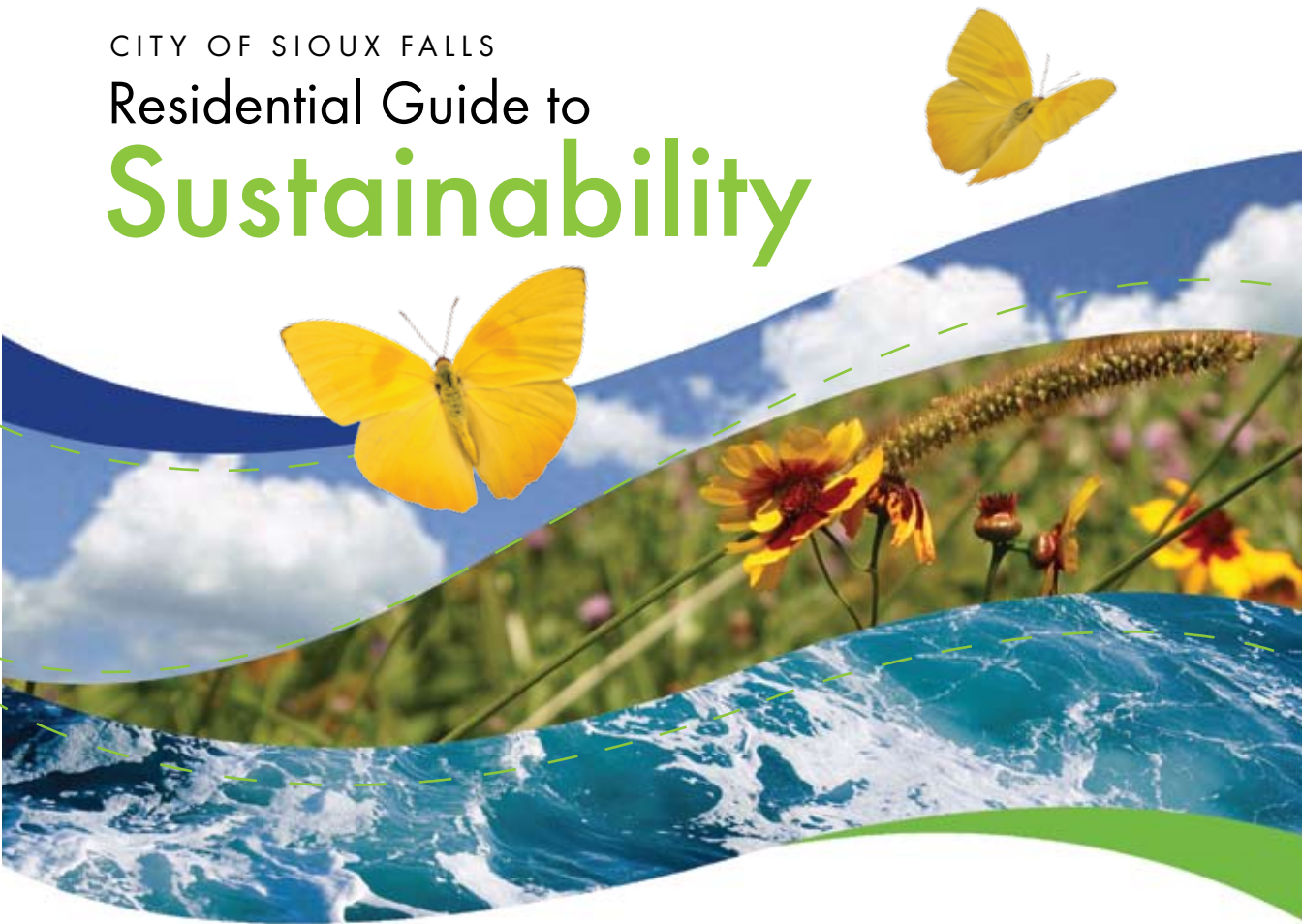


CITY OF SIOUX FALLS

Residential Guide to

# Sustainability



City of Sioux Falls  
**Sustainability Program  
& Leading Green Initiative**

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Arrowhead Park, located east of Sioux Falls on Highway 42

## CITY OF SIOUX FALLS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

The City of Sioux Falls Leading Green Initiative and Sustainability Program were established in 2008. The mission of the Sustainability Program is to serve as a guiding program that creates a more sustainable community now and in the future by proposing and assisting with the implementation of measurable solutions to environmental, social, and economic concerns.

