

Waste Wizard

THERE'S A PROPER PLACE FOR YOUR WASTE

Rice County now has Waste Wizard — a new tool on our website to assist you with determining how and where to dispose of or recycle your waste.

If you live on a farm, in a cabin on the lake, a house, an apartment, or anywhere within Rice County, check Waste Wizard to find out where to properly dispose of your items. You can find the Waste Wizard at www.co.rice.mn.us/207/Solid-Waste-Facility and www.co.rice.mn.us/220/Recycling-Center.

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The 2020 Census at a Glance

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1.

The census is much more than just a head count. Census statistics are used to determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed annually for critical public services like hospitals, schools, roads, bridges, and emergency response. It provides a picture of our nation and helps us see how our communities have changed over time. That's why an accurate count is so important.

Understanding The Census

The first census was in 1790. The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. So once every decade, the federal government conducts a census of the entire population to count everyone in the United States and record basic information about them.

Who Is Required To Respond?

Everyone living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories is required by law to be counted in the 2020 Census.

Why It's Required

Getting a complete and accurate census count is critically important. That's why your response is required by law. **In 2020, for the first time ever, the U.S. Census Bureau will accept responses online, but you can still respond by phone or mail if you prefer.** If you do not respond, the U.S. Census Bureau will follow up in person to collect your response. And while you are required by law to participate, the Census Bureau is also required by law to protect your answers.

Confidential and Secure

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. **They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way – not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.**

Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private.

The Census Bureau will never ask for your Social Security number, bank or credit card account numbers, money or donations, or anything on behalf of a political party.

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Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary

For the first time since 1992, Minnesota will join the ranks of those states getting first say in who we want to see as our presidential candidates when the presidential nomination primary is held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

A presidential nomination primary differs from a general election and a state primary. Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the presidential primary ballot. Other offices with a primary will be on the primary ballot in August.

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party have submitted candidates for the ballot. In addition, the Republican Party requested a write-in spot to be placed on their ballot; the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party did not request to have a write-in spot

Important Election Dates

Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary — March 3

Absentee voting for the Presidential Nomination Primary begins January 17

Primary Election — August 11

General Election — November 3

on their ballot. Although two additional political parties obtained major party status in Minnesota in the 2018 general election, the Grassroots-Legalize Cannabis Party and Legal Marijuana Now Party notified the Minnesota

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What's New

Construction Update

The Rice County Government Services Building construction project, which began in the fall of 2018, is now running slightly ahead of schedule.

The first phase of the project was the two-story addition built onto the east side of the existing building, which was completed in August.

The next phase involved remodeling and reconfiguring the entire lower level, temporarily moving offices as needed, starting with Social Services. That area was completed in early November, a month ahead of schedule. All workers have returned to the lower level and can be found in their permanent locations.

Public Health is now temporarily located on the first floor during its remodeling. This area's completion date is anticipated for the third week of February. At that point, the Housing Office will permanently move to the lower level, allowing for all human services to be located on the same floor.

The final phase of the project will focus on remodeling the upper level. Departments will temporarily shift to the new addition's training room while work occurs in each area. Way finding should be less confusing for the public during this phase, due to each move remaining on the upper level.

Once the interior remodeling is complete, there is only a small amount of exterior work remaining. Landscaping will be finished and the parking lot will get a final lift of asphalt. The east parking lot, with its new diagonal parking, has changed to one-way traffic, while the other sides of the building remain as two-way traffic.

The entire project now has an anticipated completion date of June/July 2020.

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The Census Bureau has a robust cyber security program that incorporates industry best practices and federal security standards for encrypting data.

The Census Bureau is committed to making the 2020 Census quick, easy, and safe for all participants. Here are some tips to help you stay safe.

- **Avoiding Scams Online.** It is important to know that the Census Bureau will not send unsolicited emails to request your participation in the 2020 Census.
- **Staying Safe at Home.** If someone visits your home to collect a response for the 2020 Census, you can do the following to verify their identity: First, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. If you still have questions about their identity, you can call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative.

- **Reporting Suspected Fraud.** If you suspect fraud, call 800-923-8282 to speak with a local Census Bureau representative. If it is determined that the visitor who came to your door does not work for the Census Bureau, contact your local police department.

What to Expect in the Mail

On or Between	You'll Receive
March 12–20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census.
March 16–24	A reminder letter.

If You Haven't Responded Yet:

March 26–April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8–16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20–27	A final reminder postcard before there is a followup visit in person.

