs should be used.

Residents are also reminded that when using fire pits to follow a couple of simple safety rules:

- Always maintain a 50 foot clearance from any structure or combustible material, and
- Make sure buckets, shovels or garden hoses are readily available

NOT ALLOWED
Campfires or open fire rings are not allowed in City limits except at the Wagner Park Campground.



OUR NUISANCE ORDINANCE KEEPS BARNESVILLE LOOKING GOOD !!

Visitors to Barnesville frequently comment how clean and well kept the community looks in comparison to other small towns.

Part of the reason Barnesville does look good is the emphasis that City leaders have placed on property maintenance and our nuisance ordinances that allow the Police Department to work with residents to correct identified concerns.

Each year the Police Department sends out about 80 Notice to Abate Nuisance letters to residents. These letters are sent when it is observed that a resident has nuisance issues or items on their property. The letter requires the resident to correct the nuisance within a determined deadline, usually 30 days. If a deadline passes without correction of the nuisance, a citation may be issued.

Barnesville City Codes define what constitutes a public nuisance. Generally speaking, a public nuisance is a condition or use of property that continues for such length of time as to annoy, injure or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public; renders the public insecure in life or use of property; offends the public morals or decency; or which obstructs a public sidewalk, alley or street.

City Code also contains language that regulates

unlicensed and inoperable vehicles. All vehicles need to be both licensed or operable unless they are parked inside a building.

Common nuisance violations for which the City sends notifications include:

- Household Refuse such as bottles, cans, lawn or bush clippings and overgrown weeds; furniture, household furnishings or appliances and parts.
- Unregistered, unlicensed or inoperable, partially dismantled vehicles, trailers or parts such as tires
- Inoperable agricultural implements and parts, machines and mechanical equipment;
- Used lumber, or waste resulting from building construction, renovation, remodeling or demolition
- Felled trees, tree branches, improperly stored firewood

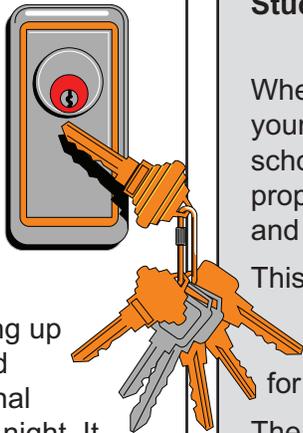
The design of a public nuisance ordinance and the enforcement helps ensure proper maintenance toward a clean and safe community environment. If residents observe possible nuisance violations they should contact the Police Department at 354-2281.

MORE SAFETY REMINDERS FROM THE BARNESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

ALWAYS lock up your home and property.

This is, by far and away, the best defense against becoming a victim of theft or burglary.

This includes locking up garages, sheds and bringing any personal property indoors at night. It is better to be safe than sorry!



Student Drop-Off Loop at the Elementary School

When you are dropping off your elementary student for school, please observe the proper procedure for pulling in and out of the drop-off loop.

This is a very busy area right before and after school and caution is necessary for the safety of our kids.

The regular parking lot at the elementary school is only for use by school staff and buses.

City Curfew for kids under 16 is from 11 pm to 5 am

During those hours kids cannot be on the streets, sidewalks, and parks. Exceptions include work, church or school related activities.



WARNING SIRENS AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATIONS - City emergency and tornado sirens are not designed to be heard indoors. Sirens are meant to be heard by citizens who are outdoors for the purpose of seeking immediate shelter indoors. If you want automatic notifications for emergencies to ring on your home phone or cell phone or have an alert sent to your email, you can sign up for free with the **CodeRed** **CODERED** system. It is very safe and easy to use.

Register online at barnesvillemn.com, click on the CodeRed link or by phone by calling the Clay County Sheriff's office (218)299-5151.