This will be accomplished through advocacy, outreach, education, and collaboration with the citizens of Sioux Falls and surrounding communities in Lake, Lincoln, Minnehaha, McCook, and Turner counties, including their businesses, primary and secondary educational institutions, collegiate and technical institutes, non-profit and not-for-profit organizations, internal city departments, and citizens at large.

This guide will help residents learn more about the resources the City of Sioux Falls offers to help citizens lead a more environmentally sustainable lifestyle.

For more information contact  
the Sustainability Program Office at  
(605) 367-8695 or at  
[www.siouxfalls.org/green](http://www.siouxfalls.org/green)



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# WHAT IS SUSTAINABILITY?

Put simply, sustainability is the ability to endure. Any time we work toward the preservation and betterment of our community, we are already practicing sustainability. More recently, communities around the world have begun to focus on social equity, economic vitality and environmental consciousness as the three pillars of sustainability. When community leaders and citizens recognize the environmental, social and economic impacts of their decisions, they can build a legacy that lasts the test of time.





**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IS  
MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE PRESENT  
WITHOUT COMPROMISING THE ABILITY  
OF FUTURE GENERATIONS TO MEET  
THEIR OWN NEEDS**

— “OUR COMMON FUTURE,” A 1987 REPORT BY  
THE WORLD COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENT  
AND DEVELOPMENT (WCED), CONVENED  
BY THE UNITED NATIONS



## HOUSEHOLD RECYCLABLES

### Why recycle household items?

- According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, approximately 75% of what goes into U.S. landfills has the potential to be recycled
- Sioux Falls has a mandatory recycling ordinance designed to help lengthen the life of the Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill and save you money on waste disposal costs

### How does the program work?

1. The City of Sioux Falls owns a landfill to which haulers from a five county region are permitted to deposit waste.
2. Waste collection services are provided by private waste hauling companies. Each hauler has its own method of recycling.
  - A single-stream system allows recyclable items to be placed in the same container
  - A sorted system requires paper and cardboard to be kept separate from other recyclables
3. Contact your waste hauler to find out what other materials they might be able to take from you and what conditions apply.



## What household items are mandatory to recycle?

- All paper, including newspaper, magazines, catalogs, phone books, junk mail, white or pastel office paper, shredded paper (contained in a clear plastic bag) and paper bags (please, no bright colors)
- Flattened, corrugated cardboard and chipboard, such as cereal boxes (clean, no food grease)
- Plastics #1 and #2, tin cans, steel cans, and aluminum cans (rinsed and free of food)
- Clean aluminum foil and trays
- Empty aerosol cans



### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Use reusable glasses and mugs rather than disposable plastic, paper, or Styrofoam cups
- Use washable cloth rags or napkins rather than paper
- Reuse your shopping bags and buy in bulk
- Look for items that are recycled, recyclable, reliable, repairable, refillable, and reusable

## What additional items are recyclable?

PLEASE NOTE: Not all waste haulers are able to collect the items listed below.

- Plastics #3 through #6 (no larger than a 5 gallon bucket)
- Glass jars and bottles (no windows, mirrors, glassware, or ceramics)
- Empty plastic grocery bags and trash bags (no trash)
- Cardboard egg cartons

# REUSABLE ITEMS

## What does it mean to reuse and how is it different from recycling?

- Reusing is simply using an item more than once, whether for the same purpose or for a new one; recycling involves breaking down items to their raw components or materials which are then made into new materials; by taking useful products and reusing them without reprocessing, time, money, energy and resources are saved



## Where can I donate reusable household goods?

- Organizations such as the Habitat for Humanity ReStore accept building materials, as well as office furniture, cabinetry, plumbing, light fixtures, and many other goods; contact the ReStore for details at (605) 330-1950
- Local animal shelters often accept rugs, towels, and blankets to use as pet bedding in their facilities
- Sioux Falls has a number of thrift stores that accept household goods, clothing, shoes, accessories, and many more items that are in good condition; check out Thrift Shops in the yellow pages for a complete listing of facilities where such goods are accepted, and check out their selection while you're there







## THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY

1015 E. Chambers St.  
Sioux Falls, SD 57104  
Located between Rice St. and  
Benson Rd., off Cliff Ave.

**Hours of Operation:**  
Tuesday–Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Closed Sundays and Mondays and holidays.