To learn more about the 2020 Census, visit 2020census.gov.

Rural Impact County Challenge

Rice County is one of 12 rural counties from around the country chosen to participate in the Rural Impact County Challenge, a national initiative to help advance county efforts to both expand affordable housing and understand the link between housing, health, and equity. The project is a collaboration between the National Association of Counties (NACo), Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute that provides data, evidence, guidance, and examples in order to build awareness of the multiple factors that influence health and connect community leaders working to improve health and equity. The goal is to identify new and innovative solutions to the issues facing counties, including affordable housing. These selected teams will join together as a community of learners in a structured format to learn, collaborate, and network.

A four-person team made up of Rice County staff from Public Health, the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and Commissioner Galen Malecha will be working together on this project for the next year by attending conferences and participating in monthly online coaching sessions. The first in-person session was held in Lake Placid, N.Y.,

at the NaCo Rural Action Caucus Summit. In January, the entire team will convene in New Haven, Mo. The year will close with a final in-person session in Florida. Online coaching is done in a group format with other counties and will feature a different topic each month. In addition to the NACo coaches, sessions feature a subject matter expert in the monthly topic, and teams then have the opportunity to reach out to the expert individually to get additional information.

The format of the project allows participating counties to learn from their coaches, subject matter experts, and fellow rural counties. At the first in-person meeting, participants had an opportunity to meet their coaches from the University of Wisconsin as well as their counterparts from across the country, including counties from California, Florida, and New York. The counties vary in size, from 13,000 people to over 200,000; each has their own individual challenges, but there are also similarities that are shared, regardless of geographic location or population.

The Rice County team hopes to be able to use what is learned to positively impact housing and health outcomes here at home.

The 2020 Census is accessible for everyone.

We're making sure that **however you choose to respond** — online, by phone, or by mail — that **the census is accessible**. You'll receive an invitation to respond **beginning in mid-March**. You choose how you want to respond.



You can respond **online** in English or in 12 additional languages. The online questionnaire is accessible, following the latest web accessibility guidelines. We'll also have a video in **American Sign Language** available to guide you through responding online.



You can respond by **phone** in English or in 12 additional languages. You can also respond in English by **TDD** at 844-467-2020.



By mid-April, we'll mail a **paper questionnaire** to every household that hasn't already responded. (Some households will receive a paper questionnaire along with the first invitation in March.)

We'll have **braille and large print guides** available online to assist you with completing the paper questionnaire.



If necessary, you can respond **in person** beginning in mid-May. Census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

We'll have census takers available who can communicate in **American Sign Language** and additional languages. When the census taker visits to help you respond, you can request that another census taker who communicates in American Sign Language returns, if you prefer.

If you prefer, you may also choose to have another member of your household interact with the census taker.

Responding is important. A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and public transportation can support those who need them.

Responding is safe. All of the information you share with us is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

Responding is accessible. We're doing everything we can to ensure the ways to respond are accessible for everyone.

Any questions? Please visit 2020census.gov.
This website is 508 compliant and accessible to people of all abilities.

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Did You Know?

Conservation Tree Seedlings, Native Plants for Sale

The Rice Soil and Water Conservation District, 1810 NW 30th Street in Faribault, is taking orders for its annual tree and native plant sale. The district sells a wide variety of tree seedlings and shrubs (in quantities of 25, 50, etc.) to be used for conservation purposes such as windbreaks and wildlife plantings. **Order trees before February 26 for best selection.** Trees arrive in mid-April.

Native prairie plants for rain gardens and butterfly gardens may also be ordered now and picked up in May.

To receive a tree or native plant order form or get free help with a windbreak or native garden plan, call the District office at 507-332-5408 or visit www.riceswcd.org. Orders may also be placed online and paid by credit card at riceswcdonlinestore.com.

County Holidays

All Rice County departments and services observe the following holidays – offices will be closed.

2020

- Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan. 20 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Feb. 17 – President’s Day
- May 25 – Memorial Day
- July 3 – Observed Independence Day
- Sept. 7 – Labor Day
- Nov. 11 – Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 27 – Friday after Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 – Christmas Day

2021

- Jan. 1 – New Year’s Day
- Jan. 18 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

2019 Rice County Community Health Assessment

Rice County Public Health is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 Rice County Community Health Assessment. The goal of this assessment is to summarize county-specific health information and to identify priority issues related to the health and wellbeing of Rice County residents. This assessment is completed every five years with subsequent development of a community health improvement plan.

