



Spring Reminders continued...

- Try to reduce the amount of garbage by recycling or composting what you can.
- Ask a neighbor if you can add a bag or two to their garbage can.
- Bring the additional garbage to a local dump.

Exterior Storage. Continuing with spring cleaning there comes the problem of what to do with items that are no longer wanted but are not trash. Many times these items end up on the curb and stay there for days. Typically anything left out over 24 hours will not be wanted by others as they have now been exposed to the elements, animals, and insects. Some examples of exterior storage include items such as indoor furniture, tools, out of season lawn equipment, car parts, and construction materials not actively being used (as evidenced by a building permit). Items such as grills, outdoor children’s toys, lawn furniture, and lawn ornaments would not be considered exterior storage. The best practice would be to list the item on a marketplace and once a pickup date and time is arranged to then place the item out. If you find no one is interested in the item there are other options to get rid of it:

- Donate it. There are many local places to donate unwanted items.
- If you have quite a few unwanted items you could hold a garage sale. Garage sales may be held for four consecutive days and twice a year per address.
- Depending on the item they may take it at The Recycling Center in Eagan. Please see the Dakota County website for further information.

The city’s goal is to help residents have well-maintained properties that add to the overall community pride, increase property values and provide a higher standard of living. We appreciate your help in maintaining your property and being a part of the South St. Paul community.

If you have any questions or concerns you may reach out to the Code Enforcement Office at 651-554-3216.

Looking For Your Property Markers?

Property markers are metal pins typically placed at the corners of the property. The City may require you to find your markers when obtaining permits for certain projects, such as fences, sheds, and additions. Existing fences or structures cannot be used to verify property lines, and the City does not come out to verify your property lines. So, how do you find your property markers? The first and most reliable method is to call a licensed Professional Land Surveyor. The second is to try and find them yourself using the following guide:



Step 1. Call Gopher State One at 811 or 651-454-0002 to locate utilities to ensure you can dig for the markers safely. Gopher State One should be contacted at least 48 hours before digging. This is a free service. Gopher State One contacts all the utilities and asks them to mark where their utility lines are on your property, so expect some paint marks.

Step 2. Obtain your lot size on the Dakota County website at www.co.dakota.mn.us. Go to “Home and Property” and click on “Online Property Records.” Then look for the link to “Go to Property Information Search.” Type your address into the search bar in the top left corner of the page to bring up the approximate dimensions of your lot on the map.

Step 3. Working from your lot dimensions, use a metal detector (if you don’t have a treasure-hunting uncle, they are sometimes available to rent from the hardware store) to locate the metal pins in the corners of your property (typically buried 6-12 inches below the surface). Property markers are generally 30 feet from the centerline of the street and 4-5 feet from the edge of the alley. Unfortunately, markers are not always placed at every corner of your property and you may need to hire a surveyor after all.

Step 4. Put a marker of some type on the uncovered pin (such as a wooden stake with a ribbon on it). **Do not remove property pins.**



COLOR CODE FOR MARKING UNDERGROUND UTILITY LINES

	Proposed Excavation
	Temporary Survey Markings
	Electric
	Gas-Oil-Steam-Propane
	Communication-CATV-Fiber
	Water
	Reclaimed Water-Irrigation
	Sewer

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