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WE'RE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU IN OAKDALE, NEW RESIDENT!

Welcome to your new home! We're excited you are part of our community, and our City of Oakdale staff is here to orient you. If this guide doesn't answer your questions, feel free to reach out with a phone call, e-mail, letter or friendly visit to City Hall!

Oakdale has a proud history and promising future. Designated as a city in 1974, Oakdale is located in Washington County with over 28,000 people. The City is experiencing significant growth with the population expected to reach 35,000 in the next five years.

Over 625 businesses call Oakdale "home," providing retail, dining, entertainment, commercial, industrial and professional services. Recent housing development and the METRO Gold Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system are expected to spur additional business growth in the near future.

The City of Oakdale offers a variety of recreational and leisure pursuits for people of all ages and backgrounds. Oakdale boasts 29 City parks including the scenic 220-acre Oakdale Nature Preserve that includes the Oakdale Discovery Center, lake and numerous walking and biking trails. Walton Park, where City Hall is located, hosts events like summer concerts, farmers markets, movies in the park and the annual City celebration, Summerfest.

In Oakdale, our City staff takes pride in helping residents live happily. That includes providing timely and friendly service in all areas of policing, emergency services, public works, permitting and inspections, recreation and all areas of administration. Our elected officials also work hard to engage with and represent Oakdale residents and businesses when making decisions.



We hope that this guide is helpful as you settle in to Oakdale. We hope to meet you soon, neighbor!

CONTACT US

CITY HALL 651-739-5086
1584 Hadley Avenue N
Monday through Friday 8 AM to 4:30 PM

CITY OFFICES

Building Inspections	651-739-5150
Code Enforcement	651-702-5225
Community Development	651-730-2806
Engineering	651-730-2734
Fire	651-731-8886
Human Resources	651-730-2714
Licensing	651-730-2704
Police	651-738-1025
Public Works	651-730-2740
Recreation	651-747-3860
Utility Billing	651-730-2710

DISCOVERY CENTER 651-747-3860
4444 Hadley Avenue N
Mon., Tues., Wed. & Fri. 8 AM to 4:30 PM
Thursday 8 AM to 8 PM
Saturday 12 to 4 PM
Sunday 1 to 4 PM

**DIAL 911 FOR ANY SITUATION NEEDING
POLICE, FIRE OR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL**

CITY COUNCIL

CITY COUNCIL meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, at Oakdale City Hall. Questions? Call 651-730-2704.

CONTACT THE CITY COUNCIL

Mayor Kevin Zabel
612-227-1186
kevin.zabel@oakdalemn.gov

Council Member Kari Moore
931-220-6821
kari.moore@oakdalemn.gov

Council Member Andy Morcomb
952-381-1606
andy.morcomb@oakdalemn.gov

Council Member Gary Severson
651-243-0996
gary.severson@oakdalemn.gov

CITY COUNCIL ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

The City of Oakdale has four advisory bodies to City Council that are comprised of City residents and advise the Council on various projects and make recommendations for its consideration. Residents and businesses are also welcome to attend meetings and provide feedback during open forum opportunities.

All City Council advisory commission meetings are held at **Oakdale City Hall, 1584 Hadley Avenue N.**

For more information about advisory bodies or to apply, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/298/Advisory-Bodies.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7 PM

No meetings in January, April, July and December

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6 PM

No meetings in January, March, June and December

PLANNING COMMISSION

Meets the 1st Thursday of each month at 7 PM

TREE BOARD

Meets the 3rd Tuesday in January, March, June and September at 5 PM

CONNECT!

www.oakdalemn.gov

Subscribe to City news:

- Click on “Receive Notifications” button on City website home page
- Follow instructions on the page to sign up!