To complete the assessment, public health staff, led by Rice County Public Health Clinic and Community Supervisor Sara Coulter, worked with local partners to compile, analyze, and summarize data from a variety of sources. This information was then used to identify and strategize health priorities, taking into account community resources and strengths.

The 2019 Rice County Community Health Assessment is divided into four sections:

- **People:** Describes who we are, where we have come from, and where we might be going. This section also addresses the cost of our experiences with disease.
- **Opportunity:** Describes how our opportunities for education, employment, income, housing, and transportation affect our health. This section also begins to expose the differential power various populations have in Rice County to experience health.
- **Nature:** Describes how our connection to and our interactions with the world around us shape our health.

- **Belonging:** Describes how our early life experiences and our sense of belonging in community with those around us either help or hinder us from reaching our health potential.

At a community meeting held in June 2019, the top ten priority health issues in Rice County were identified as housing, education, access to care, income and employment, transportation, nutrition and anemia, weight status, mental health and suicide, domestic and sexual violence, and chronic illness.

The community can use information gathered during the assessment process to help make informed decisions and direct efforts on the improvement of health and wellbeing for Rice County residents. “Community health assessments are a helpful public health tool, to better understand the health needs of our local community, and to strategize ways to help make Rice County a healthier place to live, learn, work, and play,” says Rice County Public Health Director Deb Purfeerst. “This establishes a groundwork we can use to guide work with community partners to address local health needs, and to create a plan that can positively impact the health of our residents.”

The 2019 Rice County Community Health Assessment is available on the department’s website, located under the Public Health Related Data section, at www.co.rice.mn.us/256/Public-Health.

Public/Residential Solid Waste Facility Fee Schedule

Rice County Recycling Fees (effective January 1, 2019)

Demolition	\$28/ton (\$15 minimum)
Self Haulers – Car, pickup, trailer (single axle)	\$25 (tax included)
Large Loads – Waste (multiple axles)	\$63.33/ton (plus tax)
Asbestos (24-hour notice; by appointment only)	\$80/ton -or- \$45/pickup -or-
Note: Double fee if found in load without notification/appointment)	\$9/bag (up to 3 bags)
Mattress or Box Spring (recyclable)	\$25/mattress or box spring
Mattress or Box Spring (landfilled)	\$35/mattress or box spring
Appliances (washers, dryers, air conditioners, electric refrigerators, etc.)	\$15/item
Gas Refrigerators (over 4 feet)	\$150
Gas Refrigerators (under 4 feet)	\$75
Electronics: Computer towers and small home printers	\$5/item
Small electronics/rechargeable devices	\$5/item
TVs and computer screens	\$15/item
Household Hazardous Waste	\$0 (no fee)
Tires:	
Tires (16" and under)	\$2/each up to 8; \$5/each >8
Truck Tires (17"–20")	\$5/each up to 8; \$10/each >8
Truck Tires (over 20")	\$10/each up to 4; \$15/each >4
Tractor Tires (without rim)	\$25/each up to 2; \$35/each >2

Rice County Landfill, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

3800 145th Street E., Dundas, MN 55019

507-332-6833 • www.co.rice.mn.us/207/Solid-Waste-Facility • rcsolidwaste@co.rice.mn.us

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday–Friday: 7:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Saturday: **April–October:** 7:30–11:30 a.m. (2nd and 4th Saturdays only)
November–March: 7:30–11:30 a.m. (2nd Saturday only)

2020 Recycling Calendar/Schedule

Your single-sort recycling will be picked up on a schedule set by your garbage hauler (bi-weekly or weekly). Call your garbage hauler if you are not sure of your week (blue or white, indicated below; your hauler may use different colors).

[Grey Box] = Rice County Landfill, Recycling, Household Hazardous Waste Facilities are closed

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Did You Know?

Electronics and Battery Recycling

Only You Can Prevent Fires!

Electronics and lithium batteries make our life easy and convenient. But when they are disposed of incorrectly, they can be a fire hazard.

In recent years, there has been a spike in fires erupting at recycling and solid waste facilities and in collection trucks due to lithium-ion batteries and other electronics. In fact, a fire recently started in a cardboard bale at the Rice County Recycling Center. Luckily, the staff noticed early enough to remove the bale from the building and put out the fire.

Why Electronics and Batteries are Explosive

Lithium-ion batteries are packed with the power of combustion. Contained inside these batteries is a flammable electrolyte which helps keep your phone, laptop or device charged, but under the right conditions, can ignite into flames.