- There is no charge for residents of Lake, Lincoln, McCook, Minnehaha, or Turner counties to use the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHW Facility)
- The HHW Facility does NOT accept waste from businesses, farming operations, nonprofit organizations, churches, schools or government entities



### DID YOU KNOW?

The HHW Facility redistributes used products (such as paint and fertilizers) for FREE! Items can be picked up free of charge at the HHW Reuse Room. Staff is unable to guarantee the quality of the products, but each item is inspected before making it available to the public.

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

## What is Household Hazardous Waste?

- Any material that can be harmful to your health and environment unless properly used, stored, or disposed of; words such as “caution,” “warning,” “danger,” or “flammable” on the label are clues the product may be a hazardous material

## How does the program work?

1. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF) does NOT accept waste from businesses, farming operations, non-profit organizations, churches, schools or government entities.
2. Materials must be in containers of 5 gallons or less. Containers with hardened latex paint can be disposed of in your garbage. Empty containers can be recycled with your household recyclables.
3. Leave the materials in their original containers whenever possible and make sure they are tightly sealed. Never mix household hazardous waste items. They may react, ignite, explode, or become unrecyclable.
4. Drive under the awning on the east side of the HHW Facility and the staff will unload your household hazardous waste for you.
5. Any unaccepted items or containers used to carry your waste will need to be taken home with you for reuse or disposal; if you are uncertain if the HHW Facility will accept your hazardous material, call ahead at 367-8695.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The waste motor oil you take to the HHW Facility is reused to heat the building during the winter months.

## What items are accepted at the HHW Facility?

- Aerosol cans
- Ammunition (from .22 up to .50 bmg rounds, which includes shotgun shells)
- Antifreeze
- CFLs (coiled, energy-saving bulbs)
- Chlorinated and flammable solvents
- Contaminated/unusable fuels
- Corrosives (acids and bases)
- Driveway sealer
- Fertilizers
- Fluorescent lamps and bulbs (no ballasts)
- Home and garden pesticides
- Home fire extinguishers
- Mercury (thermometers, old thermostats)
- Oil-based or latex paint (unless it contains PCB oil)
- Pool chemicals
- Propane cylinders
- Specialty paints and coatings
- Unexploded fireworks or firecrackers
- Unusable solvent-based products
- Used motor oil and oil filters
- Wood preservatives



## THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Minimize your hazardous material inventory by buying only what you need and by buying less toxic products or nonhazardous, environmentally friendly alternatives
- Use the product according to directions and store your hazardous materials safely in their original containers, with the labels intact, and out of reach of children and pets
- Never store near heat, sparks, flames, or in a wet or freezing location

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

## Why recycle electronics?

- City of Sioux Falls ordinance bans electronics from the Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill because they often contain amounts of heavy metals and harmful chemicals, and various components of electronics can be reused or recycled

## How does the program work?

1. Make sure the materials you wish to recycle are accepted at the HHW Facility. We only accept 5 electronic items per vehicle. (Note: A computer unit-CPU, monitor, keyboard, and mouse is considered one item)
2. Drive under the awning on the east side of the HHW Facility and the staff will unload your electronics for you.
3. Any unaccepted items or containers used to carry your electronics will need to be taken home with you for reuse or disposal.
4. The facility does NOT accept waste from businesses, non-profit organizations, churches, schools, and governmental entities.



## What electronics items are accepted at the HHW Facility?

- Adding machines
- Answering machines
- Calculators
- Camcorders
- Cameras
- CBs/two-way radios
- CD/DVD players
- CD ROM/zip/tape drives
- Cell phones/pagers
- Copy machines
- Cords & cables
- CPUs
- Desktop PCs
- Fax machines
- Hard drives
- Holiday lights
- Joystick/game controls
- Keyboard and mice
- Laptop PCs
- Main frames
- Modems
- Monitors
- MP3 players/receivers
- Palm organizers
- Paper shredders
- Portable CD players
- Printers (laser and jet)
- Speakers
- Radios
- Record players
- Scanners
- Telephones
- Televisions
- Typewriters
- VCRs/laser disc players
- Video game players
- Word processors