Subscribe to meeting materials online:

- Click on “How Do I”
- Navigate to “Sign Up For”
- Select “Meeting Materials”

Like and follow Oakdale on Facebook

- **City:** cityoakdalemn
- **Fire:** oakdaleFD
- **Recreation:** oakdalefun

Follow Oakdale on X

- **City:** @oakdalemn
- **Police:** @oakdaleMN_PD

Follow on these other social platforms

- **YouTube:** CityOfOakdaleMN
- **LinkedIn:** oakdalemn

**Watch City Council and advisory body meetings
LIVE on the City of Oakdale YouTube Channel!**

**Residents also receive the Oakdale Update
newsletter in their mailboxes three times a year!**

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the school district that serves Oakdale?

Oakdale is located in ISD 622, and the schools that serve Oakdale residents include Carver, Castle, Justice Alan Page and Eagle Point Elementary Schools; John Glenn and Skyview Middle Schools; North and Tartan High Schools. www.isd622.org

Can I get my license renewed at Oakdale City Hall?

Oakdale does not offer vehicle services (drivers licenses, tabs, etc.). Nearby centers include:

- Stillwater License Center
1520 West Frontage Road, Stillwater, MN 55082
- White Bear Lake License Center
4701 Highway 61 N, White Bear Lake, MN 55110
- Woodbury License Center
2150 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

How do I sign up for trash and recycling collection?

The City of Oakdale has an open hauling system, meaning residents contract with one of the licensed trash haulers of their choice. Find licensed haulers at: www.oakdalemn.gov/163/Trash-Haulers

Is Oakdale water safe to drink?

Yes, the water delivered to Oakdale citizens meets all State of Minnesota and federal standards. The City also has its own 7,000-square-foot water treatment facility that produces over 2,400 gallons per minute of filtered water for Oakdale. To learn more about Oakdale’s drinking water and City processes, visit: www.oakdalemn.gov/340/Drinking-Water



public safety

CODERED EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The City of Oakdale, in conjunction with Washington County, utilizes the CodeRed emergency alert system. This high-speed telephone and texting system notifies individuals, who opt-in to the service, about emergency situations. Sign up for CodeRED alerts at:

www.oakdalemn.gov/894/CodeRED-Emergency-Notification

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

Oakdale's Neighborhood Watch program makes neighborhoods safer and more peaceful. Volunteers are needed as block captains who serve as the communication link between the Police department and the 10 to 12 homes in each Watch Block. Training is provided. Call 651-738-1025

CRIME MAPPING

Washington County provides a publicly accessible visual representation of crime incidents. Residents can also request copies of police reports, records and CDs for a fee. More crime information available at:

www.oakdalemn.gov/888/Crime-Information

WINTER PARKING RESTRICTIONS

Winter parking restrictions run November 1 through April 1. During this time, no vehicles may park on City streets between the hours of 12 to 5 AM, or anytime snow accumulation equals or exceeds two inches until the street is cleared of snow. Violators will be ticketed and towed.

PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS

Persons going door-to-door (with the exception of nonprofit, religious, political and educational groups) must be licensed by the City, carry a City-issued ID card, and may only knock from 8 AM to 8 PM. If you have issues with anyone coming to your door, call 911. Persons who peddle or solicit may not approach homes displaying the sign on page 8.

RECREATIONAL FIRE SAFETY

Recreational and backyard fires are allowed in Oakdale when:

- The base of the fire does not exceed three feet wide or two feet high.
- Fire must be contained in a non-combustible fire ring at least 25 feet from any structure.
- Water source is in close proximity.
- Fires must be attended until extinguished.
- Burning only clean, dry wood; not treated lumber, leaves, trash, etc.
- Fire should not produce smoke that causes discomfort to or negatively impacts neighboring properties.

More info: www.oakdalemn.gov/244/Safety-Information

ANNUAL PUBLIC SAFETY EVENTS

LADDERS AND SQUADS: July, location varies

NIGHT TO UNITE: First Tuesday of August, neighborhood events



CONTACT POLICE

The Oakdale Police department is located at:

Oakdale City Hall
1584 Hadley Avenue N

Staffed Lobby Hours:
Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4:30 PM

For general inquiries, call:
651-738-1025

CONTACT FIRE

The Oakdale Fire department headquarters are located at:

Fire Station One (North)
5000 Hadley Avenue N

A second station is located at:
Fire Station Two (South)
6633 15th Street N

Staffed Lobby Hours:
Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4:30 PM

For general inquiries, call:
651-731-8886

CALL 911!

