



Protect Your Water Service Line

Water temperature

With the water already being cool as it enters our water distribution system, it takes very little exposure to colder temperatures for it to freeze. That is why it is important to make sure your water service lines are not exposed to colder air during winter and early spring months.

Frost depth

This is the depth to which the ground is frozen. Water services in Spearfish are typically installed at a depth that is not reached by frost, however, during severely cold and long winters, frost levels can reach the depth of your service. This usually occurs in February, March and early April.

In early spring, air temperatures begin to warm, but frost is still deep in the ground and remains until regular overnight temperatures are above freezing. During an extended cold winter, the frost depth can exceed five feet and put service lines at risk.

If the ground surrounding the service lines becomes frozen, it will cool the already cold water in the pipes and they can freeze. When the water stops moving, the temperature can lower quite quickly and freeze the water. This is why it is important to keep the water running; it keeps warmer water moving through the frost zone.

If your service line or plumbing are susceptible to frost, let cold water run from one faucet throughout the day and night. The amount of running water should be a little more than a trickle (the thickness of a pencil). The City cannot credit you for the water that you run, but the associated utility charges could be less than the cost to repair or thaw your water service line. You can measure the water being used by timing the filling of a container of a known size. Note that sewer charges may be applied throughout the year. The City recommends running water until April. Even as the weather warms up, the frost table is pushed lower, so the risk of frozen service lines could continue for several weeks.

If you hear unidentified running water or are experiencing low water pressure, please contact the Utility Billing Office to schedule a consult to determine if your service line has broken.

Service lines are the responsibility of and owned by the property owner. If your service line is in need of repairs, a list of approved contractors is available on the City's website or at the Utility Billing Office.

Spring Cleanup April 25th-April 28th

The Spearfish RUS will be waiving fees for Spearfish and Lawrence County residential disposal April 25-28 and will offer free pickup services for City residential customers needing to dispose of large items (limit of 3) April 25-26.

You must call Public Works at 642-1333 to schedule item pickup. The deadline to schedule is April 24 at 4pm. Commercial customers do not qualify for free pickup.

The RUS is located on Hwy 85, 1 1/2 miles north of I90's Exit 10 intersection on Camp Comfort Road. Hours are 9am-5pm.

Please visit the City's website for more details on items accepted and not accepted during cleanup days.

Keep your property lean and green to help protect your family and home.

Creating defensible space is essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it protects your home from catching fire—either from direct flame contact or radiant heat. Defensible space is also important for the protection of the firefighters defending your home.

For more information, see www.readyforwildfire.org. Spearfish Fire Department will be holding an event for National Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on May 4 at Station 1. See their Facebook page for details.

Seasonal employment opportunities are still available!!

Visit the Employment Page at cityofspearfish.com to apply or for more information.

City of Spearfish Regular Meeting Times

*Council Chambers
2nd Floor City Hall*

- City Council meetings are held the 1st & 3rd Monday at 5:30pm
- Public Works Committee - Tuesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Legal & Finance Committee - Wednesdays at 4:15pm before next Council meeting
- Planning Commission - 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 3:00pm
- Parks, Rec, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:30am
- Airport Board - Qtrly—Mar, June, Sept, Dec-2nd Thursday at 1:00pm

*If a meeting falls on a holiday,
it will be held the following day.
Visit the website for meeting times,
agendas and minutes.*

Directory

Building & Dev - 642.1335

Building Dept, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal, Planning & Zoning, Engineering & Floodplain

Finance Office - 642.1325

Accounts Payable, Cemetery, Utility Billing, Water/Sewer Maintenance

Fire Dept - 642.1313

Library - 642.1330

Parks, Rec & Forestry - 717.1158

Police Dept - 642.1305

Public Works - 642.1333

Mayor's Office, City Admin, RUS Info, Garbage Collection, Street Dept, Snow Removal

Rec & Aquatics Center - 722.1430

Building & Park Shelter Rentals, Campground, Fitness Classes

Annual Drinking Water Report

The 2018 Drinking Water Report is now available by visiting <http://denr.sd.gov/des/dw/PDF/DWQPDFs/0311ccr.pdf>, the City Website or City Hall. This report is done in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act to provide you with information about the water the City of Spearfish provides to you.

Community Events

For more community events and information, visit spearfishchamber.org or visitspearfish.com

Spearfish Fire Department-Save the Dates!