## What items are NOT accepted at the HHW Facility?

- Arcade games
- Business waste such as large copy machines
- CDs/DVDs, cassettes/VHS tapes, and video games
- Dehumidifiers
- Exercise equipment such as treadmills
- Hair dryers, curling irons, electric toothbrushes, or similar items
- Kitchen appliances such as coffee pots, mixers, and blenders
- Microwaves
- Power tools
- Space heaters
- Vacuums
- VHS tapes
- Weed eaters or lawn mowers





## BATTERY RECYCLING

### Why recycle batteries?

- Many specific types of batteries contain toxic metals that are banned from the landfill and/or can be recycled

### How does the program work?

1. Make sure the batteries you wish to recycle are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility according to this guide.
2. Drive under the awning on the east side of the HHW Facility and the staff will accept your batteries and any other items you wish to recycle.
3. Any unaccepted items or containers used to carry your items must be taken home with you for reuse or disposal.



### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Buy rechargeable batteries; two AA Ni-Cad rechargeable batteries can replace up to 600 single-use batteries
- Consider portable products that rely on solar energy sources
- Look for the RBRC's Battery Recycling Seal when buying rechargeable batteries or battery-powered products; the Battery Recycling Seal signifies that the manufacturer is participating in the Charge Up to Recycle!® program and supporting the environment



## What batteries are accepted at the HHW Facility?

- **Lead-acid and sealed lead-acid**—car, motorcycle, golf cart, ATV, Jet Ski, wheelchair, weed trimmer, and security camera batteries
- **Button**—hearing aide, watch, greeting card, medical device, small remote control, and small calculator batteries; often silver oxide or mercury oxide batteries
- **Nickel-cadmium and nickel metal hydride**—camcorder, power tool, two-way radio, and cordless phone batteries
- **Lithium and lithium ion**—laptop, cell phone, digital camera, and MP3 player batteries
- **Any rechargeable battery**



## What batteries are NOT accepted at the HHW Facility?

- **Alkaline**—clock, toy, calculator, handheld gaming device, flashlight, and basic remote control batteries

It is acceptable to place these in your trash with other waste destined for the landfill. Currently there are no facilities in the area that can recycle alkaline batteries.

# PHARMACEUTICAL AND NEEDLE DISPOSAL

## Why should I properly dispose of medical waste?

- An improperly disposed needle, syringe or lancet can pose serious health hazards to the public, garbage haulers, and City landfill and wastewater employees
- If flushed down the drain, pharmaceuticals can accumulate in water systems and contaminate water supplies, potentially affecting the natural hormones and development of wildlife.

## How does the program work for needles, syringes, and lancets?

The City of Sioux Falls Public Works Department sponsors a program that allows residents to dispose of needles and syringes safely. Residents can pick up a FREE needle disposal container from the VA Medical Hospital in Sioux Falls or any one of the participating pharmacies at Lewis Drug Stores, Hy-Vee Food Stores, or Walgreens Drug Stores.

1. Pick up a FREE container at any one of the locations listed above.
2. Put only needles, syringes, lancets, and trans-dermal patches into the disposal container.
3. Do not use an unapproved container and do not add chlorine or bleach to the container.
4. Once full, tightly seal the lid prior to disposal at the locations listed above.
5. Give directly to the pharmacy attendant and receive a new container.

Any questions about this program can be directed to the City of Sioux Falls Environmental Division at (605) 367-8276.

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Household Hazardous Waste Facility will take your old mercury-containing thermometer and replace it with a free digital thermometer?





## How can I properly dispose of unused pharmaceuticals?

- Do not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so
- To dispose of prescription drugs not labeled to be flushed, you may take advantage of the Drug Enforcement Administration's (DEA) community drug take-back program; the City of Sioux Falls Police Department hosts a community take-back program once a year at the Police Law Enforcement Center, 320 W. 4th St. Sioux Falls, SD; to learn more about the program and when it will take place, please visit: [www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug\\_disposal/takeback/index.html](http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/drug_disposal/takeback/index.html)
- If the drug take-back program is not available and you cannot flush the prescription:
  1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original container.
  2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.
  3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.
  4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with black permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.
  5. Place the sealed container with the mixture, and the empty drug containers, into your regular household trash.