**Anytime you need police,
ambulance or fire.**

Anytime.

Any.





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TRASH AND RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Containers should be placed at the curb just prior to 7 AM on collection day and removed by 8 PM on collection day. Containers must be stored inside or on the side or rear of your home or garage. Screening containers from view is acceptable with City approval.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Each property may keep one recreational vehicle outside in either the side or rear yard (at least five feet from property line) or on the driveway. Snowmobiles may be stored outside from November 1 to April 30 and other vehicles from May 1 to November 1. Having more recreational vehicles is permitted provided only one is outside.

RECREATION EQUIPMENT

Hockey nets, basketball hoops and other equipment cannot be temporarily or permanently placed in boulevards or streets.

ROADS AND CONSTRUCTION

Beginning in late spring, the City of Oakdale repairs worn and damaged pavement as part of its Street Improvement Program. Residents impacted by these annual projects are notified the November prior about the work being done, assessments and what to expect. Additionally, the City utilizes its website and other platforms to update residents on other municipal, county and state road construction projects. For more information on City construction and engineering projects, visit:

www.oakdalemn.gov/226/Current-Future-Engineering-Projects

CONTACT PUBLIC WORKS

Oakdale Public Works is located at:
1900 Hadley Avenue N

Monday through Friday
7 AM to 3:30 PM

For general inquiries, call:
651-730-2740

Public Works has four divisions:
Engineering, Parks, Streets and
Fleet, and Utilities.

BUILDING/CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Oakdale Building Inspections
and Code Enforcement Division is
located at:
1584 Hadley Avenue N

Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4:30 PM

Permits/Inspections: 651-739-5150
Code Enforcement: 651-702-5225

If you want to report a concern,
issue or code violation, go to
www.oakdalemn.gov and click
“Report a Concern” download the
SeeClickFix app, create an account
and use your location to get started.

YARDS, TREES AND WETLANDS

It's important to keep Oakdale looking great. Here's some important things to know about all things green.

- From May 15 to October 15, grass needs to be kept at a maximum height of six inches and weeds kept under control.
- Oakdale operates under a year-round, odd-even watering schedule: even numbered addresses can water on even numbered days and odd numbered address on odd numbered days.
- Branches and brush under eight inches in diameter can be disposed at Public Works for a nominal fee from April to October.
- Yard waste is not accepted at Public Works.
- Please keep grass clippings, yard waste, leaves and animal excrement away from ponding areas, streets and storm sewers.
- If you live adjacent to a wetland or pond, the area surrounding the body of water is owned by the City or state. Grasses, cattails and trees in this area must remain for the health of the wetland.
- The City offers free curbside pickup of buckthorn each fall. Residents can also borrow a tool from the City to remove these invasive plants. Buckthorn can also be disposed of for free at Public Works.



WINTER IN OAKDALE

PLOWING AND SNOW REMOVAL

Oakdale is divided into defined plowing routes with priorities based on topography, traffic volumes and usage. The City uses de-icers and salt on a limited basis for hazardous ice and slippery conditions. To ensure an efficient and timely snow removal process, residents can help:

- Follow Oakdale winter parking restrictions.
- Be patient! Plowing the entire City takes time.
- Be prepared for winter driving delays.
- Keep children away from curbs and boulevards when plows are out.
- Keep fire hydrants clear of snow.
- Don't push, shovel, blow, sweep or plow snow onto a City street at any time. You can get fined.
- When sharing the road with snowplows, give them room to work and don't pass a snowplow.
- Place your garbage and recycling containers behind the curb on collection day prior to 7 AM. Keep containers out of the path of traffic and snowplows.