- May 2nd - Annual Pancake Supper
- May 4 - Wildfire Community Preparedness Day

Grace Balloch Memorial Library

625 N 5th St * 642-1330 * cityofpearfish.com

- Apr 23 from 2-4pm - Awful Art at the library - Not really an artist? Are you a master of Pinterest fails? Join us for a fun afternoon of truly horrible crafts. Prizes awarded for the tackiest creation.
- Apr 24 at 3:30pm - Teen Friends Presents Deck Building for "Magic: the Gathering" - Join us for our next session where we learn to build a deck. Whether you want to win or just have some fun, Aaron Bauerly is going to show some tips and tricks for your next game. Never played a trading card game? Stop in and learn the basics. New month, new topic. Held the fourth Wednesday of each month.
- Apr 29 from 2-4pm - Downloadable E-books and Audiobooks with LIBBY – Always have a book or audiobook on hand no matter where you are with the OverDrive LIBBY app. During this session we will show the ins and outs of this application and answer any questions so you can always have a good story close at hand.
- May 2-5 - Friends of the Library Book Sale - Fill a bag for \$5 and help support library programming.
- May 6 & 20 from 2-4pm - Drop-in Tech Help - Have questions about your laptop? Is your smartphone stumping you? We will have librarians ready to help. Bring your device and your questions.
- May 7 from 2-5pm - Coffee 'n' crafts – The weather is starting to warm up. For this installment of coffee n' crafts we will be decorating rocks to brighten up your garden, flower pots or the community. Stop in and let your creative juices flow. The library will have craft supplies and coffee available. For adults and supervised children.
- May 8 at 3:30pm - Lego Club (for ages 8-12) - Join us for a once monthly Lego Club. Held the second Wednesday of the month.
- May 9 at 5:45pm - Evening Family Story Time - Join us for our evening family story time. Stories and crafts designed for preschool and early elementary age children.
- May 13 from 2-4pm - Introduction to Online Shopping - Learn the basics for safely buying and selling items on the internet. The course will cover standard safety practices to protect your identity and financial information and also includes a walk-through for setting up accounts for popular shopping websites such as E-Bay, Amazon, and Facebook Marketplace.
- May 15 at 3:30pm - Tweens Get Crafty (minimum age of 10) - Held the third Wednesday of the month.

There will be NO WEEKLY STORY TIMES during the month of May as we get ready for our Summer Reading Program. Watch for details in next month's newsletter!

High Plains Western Heritage Center

825 Heritage Drive * 642-9378 * westernheritagecenter.com

- Apr 28 at 2pm - High Plains Live! Presents: Pegie Douglas & The Badger Sett Band. Tickets: \$10 | Reserved seats: \$15
- May 5 at 6pm - Orion & Stacey Potter & Co. "Gospel Music Concert". Suggested donation: \$10 at the door.

Spearfish Area Historical Society

spearfishhistory.org

May 7 at 7:30pm - "The Life of Monsignor Wenzil Sobolewski" with Paul Higbee. The program will be at the Spearfish Senior Center, 1306 10th St. This will be the last program of the SAHS until we reconvene the first Tuesday in September. The programs are open to the public!

Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center

122 Recreation Lane * 722-1430 * spearfishreccenter.com

- Waterpark ½ price sale until May 1st!
 - Summer Activities and Registrations are now open!!!
 - May 11 from 12-3pm - Youth Outdoor Adventure Course. Meet at the City Park South Shelter
 - May 6 - Babysitting Course
 - May 13-17 - Strider Camp
 - May 25 - Pool opens!
- Please contact the Rec & Aquatics Center for more information on any of these events.

Spearfish Senior Center

1306 N 10th Street * 642-2827 * spearfishseniorcenter.weebly.com

- Apr 27 - Monthly fundraising breakfast from 7:30-10am. Pancakes with sausage or biscuits with sausage gravy will be served with juice, coffee or tea. Donation of \$5. Everyone is welcome!

D.C. Booth Fish Hatchery

423 Hatchery Circle * 642-7730 * dcboothfishhatchery.org

- Apr 27 - Hot Rods for the Hatcheries. The Car Show will be held in the Young Center parking lot from 10am-2pm. It is hosted by the BHSU Honors Club. Proceeds will benefit the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery & Archives.
- May 11-12 - Mother's Day Weekend. Venues and Gift Shop will be open from 9am-6pm.
- May 16-18 - Booth Days. Induction into Fish Culture Hall of Fame on Thursday, Free hot dogs & activities on Saturday.

Spearfish Chamber of Commerce

106 W Kansas Street * 642-2626 * spearfishchamber.org

May 10 from 8:30am-4pm - Leadercast Spearfish 2019 will be held at Northern Hills Cinema. Leadercast will bring nine organizational health experts to one stage to teach attendees the art and science of successful team building.

This year's theme, "Leading Healthy Teams", builds on the overall mission of the event: To fill the world with leaders worth following. Healthy teams yield fulfilled employees, effective collaboration, high organizational engagement and greater long-term success. Contact the Chamber for ticket information.

BHSU

1200 University St * 642-6343 * bhsu.edu

May 17 from 10am-1pm - Celebrating Women in Business Luncheon & Awards. Spearfish Holiday Inn & Convention Center. Cost: \$30 (\$40 after May 5) Register at BHSU.edu/SDCEO or call 605-642-6435

Spearfish Wellness Fair

regionalhealth.org

Saturday, April 13 from 8am - 1pm at the Spearfish Park Pavilion. Join us for this free event to learn about the services offered by Regional Health to help you assess your health and reach your wellness goals. Free health screenings! Visit with doctors & providers! Hands-on activities for the whole family! Discounted cash lab draws!

Discounted cash lab draws are also available April 1-20 at Regional Health Clinics at 1420 N 10th, 1445 North Ave, Spearfish and 2230 13th Ave, Belle Fourche. Also at Regional Hospital, 1440 North Main St, Spearfish. Community Partners: Allied Construction & First Interstate Bank.