



IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Date: June 27, 2016

From: Chris Peterson, City Administrator

Regarding: **TRASH PICK-UP ON ELLSWORTH ST. and
Potential Grant and Loan Program for sewer service**

TRASH PICK UP: When underground work is being performed on your block or the area is significantly blocked, the Waste Management garbage truck may not be able to drive by your house. If you predict this will be the case, you may wheel your garbage tote and recycling to the nearest intersection for pick-up. Please tape a note on your tote with your address, so they don't get mixed up. If you are not able to move your tote that far, please leave it in front of your house as usual, and the crew on site will do their best to move it for you.

If there is no work being performed on your block, the Waste Management truck will make every effort to drive on that portion of the street for regular pick-up.

Thank you for your patience. If your garbage/recycling gets missed, please call City Hall as soon as possible; we may be able to arrange for pick-up before the Waste Management truck leaves town that day.

POTENTIAL GRANT: Please see attached brochure from the USDA Rural Development Home Repair Grant and Loan Program, which contains information about possible funding toward the Ellsworth Street sewer service expense.

**PLEASE SEE THE REVERSE SIDE FOR AN UPDATE ON RECEIVING MAIL.
DELIVERY WILL NOT TAKE PLACE ON THE STREET
AS LONG AS THE "ROAD CLOSED" SIGN IS POSTED.**



June 27, 2016

Dear Postal Customer:

As you are aware, the construction on Ellsworth Street has made it impossible for us to provide mail service to you, and we understand this may continue for the next several weeks.

We are currently holding your mail at the Post Office. You may pick it up during our normal window hours, which are 8:30 – 11:30 and 12:30 – 3:45 Monday – Friday, and 9:00 – 10:30 Saturday.

As a courtesy, we would like to offer you a complimentary Post Office Box at the Post Office for your mail delivery during this time. This would give you access to your held mail, including most parcels, from 7:00 am – 7:30 pm, Monday – Saturday. If you are interested in this service, please give us a call at 507-896-3948 to discuss this further.

We are sorry for the inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,


Eileen Przytarski, Postmaster

Low interest home improvement loans and grants are available through the USDA Rural Development. This program is designed for very-low income persons. Funding is based on an annual appropriation.

Loan funds can be used for making basic repairs, installing essential features or to remove health and safety hazards (including sewage system).

The maximum loan amount is \$20,000 at an interest rate of 1% and a repayment period up to 20 years.

Grants are limited to elderly families (62 years or older) and can only be used to remove health or safety hazards (including sewage system), or remodel dwellings to make them accessible to household members with disabilities.

The maximum grant assistance is \$7,500.

Liquid Retirement Asset limit for elderly household is \$20,000 and \$15,000 for non-elderly household. (Assets include: CDs, stocks, bonds, savings, etc.)

Applicants must be rural residents or live in a town with a population under 20,000, meet income guidelines, have a reasonable credit history, own the home to be repaired, and be unable to obtain credit elsewhere.

(Fairbault, Owatonna and Northfield are eligible areas as these communities are "grandfathered" into the program).

This program is not available in:
Rochester, Austin, Mankato, Minneapolis, St. Paul, or Winona.

Repairs to Mobile or Manufactured homes may be possible if the applicant owns the home and the site and occupied the home prior to filing an application. It must be on a permanent foundation (either a full below-grade foundation; or blocks, piers, or other type foundation with skirting, and anchoring with tie-downs).

The maximum property value limit for the counties served throughout the Southeast Region is between \$216,840 and \$257,600.
(effective June 15, 2015)

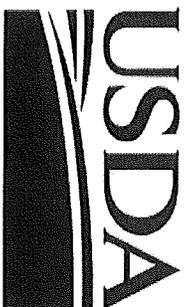
For more information please contact:

Rural Development
1408 21st Ave NW, Ste #3
Austin, MN 55912
507 437-8247 Ext. 4
www.rd.usda.gov/mn

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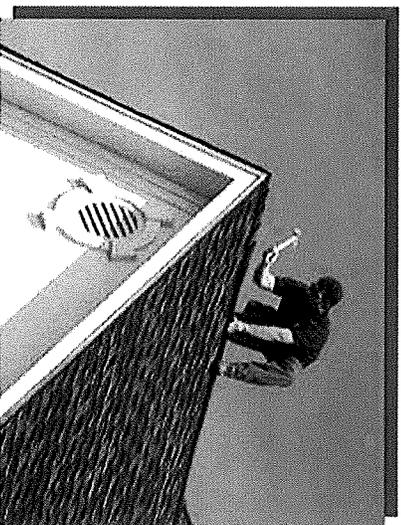
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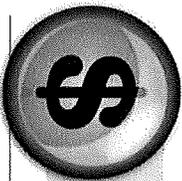


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Department of
Agriculture

Do you own a
home that
needs repair . . .

but you think you
can't afford it?





To qualify, your household income must be at or below the Very Low Income Limit

Adjusted Very Low Income Limits Effective June 15, 2016

County	1 Person	2 Person	3 Person	4 Person	5 Person	6 Person	7 Person	8 Person
BLUE EARTH	26,050	29,800	33,500	37,200	40,200	43,200	46,150	49,150
DAKOTA	30,350	34,650	39,000	43,300	46,800	50,250	53,700	57,200
DODGE	29,600	33,800	38,050	42,250	45,650	49,050	52,400	55,800
FARIBAULT	22,350	25,550	28,750	31,900	34,500	37,050	39,600	42,150
FILLMORE	23,450	26,800	30,150	33,500	36,200	38,900	41,550	44,250
FREEBORN	22,350	25,550	28,750	31,900	34,500	37,050	39,600	42,150
GOODHUE	26,250	30,000	33,750	37,500	40,500	43,500	46,500	49,500
HOUSTON	24,600	28,100	31,600	35,100	37,950	40,750	43,550	46,350
LE SUEUR	25,900	29,600	33,300	36,950	39,950	42,900	45,850	48,800
MOWER	22,350	25,550	28,750	31,900	34,500	37,050	39,600	42,150
OLMSTED	29,600	33,800	38,050	42,250	45,650	49,050	52,400	55,800
RICE	26,400	30,150	33,900	37,650	40,700	43,700	46,700	49,700
SCOTT	30,350	34,650	39,000	43,300	46,800	50,250	53,700	57,200
STEELE	26,600	30,400	34,200	37,950	41,000	44,050	47,100	50,100
WABASHA	25,350	28,950	32,550	36,150	39,050	41,950	44,850	47,750
WASECA	23,900	27,300	30,700	34,100	36,850	39,600	42,300	45,050
WINONA	24,400	27,900	31,400	34,850	37,650	40,450	43,250	46,050

To determine your adjusted income, deduct the following from your gross income:

- ▶ \$480 for each dependent family member under 18 years old
- ▶ \$400 for a household member who is 62 years or older
- ▶ Day care expenses in order to be employed

