



City of Bird Island A Guide for New Residents

This community information is brought to you in the community's interest by the City of Bird Island. This guide is intended to give an overview of the City of Bird Island Ordinances and Minnesota Laws. For detailed information, please view the ordinances online at www.birdislandcity.com

Sump Pumps

All sump pumps must drain to the outside of the house and not down the sanitary sewer. Connection to sanitary sewer may be maintained from October 15 to March 15. A surcharge of \$100 per month may be imposed on every sewer bill for noncompliance.

Burn Site

Burn site is located SW of the City Cemetery on 380th Street. Only brush, leaves and branches are accepted.

Hours are:	Wednesday	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Friday	3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
	Saturday	8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Building Permits

If you are planning new construction, garage, accessory building, an addition, deck or fencing you will need a building permit. Doing improvements such as siding, shingling or replacing windows, you will need a building permit. Contact City Hall with all building permit questions 320-365-3371. Call Gopher State One Call 800-252-1166 before you dig.

Animal License

A city license is required for every dog or cat over the age of 6 months. Licenses are \$25 and expire annually on December 31st. Applicant needs to furnish a certificate from a veterinarian stating animal has been vaccinated for rabies. Any animals running at large will be impounded.

Golf Carts/ATVs/Snowmobiles

Golf cart permits are issued annually at the City Office for a fee of \$25. A valid driver's license and proof of insurance are required. It is illegal to operate an ATV or snowmobile within the city limits unless entering or leaving the city limits by the most direct route. No ATV or snowmobile shall be operated at a speed in excess of 15 miles per hour. No snowmobile or ATV shall be operated in a manner so as to create a loud, unnecessary or unusual noise which disturbs other persons.

Snow Emergency/Parking

When streets become impassable and/or hazardous to the public, the city can declare a snow emergency a minimum of 8 hours prior to going into effect. Parking is prohibited daily between the hours of 2 AM – 6 AM on Main Street from the railroad tracks south to Birch Avenue and Highway Avenue between Fifth Street and Eight Street. Any parked vehicles not removed from streets during a plowable snow event or in prohibited areas will be in violation and fined.

Utilities

Water/Sewer	City of Bird Island	320-365-3371
Natural Gas	Sheehan's Gas Company	320-365-4400
Electricity	Xcel Energy	800-895-4999
Garbage/Recycling	Sweetman Sanitation	507-616-8774
	West Central Sanitation	800-246-7630
Internet	Lightbeam Internet	320-523-6363
Internet/Cable TV	Mediacom	855-633-4226

Additional Resources

BOLD Schools	320-523-1031
St. Mary's School	320-365-3693
Our Savior's Lutheran Church	320-365-3396
St. Mary's Catholic Church	320-523-2030
United Methodist Church	320-365-4232

Renville County Sheriff's Office

Office/Non-emergency 320-523-1161
Emergency – 911

Bird Island Fire Department

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Bird Island City Office

660 Birch Avenue
Bird Island, MN 55310
320-365-3371

On the web at www.birdislandcity.com

Complete list of City Ordinances is available through a link on the City's web site.