Source: Office of National Drug Control Policy: [www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip\\_disposal.pdf](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip_disposal.pdf)



## THE SIOUX FALLS REGIONAL SANITARY LANDFILL

The Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill's mission is to provide environmentally and fiscally sound solid waste management and disposal services to its customers.

### Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill

267th St & 464th Ave.

Sioux Falls, SD 57106

Located 7.5 miles west of I-29 on 41st St.

Turn south at 464th Ave. and proceed one half-mile.

(605) 367-8162

### Hours of Operation

Spring Daylight Savings Time through the day before Fall Standard Time (Summer)

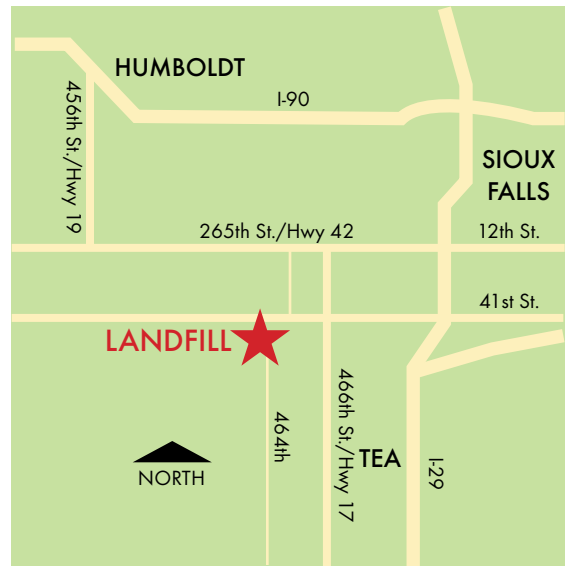
Monday-Saturday: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Fall Standard Time through the day

before Spring Daylight Savings (Winter)

Monday-Saturday: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Closed Sundays and certain holidays.



## Landfill Rates

Rates valid as of 1/1/2011, but subject to change.

### Basic solid waste

Car—\$8.00 to include surcharge; trucks or two-wheel trailers not to exceed 3 cubic yards—\$16.00; a truck pulling a trailer would be considered 2 loads—\$32.00

### Construction and demolition debris and appliances

Four-wheel trailers and trucks—\$30.00 per ton, plus surcharge, with a minimum of \$16.00 per load

### Tires

17 inches in diameter or smaller—\$2.00 each or \$135.00 per ton; larger than 17 inches in diameter—\$7.00 each or \$135.00 per ton

### Yard waste and wood waste

Cars—\$2.00; trucks, two-wheel trailers not to exceed 3 cubic yards—\$5.00

All loads must be tarped or covered, or a \$25.00 tarp fee will be charged. This is to prevent items from falling off or being blown from vehicles and littering the surrounding area. Rates are subject to change on an annual basis.

## What appliances and other items are accepted for recycling at the landfill?

- Appliances are items you might use to cook or clean with, as opposed to electronics, which are mainly items you communicate with or use for entertainment; accepted items include stoves, refrigerators, microwaves, toasters and toaster ovens, lawn mowers drained of fuel and oil, scrap metal, pots and pans, bed frames, freezers, dishwashers, laundry washers and dryers, hot water heaters, water softeners, propane tanks, and car batteries; for smaller items, such as blenders and coffeemakers, contact your hauler to see how to properly dispose of them

## What is accepted as rubble?

- Rubble includes construction and demolition debris, such as drywall, insulation, furniture, including mattresses and box springs, and other large items that cannot fit into a household garbage container and are not considered recyclable



## DID YOU KNOW?

The Sioux Falls Regional Sanitary Landfill captures its methane gas and pipes it to POET to be used as a fuel source.





# YARD WASTE AND COMPOST PROGRAMS



## What is considered yard waste?

- Yard waste includes leaves, grass, soft garden waste, weeds, and sod stripping; no pet waste or bedding, please
- Wood waste includes twigs, branches, mulch, and pine cones; this should be kept separate from yard waste because it goes into a separate location at the landfill

## What should I do with my yard waste?

- You can compost yard waste at home or you can take your yard waste to the landfill; yard waste materials will be turned into rich, finished compost that landfill staff makes available to residents for FREE

## How does the program work?

1. Make sure you did not mix your yard waste with your wood waste, and load them into containers for hauling. Paper yard waste bags may be left at the compost site but plastic must be taken home or disposed of properly.
2. Check in at the Landfill Scale Office or with an attendant at the seasonal satellite locations.
3. Unload your waste at the specified location, either wood waste or yard waste, and take your containers home.
4. Bring an empty container and ask a landfill attendant about taking home finished compost—for free!