Snow Removal FAQ: www.oakdalemn.gov/FAQ

FROZEN PIPES

Prolonged low temperatures and increased depth of frost in the ground increases the likelihood of water pipes freezing. Frozen pipes are at risk of expanding, rupturing and causing interruption of water service.

By monitoring water service, residents and businesses can determine if the service is experiencing difficulties. One sign is discolored water when a faucet is turned on. Another sign is water temperature below 40 degrees. To lessen the chance of frozen pipes, run a faucet at a slow trickle to keep water flowing through the pipes.

SKATING RINKS

Oakdale offers outdoor skating rinks and warming houses scheduled to open in late December, weather permitting, through late February. Rinks will be closed when temperatures soften ice enough for unsafe conditions, when actual temps reach -10 degrees or -25 degrees windchill, or more than three inches of snow accumulates on the ice. Please observe posted closings to assist staff in maintenance. Locations, hours, rentals and more information: www.oakdalemn.gov/564/Ice-Rinks-Warming-Houses

WATER AND SEWER SERVICE

Oakdale provides your water and sewer service. Utility bills include charges for water usage, sanitary sewer, community-wide street lighting, storm water management, and Minnesota testing fees. Charges cover the cost of providing services, system improvements, maintenance and general repairs.

Sewer Usage Base: Every winter during residential billing quarters, annual average consumption is re-established for sewer charges. This takes into consideration water going into your sanitary sewer and not outside water use. Depending on water usage during this time, you could see a change on your bill.

Water Meter: A water meter is read with an automated reading device. The "Read Code" on your bill tells you how your meter was read. If the automated read was successful, your bill will say either "Actual" or "Radio Read". If the attempt was unsuccessful due to interference or other reasons, your bill will say "Estimated Read". If you receive two "Estimated Read" bills in a row, please contact the City as an appointment may be needed to identify and resolve the issue.

Water Meter Leak Indicator: The water meter in your home has a "leak indicator" that flashes for an intermittent leak or is on constant display for a continuous leak. Common culprits are appliances, fixtures, and toilets. The indicator looks like a faucet icon and is displayed on the LCD screen of your meter. The LCD screen is easily activated by a flashlight. If the leak icon is displayed, it is important for you to track down the source(s) and fix the leak(s). You can pick up free toilet dye test kits at City Hall.

Payment Options: The City provides a variety of options for utility payment:

- Online/Auto Pay - Secure online payments can be made online, and you can also enroll in automatic payment scheduling and paperless billing by creating an account. Go to the Oakdale website and click the "Make a Payment" button on the home screen or visit www.oakdalemn.gov/579.
- City Hall - There is a secure drop box located in the parking lot where payments can be made by check or credit card. You can also bring cash or check to City Hall during regular business hours or mail the check and payment stub to City Hall.

QUESTIONS: Call 651-730-2710
www.oakdalemn.gov/304/Utility-Billing



Recycling at Home

Empty and rinse all containers

Glass

Bottles & Jars



Metal

Food & Beverage Cans



Plastic

Bottles & Containers



Cartons



Paper & Cardboard



When in doubt, keep it out. Putting these items in your recycling cart does more harm than good.

NO!

Do Not Bag
Recyclables

No Plastic
Bags or Wrap

No Tangles
(No hoses, wires,
or string lights)

No Shredded
Paper

WashCoRecycles.com | 651-275-7475

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Doing some home decluttering?

KNOW —WHERE IT— GOES

Search the new Disposal Directory
to find local recycling and disposal options for
unwanted items.



Scan the QR code or visit
WashCoRecycles.com/Disposal



TRANSPORTATION

There are several Metro Transit bus lines that serve Oakdale with varied service. The new Metro Gold Line is a 10-mile rapid bus line with bus-only lanes along Interstate 94 that provides frequent, all-day service with stops at the Helmo and Greenway stations in the City. Oakdale has two Park and Ride locations with one in the Walton Park north parking lot and at the Helmo Station. Transit Link provides shared-ride, curb-to-curb minibus or van service on weekdays for a fee of \$3.50. Metro micro is a shared ride service available in the Woodbury area which includes parts of Oakdale. For Metro Transit information and schedules, visit www.metrotransit.org.