When a lithium-ion battery is included with other recyclables, all materials get compacted in the hopper of the collection truck, putting that battery under pressure. When delivered to the recycling facility, that load moves through a series of machines and equipment, causing additional pressure and potential holes being poked into the battery. That volatile situation combined with paper material moving through the facility can cause heat build-up and fire conditions.

DO NOT Place Electronics or Rechargeable Batteries in Recycling or Trash Bins

Only you can help prevent recycling truck and facility fires by keeping rechargeable batteries out of your recycling and trash bins. **Please recycle responsibly.**

Resilience

When a snowstorm hits with force and a person ought to go out and clear the snow but then the snow blower doesn't work, why does one person choose to shovel the snow and another person decide to watch TV? The answer may be resilience. The ability to overcome obstacles by leaning into the adversity prevails in certain people. As they listen to their inner voice, they persevere through the setbacks of a broken snow blower or a sore back. They do not give up on a four-foot snow bank left by the plow.

"Resilient people have flexible thinking," says Eric Lundin, a licensed psychologist for Rice County Social Services who works as an outpatient therapist. "This allows them to develop expectations when needed and lower those expectations if circumstances change. They have realistic limits and realize when to say no. They learn to recognize what is possible and ignore what is impossible."

In a study of resilient people who lived through significant difficulty in their lives, use of skill was essential to their resilience. Perhaps they had experienced delinquency, unplanned pregnancy, mental illness in the home, abuse, poverty, or alcoholism. The individuals in the study were active problem solvers who used whatever strengths they had to their advantage. They sought out people who cared, possibly a friend, teacher, or a neighbor. They set out to have a realistic but ambitious goal for the future. There was an inner defiance to their circumstance.

Beethoven is an example of someone who faced adversity. Much of his music was written after he became deaf. Beethoven had three essential qualities. First, he learned to "let it go." Beethoven wrote to his friends stating he would not allow deafness to wholly conquer his life. Second, he relied on faith and did not despair, telling his friends he was happy to be alive. Third, he knew he may suffer but he could choose to remain cheerful. He once said, "I can defy this fate even though there will be times when I shall be the unhappiest of creatures."

Resilience can also be described as grit. Grit can be summed up in several skills. You can make it a deliberate practice – incorporating passion for your work and hobbies, creating a sense of purpose toward achieving a priority goal, and developing a sense of self-control.

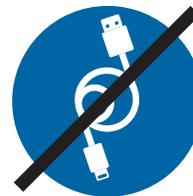
Resilience is the ability to recognize how our belief systems can be useful or detrimental – learning to avoid blame and not making assumptions of what others may think.

"We can develop added resilience by challenging old belief systems," says Lundin. "Preventing ourselves from creating unnecessary anger, learning to stay in the present and not think too much about the past or future, and training ourselves to be non-judgmental about events and people. Finally, we can avoid running from things that are scary, using resilience to work through the challenge."

These Items Do Not Belong in Your Recycling Cart!



Do Not Bag Recyclables
No Garbage



No Tangles
(no hoses, wires,
chains, or electronics)



No Plastic Bags or
Plastic Wrap
(return to retail stores)



No Sharps



No Food or Liquid
(empty all containers)



No Batteries

Minnesota Presidential Nomination Primary

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Office of the Secretary of State that they will not be participating.

Important to Know

“All voters need to be prepared to choose a party when they go to the polls,” says Rice County Elections Director Denise Anderson. “Each major party will have a separate ballot. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the presidential nomination primary.”

A voter’s choice of party ballot is private data, but will be recorded on the voter’s record in the Minnesota Statewide Voter Registration System. A list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the

chair of each major political party. **But how a voter voted on the ballot will be secret.**

How to Vote

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day, or by absentee ballot in the 46 days before presidential primary day, starting on January 17. Polling places in Rice County will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, March 3.

Voters can visit the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website at www.sos.state.mn.us to check their registration status, register to vote, or apply for an absentee ballot.

For more information, visit www.co.rice.mn.us/191/Election-Information or contact staff in the Property Tax & Elections Office at 507-332-6104.

What is GIS? How is it Used in Rice County?

Have you heard of GIS (geographic information system)?

“Well, have you ever used Google Maps, MapQuest or Bing Maps? If so, you *have* used it,” says Rice County GIS Coordinator Michelle Trager. “But don’t worry, you aren’t alone. Most people have used GIS and don’t realize it.”