## Seasonal sites

In addition to the year-round drop-off at the landfill, two seasonal sites are set up each fall to accept leaf waste, including the branches. These sites are open seasonally from mid-October through Thanksgiving. Please contact the Landfill Office at (605) 367-8162 for those hours.

**Location for the east side:**  
Chambers St., off Cliff Ave.  
just west of the Household  
Hazardous Waste Facility

**Location for the west side:**  
North Lyons Blvd., west  
of the Fair Grounds



# LAWN MANAGEMENT AND WATER CONSERVATION

While insignificant in a single yard, poor home landscape management practices in hundreds of yards can significantly contribute to local water resource depletion and/or pollution. The following tips for yard and garden maintenance and water conservation can be used to reduce urban runoff and minimize the harmful affects of lawn care on water quality and quantity.

- Before establishing lawns, ensure subsoil is not compacted and that adequate topsoil is available for proposed vegetation
- Choose the proper grass to plant for your area. Pick varieties that resist drought, disease, need little mowing or fertilizer, choke out weeds and are suited to foot traffic
- During dry periods, allow your lawn to enter a natural dormancy and when you're watering, adjust sprinklers to only water your lawn, not your sidewalk and driveway; follow the City of Sioux Falls watering schedule
- Mow your grass high and let it lie; let cut grass remain on your lawn to shade the soil surface, prevent moisture loss, and provide nutrients through their decomposition process
- Compacted soil promotes weeds; aerate twice a year
- Chemical fertilizers add salt to the soil, can damage soil-building microorganisms, promote soil compaction, shallow roots, thatch, and fungus growth; weed killers can harm gardens, trees, shrubs and breed resistant weeds



## DID YOU KNOW?

The City offers rebates to residents who install water-conserving/high efficiency washers, toilets, and rain-sensor irrigation systems. The City also has FREE water conservation kits available. Check out the Sustainability Program's website or the Public Works Office in City Hall for details.

A photograph of children playing on a red rope climbing structure at a park. A young girl in a yellow shirt and denim skirt is smiling in the foreground. A boy in a green shirt is climbing in the background. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a clear sky.

## CITY PARKS AND RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation department oversees over 70 parks and open spaces in Sioux Falls. Not only do these green spaces provide recreation and promote a healthy lifestyle, but they also help remediate air pollution, reduce storm water run-off and keep our city cooler in the summer.

# COMMUNITY GARDENING AND FARMER'S MARKETS

## Community gardening

The Sioux Falls Community Garden is a cooperative effort involving the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County Master Gardeners, Minnehaha County Extension Service, and a dedicated group of volunteers, including more than 200 individual gardeners. Currently there are 8 plots around the city.

People who choose to be community gardeners are expected to maintain their garden plots (approximately 8' by 20') for the entire growing season and to provide volunteer help in preparing the garden sites with activities such as staking plots and applying organic mulch. Gardeners are also expected to clean their plots at the end of each growing season.

For more information, see [www.siouxfallspark.org/community\\_gardens](http://www.siouxfallspark.org/community_gardens) or call the Park Office at (605) 367-8222.

## Community garden locations throughout Sioux Falls (subject to change)

- Active Generations (2504 W. 46th St.)
- Falls Park (Downtown, 1200 N. Phillips Ave.)
- First Premier Bank (700 block of N. Spring Ave., west of the bank)
- Leaders Park (N. Leadale Ave. at E. 6th St.)
- Memorial Park (W. 26th St. at Discovery Ave.)
- Southern Hills United Methodist Church (3400 E. 49th St.)
- Spirit of Joy Lutheran Church (Western Ave. at La Quinta, just south of 69th St.)
- Spirit of Peace UCC Church (69th St. and Cliff Ave., across from the USF football field)



## Farmer's markets (Locations and times may be subject to changes.)

Sioux Falls currently has three operating farmer's markets on Saturday and one on Tuesday, with a variety of local items, including fresh produce, dairy and eggs, meat, baked goods, crafts, flowers, and more for purchase.