Washington County also provides a Community Circulator loop in Oakdale to help residents get to important places. Learn more at www.gowashingtonmn.com/community-transportation.

Oakdale also has an extensive network of trails and sidewalks for walking and biking. Work is underway to help make Oakdale more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly.



WASTE REDUCTION

RECYCLING

Recycling is available to all households in Oakdale. Empty and rinse containers before placing them in your recycling cart. Put items directly in your cart or in a paper bag. Do not put items in plastic bags. Generally, recyclable items include glass, metal, plastic (labeled Number 1, 2 and 5), cartons, paper and cardboard. You can contact your waste hauler directly for more information on accepted items, or visit www.washcorecycles.com.

ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER

Washington County operates two Environmental Centers in Forest Lake and Woodbury for disposal of recyclables, electronics, hazardous materials (including batteries), household sharps, plastic bags and other materials. Additionally, the Environmental Centers have food scraps drop-off and a free product rooms. For more on these services, visit www.washcorecycles.com/EnviroCenter.

DISPOSAL DIRECTORY

If you can't recycle something at home or the Environmental Center, check out the Washington County disposal directory for more disposal options: www.washcorecycles.com/disposal

MEDICATIONS

Washington County provides medication drop-off services to dispose of prescription or over-the-counter medications or pet medicines. A drop-off box is available at City Hall during regular hours. For more information on locations and accepted items, visit www.washingtoncountymn.gov/3029/Medication-Drop-Off.

FOOD SCRAPS

Washington County offers food scraps collection to Oakdale residents. Waste collected is turned into compost. Residents can participate for free in the Food Scraps Pickup program OR take food scraps to county collection sites through the drop-off program. Residents must sign up to enroll in the Food Scraps Pickup Program and receive a free supply of collection bags. To learn more and sign up, visit www.FoodScrapsPickup.com. For more information on food scraps drop-off including locations, hours, bags, accepted items and tips, visit www.washingtoncountymn.gov/3629/Food-Scraps-Drop-off.

ANIMALS IN OAKDALE

More info: www.oakdalemn.gov/549/Pets-Wildlife

Chickens/Poultry: A permit from the Police Department is required to keep chickens or poultry with no more than six permitted. No roosters are allowed. Use the link above for more information on additional requirements.

Coyotes: Oakdale has a presence of home range coyotes. Info on urban coyote management at link above.

Deer: Deer in suburban areas wreak havoc on gardens, trees, shrubs and other landscaping. Feeding deer or putting out salt licks is not permitted in Oakdale. Doing so can result in the need to reduce the deer population.

Feeding Wildlife: Feeding birds is permitted if bird feeders are at least five feet above the ground, structure or shoreline. Feeding the following wildlife is not allowed: deer, raccoons, turkey, coyotes, feral cats, foxes, skunks, geese, ducks, herons, egrets, swans or other water fowl.

Geese: If you have issues with geese, please review the City's "Goose Management Plan" at the link above.

Leashes: All dogs in Oakdale must be leashed in City parks, with the exception of the Oakdale Bark Park. Leashed dogs must be held by a person with the ability to properly control the animal.

Licenses: Licenses for dogs and cats are no longer required in Oakdale.

Nuisances: Animals that "run at large" are at risk of being impounded. Not everyone enjoys the company of pets. Please take care so that pets do not disturb others or their property.

Number of Pets: Pet owners with more than three of any single type of domestic animal, over three months old, need to obtain a permit from the Police department.

Sanitation: Pet owners need to remove and properly dispose of pet waste from their yards and also when out and about on trails and sidewalks.

park information

OAKDALE NATURE PRESERVE

The 220-acre Oakdale Nature Preserve has something to offer for everyone including basketball and tennis courts, bee hive, boardwalk, forest garden, historic schoolhouse, playground, picnic shelter and walking trails. Visitors can also rent binoculars, discovery backpacks, Nordic walking poles, snowshoes or tandem bikes. For more information on all this park has to offer, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/754/Plan-Your-Visit.

