

Newfolden City Scene

March 2025

Newfolden is awarded Electric Grid Resiliency Funding

The City of Newfolden has been awarded grant funding from the Minnesota Department of Commerce for purposes related to enhancing the resiliency of our electric grid. More specifically, funds are being allocated to upgrade and bury critical pieces of the Newfolden distribution system. This will further protect primary and secondary electric service lines from service disruption related to external interference such as extreme weather conditions, tree and/or limb falls, or ice build-up. We will see the most vulnerable areas of Newfolden's electrical grid upgraded. It is anticipated these actions will improve resilience, ensure more consistent services, and significantly reduce repair costs. Work is anticipated to start during the summer of 2025.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

ARE YOU PREPARED FOR SPRING THAW?

A reminder that spring thaw, spring rain, and rising water tables may create a wetter than normal Spring!

IS YOUR SUMP PUMP DRAINING INTO THE SANITARY SEWER?

The City of Newfolden monitors and reports flows, discharge, and other testing of the wastewater pumped daily into Newfolden's sanitary sewer system. The sewer system is permitted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is closely monitored. The City adopted a stricter ordinance to reduce the flow of clean water into the sanitary sewer system. If you would like a copy of the complete ordinance, contact the Newfolden City Office.

SUMMARY OF CITY OF NEWFOLDEN, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REDUCTION OF CLEAN WATER IN THE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM WITHIN THE CITY OF NEWFOLDEN, MINNESOTA

This ordinance applies to the discharge of water from roof, surface, groundwater, sump pumps, footing tiles, swimming pools and other natural precipitation into the municipal sanitary sewer system. No person shall discharge any clear water into the sanitary sewer system, by any means, intentional or unintentional.

All dwellings with a sump pump are required to have a permanently installed discharge line to either the outside of the structure or connected to the City storm-sewer system

Inspections for compliance will be conducted at regular intervals and may include, but not be limited to manual inspection of sump-pump discharge system, visualization of lateral service lines via camera and/or smoke testing.

A monthly utility surcharge, determined annually, may be imposed if inspection is not allowed, if compliance cannot be verified, required corrections have not been made, and violations are determined.

Newfolden Day-Care Survey – We want to hear from you!

If you, or someone close to you, are impacted by the shortage of daycare within our community or have you considered beginning a home-based daycare career? Please take a moment to complete this survey.

Information is being used to help as the City of Newfolden partners with CEDA (Community and Economic Development Associates) to seek out ways we can have a positive impact on this issue.

Surveys can be returned to the Newfolden city office by way of the utility drop box, mail to PO Box 188, Newfolden MN 56738, scan and email to www.newfolden@wiktel.com.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO SHARE YOUR OPINIONS AND EXPERIENCES!

If you are interested in starting or expanding a home-based daycare, what primary financial barriers do you face?

- ☐ Start-up costs (e.g., equipment, supplies)
- ☐ Home renovations to meet licensing standards
- ☐ Licensing fees and paperwork costs
- ☐ Ongoing operational expenses (e.g., utilities, insurance)
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

What type of financial assistance would be most helpful?

- ☐ A forgivable grant (no repayment required if conditions are met)
- ☐ A low-interest loan (repayable over time)
- ☐ Assistance with licensing and certification costs
- ☐ Others (please specify): _____

How quickly would financial support help you open or expand a home-based daycare?

- ☐ Within 3 months
- ☐ 3 – 6 months
- ☐ 6 – 12 months
- ☐ More than a year

Would you be willing to share your experiences or ideas in a follow-up conversation about daycare needs in Newfolden?

- ☐ Yes (please provide your contact information)
 - ☐ No
- _____
- _____

How important do you believe increasing access to home-based daycare is for the Newfolden community's growth and workforce?

- ☐ Extremely important
- ☐ Somewhat important
- ☐ Neutral
- ☐ Not very important
- ☐ Unimportant

Do you know others in the community who are interested in providing home-based daycare if financial support were available?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure

Would expanded daycare options improve your ability (or others' ability) to work or participate in the local economy?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not applicable

What additional resources or incentives would encourage you or others to open a home-based daycare?

How easy or difficult is it for you to find childcare in Newfolden?

- ☐ Very easy – I have no trouble finding available childcare.
- ☐ Somewhat easy – I can find daycare, but with limited options.
- ☐ Difficult – I struggle to find available childcare.
- ☐ Very difficult – I cannot find childcare when I need it.
- ☐ Not applicable – I do not currently need childcare.

If you currently have childcare, how far in advance did you need to plan to secure a spot?

- ☐ No wait – I found childcare right away.
- ☐ 1 – 3 months in advance.
- ☐ 4 – 6 months in advance.
- ☐ More than 6 months in advance.
- ☐ I could not find childcare.
- ☐ Not applicable – I do not need childcare.