### Falls Park Farmer's Market

Saturdays at Farmer's Market Pavilion  
8 AM–1 PM  
1st Sat. in May–last Sat. in October

### Sioux Empire Farmer's Market

Saturdays at 8th & Railroad  
8 AM–Noon  
2nd Sat. in May–October

### Tuesdays at Kohl's

Parking lot on S. Louise Ave.  
3 PM–6 PM  
Tuesdays May–October

# BICYCLING IN SIOUX FALLS

## Why bike?

As motorized traffic and fuel prices continue to increase, bicycling is an important mode of transportation because it:

- provides a tremendous health benefit
- is available to people of all ages and socioeconomic levels
- is a particularly efficient and convenient form of transportation in urban areas; door-to-door travel times for short trips of up to 5 miles are comparable to driving the same distance
- provides a high degree of independence, flexibility, and freedom of choice relative to schedule and destination
- is environmentally friendly since bicycles do not give off emissions like automobiles





# sioux falls, south dakota bike map

**bike routes**

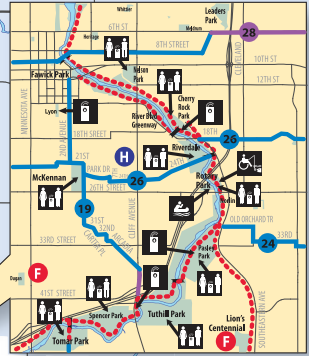
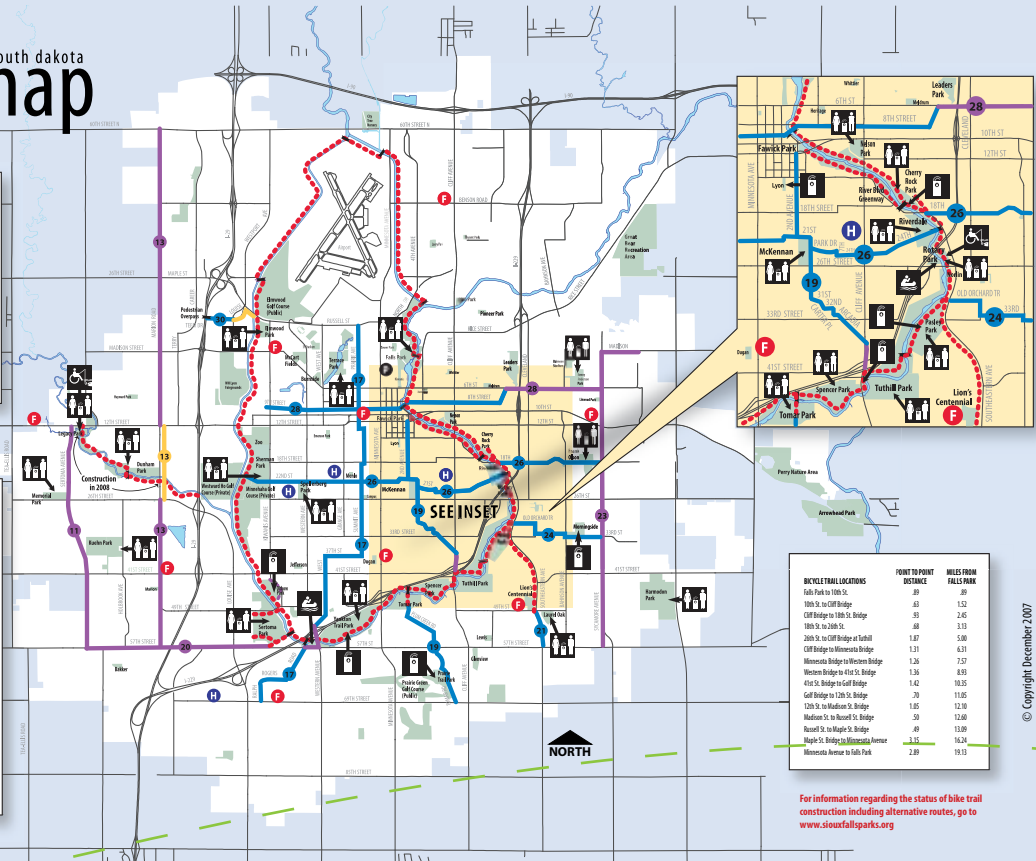
- advanced rider route
- basic rider route
- side path route (off street)
- route number\*\*
- hospital
- fire station
- police

\*Routes are numbered with even routes traveling east/west and odd traveling north/south. The route numbers are for identification purposes only.