PARKS AND PICNIC SHELTERS

Oakdale has 29 parks with a range of amenities including ballfields, pickleball and tennis courts, picnic areas, playgrounds, skateboard park, swimming, and trails. Picnic shelters with varying amenities are also available for rent at a discounted rate for residents. Reservations can be made online or by calling Oakdale Recreation at 651-747-3860. For more information on park amenities, locations and rentals, visit www.oakdalefun.com.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATIONS

Several athletic associations use City fields and facilities. They operate independently from the City and oversee their registrations, tryouts, fees and scheduling. For a list of athletic associations, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/228/Athletic-Associations.

OAKDALE

BARK PARK

4957 Helena Road N

The Bark Park is open year-round for free without a license or permit required. It is fenced with a separate area for small dogs. It offers parking, benches, a pet waste dispenser and trash cans. Pick up after your pup! Find park rules and more info at www.oakdalemn.gov/701/Oakdale-Bark-Park.

OUTDOOR SKATE PARK

Walton Park, 1584 Hadley Avenue N

Skateboarders/in-line skaters may use facility at no cost, 8 AM to dusk. Park includes a half pipe, roll-ins, spine ramp, sub-box, elevator, volcano, driveways and canyon.

PICKLEBALL COURTS

Courts open at the end of April, weather permitting. Locations include:

- Tanners Lake Park, Tanners Park Road
- Eastside Park (lined courts), 1744 Helmo Road N
- Nature Preserve (lined courts), 4609 Granada Avenue N



our community

FREE EVENTS ALL YEAR LONG

There are a variety of events throughout the year that residents of all ages can enjoy for FREE! View the full calendar at www.oakdalemn.gov.

Spring

- Indoor Garage Sale, Discovery Center, March
- Arbor Day Tree Giveaway, Walton Park, April
- Oakdale Eco Fair, April

Summer

- Farmers Market, City Hall Parking Lot, Wednesdays
- Movies in the Park, Walton Park, Select Fridays
- Free Concerts, Walton Park, Select Wednesdays
- Summerfest, Walton Park, June
- Ladders and Squads, July
- Night to Unite, August
- Touch-A-Truck, City Hall Parking Lot, August

Fall/Winter

- Family Fun Flatables, City Hall, September
- Indoor Market, Discovery Center, Fall/Winter
- Art Discovery Fair, Discovery Center, November
- City Tree Lighting with Santa, City Hall, December
- Winter Wonderland, Discovery Center, December

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous ways to get involved and help out in the community including cleaning up parks, pulling buckthorn, planting trees, serving on a board or commission and more. Learn more about volunteering in Oakdale at www.oakdalemn.gov/379/Volunteer-Opportunities.

ACORN AWARDS

Each summer the Acorn Award recognizes outstanding properties in various categories for excellence in landscaping. Nominate properties by June 30. Learn more at [www.oakdalemn.gov/651/Acorn Award](http://www.oakdalemn.gov/651/Acorn-Award).



RECREATION

The Oakdale Recreation department is located at:
Oakdale Discovery Center
4444 Hadley Avenue N

Monday through Friday
8 AM to 4:30 PM

For questions about recreation programs, registration and policies, and Discovery Center and picnic shelter reservations, call: 651-747-3860

Oakdale Recreation offers a variety of classes, camps and events throughout the year for people of all ages. For more information and to register online, visit: www.oakdalemn.gov/169/Recreation-Department

VOTING INFORMATION

Oakdale residents are encouraged to vote in all City, county and state elections. It is now easier than ever to register in advance of a primary, special or general election online. Additionally, Oakdale has eight polling precincts that allow for regular, in-person voting on Election Day. The City also provides information in advance of primary elections on how to file to become a candidate for Mayor or City Council. For all information related to elections and voting, visit www.oakdalemn.gov/355/Elections-Voting.



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