GIS combines location and information. It allows you to inventory and manage data, and ask questions to help you solve spatial problems. Esri (Environmental Systems Research Institute), an international supplier of GIS software, states that “GIS is a framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data. Rooted in the science of geography, GIS integrates many types of data. It analyzes spatial location and organizes layers of information into visualizations using maps and 3D scenes. With this unique capability, GIS reveals deeper insights into data, such as patterns, relationships, and situations – helping users make smarter decisions.”

“At Rice County we use GIS software to gather and inventory data,” says Trager. “We update many map layers, including parcels, subdivisions, road centerlines, address points, and disaster locations.” Data layers are updated and created using legal descriptions, legal documents, plat maps, and aerial photography. Other data are collected using GPS (Global Positioning System) units, and mobile apps on tablets or phones.

On the county’s Beacon website, www.co.rice.mn.us/beacon, you can view property information, tax information, your tax state-

ment and a map of your property. The Beacon website also displays valuation, permit, sales, and other property information. On the Map tab, you can see the location of parcels, lots, blocks, subdivisions, water bodies, and parks. You can also view multiple years of aerial imagery, including 2019. To look at a property from an angled view, use the Oblique Imagery Viewer to see all sides of a building, or use the Google Streetview tool to view a property from the street. Measurement, markup and COGO (coordinate geometry) tools are available to plan a project.

Those who are interested in history can visit the interactive story map at www.co.rice.mn.us/historic_places and learn about the 73 places on the National Registry of Historic Places located in Rice County. This information (along with other layers of data) was used in the Fundamental Inventory Guide of the Comprehensive Plan. Maps, planning, and analysis were also used in the county’s Water, Park, and All Hazard Mitigation Plans. Staff members and the public use GIS to find information and solve problems every day.

To learn more about GIS, visit www.esri.com/en-us/what-is-gis/overview. To find Rice County maps, both PDF and interactive, visit the county website and click on the Maps button, or go directly to www.co.rice.mn.us/172/Maps. There you will find links to Beacon and historic places, along with many others, including commissioner districts, the Rice County highway map, road construction, soils, zoning, and ditch maps.

County Profile



Denise Anderson Property Tax Administrator & Elections Director

Denise Anderson was hired as the new Rice County Property Tax Administrator & Elections Director in May 2019. In her position, she is responsible for administering and ensuring compliance with applicable statutes in the areas of property taxes, elections, and various licenses.

Born in Evansville, Ill., and raised in Wabasha, Minn., Anderson worked for Wabasha County for 24 years. During that time, she held every position in the Auditor/Treasurer’s Office, and since 2010, was elected three times as the Auditor/Treasurer, a post she held until arriving in Rice County.

As the county’s chief election official, Anderson oversees all county election processes, including candidate filings, publishing legal notices, programming and ordering ballots, training election judges, posting results, and coordinating with all local jurisdictions.

“Property taxes and elections are things I enjoy doing,” she said. “I love serving the public, and am very excited to be here.”

Anderson and her husband, Mike, have been married for three years. They are parents to a fur baby named Zoey, a one-year-old puppy. They recently purchased a home in Morristown and are happily getting settled.

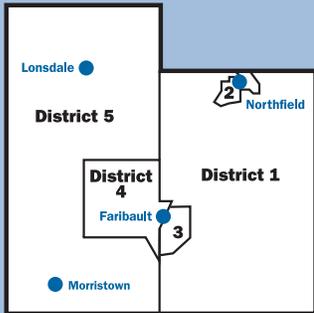


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Rice County Standing Meetings

Board of Commissioners

Meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month as a Committee of the Whole/Work Session, 8:30 a.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

Meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month as a Regular Board, 8:30 a.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

Board of Adjustment

Meets the first Thursday of the month; 7:00 p.m., Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

Planning Commission

Meets the first Thursday of the month, immediately following the Board of Adjustment meeting, Commissioners' Room, Rice County Government Services Building.

Community Corrections Advisory Board

Meets the third Thursday of March, June, September and December, 3:30 p.m., Rice County Government Services Building.

Community Health Services

Citizens' Advisory Committee

Meets the fourth Wednesday every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November), 6:30-8:00 p.m.; call 507-332-6111 for location.

Rice County Emergency Preparedness

Advisory Council

Meets quarterly, 7:00-9:00 p.m.; call 507-332-6119 for meeting date and location.

Mental Health Advisory Council

Meets the fourth Wednesday of January, February, March, April, September and October, 12:00 p.m. (noon), Friendship House, located at 310 First Avenue NW, #1, Faribault.

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