**bike trails**

- paved bike trail
- park
- restrooms/drinking fountain\*\*
- drinking fountain\*\*
- canoe launch
- handicapped fishing access
- pedestrian/bicycle crossing

\*\*In general, drinking fountains and restrooms are available for use beginning mid-April and ending late October, dependent upon weather conditions. For the latest information, contact the Parks Department at 505-832-2222.



BIKE TRAIL LOCATIONS	POINT TO POINT DISTANCE	MILES FROM FALLS PARK
Falls Park to 10th St	.89	.89
10th St. to Cliff Bridge	.83	1.52
Cliff Bridge to 10th St. Bridge	.80	2.45
10th St. to 20th St.	.88	3.13
20th St. to Cliff Bridge at 1st Hill	1.87	5.00
Cliff Bridge to Minnesota Bridge	1.31	6.31
Minnesota Bridge to Western Bridge	1.26	7.57
Western Bridge to 4th St. Bridge	1.36	8.93
4th St. Bridge to Cliff Bridge	1.42	10.35
Cliff Bridge to 12th St. Bridge	.70	11.05
12th St. to Madison St. Bridge	1.65	12.10
Madison St. to Russell St. Bridge	.50	12.60
Russell St. to Maple St. Bridge	.49	13.09
Maple St. Bridge to Minnesota Avenue	3.15	16.24
Minnesota Avenue to Falls Park	2.89	19.13

For information regarding the status of bike trail construction including alternative routes, go to [www.siouxfallsparks.org](http://www.siouxfallsparks.org)

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## DID YOU KNOW?

- The City buses are equipped with bike racks for your convenience
- The City of Sioux Falls Planning Office has developed a Bike Plan to increase the quality and quantity of the already extensive bike trail and on-street route system
- Bike maps of the trails in Sioux Falls, including travel tips and bicycle laws, are available FREE from the Parks and Recreation Department, City Planning Office, visitor centers, and bike shops
- Sioux Falls has been designated as a bronze-level "Bicycle Friendly City"
- For an online map with construction updates, visit [www.siouxfallsparks.org/bike](http://www.siouxfallsparks.org/bike)

# "SAM" PUBLIC TRANSIT

Using Sioux Area Metro (SAM) Transit not only reduces the stress of maneuvering through traffic, it can also save you money, reduce consumption of resources, improve air quality, and get you where you need to go. Check out these tips on how to ride the bus to save money and the environment!

## What do I need to know to ride the bus?

1. **Plan your route.** Route information is available at [www.siouxareametro.org](http://www.siouxareametro.org), by calling the Bus Station at (605) 367-7183, or by visiting The Bus Stop downtown to speak with a Customer Information Clerk.
2. **Arrive at the desired bus stop at least 5 minutes ahead of schedule.** If you plan to ride your bike, you can stop by The Bus Stop downtown first to learn how to load the bike onto the rack on the front of the bus. There is no additional charge to transport a bicycle.
3. **Board the bus and pay.** Put the correct fare amount either in the coin slot or the bill slot. If you have purchased a pass, you will need to dip it in the validation slot the first time and then just swipe it along the reader every ride after that. A 1-day pass can be purchased on the bus using the fare box. Also available are "SAM Flash Cards," which can simply be waved over a reader on the front of the fare box. A "SAM Flash Card" is reloadable and can last 4 or more years without having to be replaced. Tickets and monthly passes may be purchased at the The Bus Stop, the transit facility at 6th Street and Weber Avenue, Lewis Drug stores, and at the Empire Mall Guest Services desk.
4. **Take a seat.** If you happen to take a seat in the front half of the bus and a person with a disability comes on board, you may be asked to give up your seat and move to the back of the bus.
5. **Signal before your stop.** About 1 block from the stop where you want to get off, pull the cord that runs along the windows on the inside of the bus. This will alert the driver that you want to get off at the next stop. You may exit either at the front or the back of the bus.







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