



City of Spearfish

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Building Safety Month-Partnering with Code Officials to Build Stronger, Safer Communities

Whether you are going through a minor remodeling job or major construction, the code official wants your project to be a success. Building safety professionals play a major role in keeping the public safe. They can also help avoid potential problems that could cost you time and money.

Before you begin any work that involves construction, visit your local building department. They will explain the process, which may include getting a building permit, plan review and inspection. The process is designed to protect the home or building owner and the occupants. Code officials ensure that all buildings, including homes, businesses and places of public assembly are built to required building safety codes, which address structural stability, fire safety, exits, sanitation, electricity, energy efficiency and more. These building safety professionals are responsible for protecting public health, safety and welfare through effective code enforcement.

Today, most of the US is covered by a network of modern building regulations ranging in coverage from fire and structural safety to health, security and conservation of energy. Public safety is not the only byproduct afforded by modern codes. Architects, engineers, contractors and others in the building community can take advantage of the latest technological advances accommodated by these codes with viable savings to the consumer.

Grilling Safety!

There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries. Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

Safety Tips:

- * Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- * The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- * Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- * Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- * Never leave your grill unattended. Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

Charcoal Grills: There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel. If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire. Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use. When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

Propane Grills: Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

For more information, visit www.nfpa.org/education

Annual Drinking Water Report Available

The 2017 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. Please contact Public Works at 642-1333 for additional 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, Recreation, Forestry Advisory Board - 3rd Thursday at 7:00am
- Airport Board - 2nd Thursday at 1:00pm

If a meeting falls on a holiday, it will be scheduled the following day.

Visit the website for meeting times.

2018 Summer/Seasonal Positions

Seasonal employment is still available with the Rec & Aquatics Center, Public Works and Parks Departments.

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

Spring Clean Up Scheduled for April 19th-22nd!

Spearfish and Lawrence County residents are encouraged to take part in the upcoming cleanup weekend. The Spearfish RUS will be waiving fees for residential disposal and City crews will offer free pick up services for city residential customers needing to dispose of large items.

The RUS is located 1 ½ miles north of Interstate 90's Exit 10 off Highway 85 on Camp Comfort Road and will be open free of charge from 9am to 5pm on the above listed dates.

Items accepted at the RUS: Trees, leaves, grass clippings, construction materials, metal, iron, appliances, batteries, furniture, carpet and mattresses/box springs. Tires without rims and appliances which use Freon will be accepted for a fee. Lawn mowers, weed eaters and any other gas/diesel powered item need to be completely drained of all fluids (fuel and oil) before being accepted at the RUS.

Items not accepted: household garbage, paper, plastic, clothing, asbestos, chemicals and hazardous or toxic wastes.

Pick up Services: Thursday and Friday of the above dates. Disposal of large items, including appliances (that do not use Freon), will be available by calling Public Works at 642-1333, beginning April 5th. You MUST call in to have items picked up. Calls will be accepted until 12:00pm on April 19th. Free pick up does not apply to commercial accounts.

Community Events

Spearfish Farmers Market

The Farmers Market is located at 111 E Illinois Street and open Wednesday-Friday 11am-5pm and every Saturday 9am-12pm

Chamber of Commerce

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

Leadership is the world's largest one-day leadership conference, broadcast LIVE from Atlanta and simulcast to Spearfish, shown at Northern Hills Cinema on May 4th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Tickets are \$50 for the day and can be purchased by calling the Chamber. The theme this year is, "Lead Yourself." What does it look like to lead yourself? How can you intentionally develop your own leadership skills and style? What qualities do you hope to embody as a leader? For more information and a list of speakers, visit our website.

Community Coalition

1930 North Ave Ste 2 * 717-1417 * spearfishcommunitycoalition.com

The Spearfish Community Coalition is currently looking for volunteers for the Downtown Friday Nights ID Tent! This is a great opportunity to advertise your business/organization, as well as help reduce underage drinking in our community. If you, or your organization would like to volunteer to check IDs, please contact Melissa at spfccdirector@gmail.com or call 717-1417.

Spearfish Area Historical Society

spearfishhistory.org

May 1st - The final program for Spearfish Area Historical Society's the season. "The History and Process of Bentonite Mining in the Black Hills," with Bill Oliver. The program begins at 7:30pm at the Spearfish Senior Center, 1306 10th Street. The public is invited!

BHSU

1200 University St * 642-6343 * bhsu.edu

- ◆ May 11th - 9th Annual "Celebrating Women in Business"
- ◆ May 17th - 19th - State Special Olympics Summer Games – Black Hills State University – All Day

Spearfish Historic Preservation Commission

The Spearfish Historic Preservation Commission is offering a paint grant for 2018. This grant is available to assist with the cost of paint and materials for exterior surfaces. For more details, please see the guidelines in the application which is available on the City website in the City Government, Boards and Committees section. Applications must be submitted to the commission by May 1st. Questions may be directed to spearfishhpc@gmail.com

High Plains Western Heritage Center

825 Heritage Drive * 642-9378 * westernheritagecenter.com

April 22nd at 2:00 pm - Paul Larson, Authentic Cowboy Music. Presented by "High Plains Live", A Western Sky Media Production. Tickets are \$10 in advance/\$12.50 at the door.

Summer Hours begin May 1st

Mon-Sat 9:00am - 4:00pm; Sunday 1:00 - 4:00pm

Free Tree Care Workshop

There will be a free tree care workshop on April 24th from 6-8pm in the City Council Chambers in City Hall, 625 N 5th Street. Everyone is invited to attend!

Grace Balloch Memorial Library

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

- ◆ The library offers a delivery service for our homebound patrons. If eligible, this service is provided free of cost. Call the library for more information.

There will be no weekly story times April 15th-May 31st!

Information on the summer reading program

for all ages will be available in May.

- ◆ Saturday Story Time! For ages Pre-K to Early elementary. First Saturdays of the month. May 5th at 2pm
- ◆ Lego Club (for ages 8-12). Join us for a once monthly Lego Club. Held the second Wednesday of the month. May 9th from 3:30-4:30pm
- ◆ Tween Crafts (min age of 10). Let's get crafty! Held the third Wednesday of the month. May 16th from 3:30-4:30pm
- ◆ Teen Friends (ages 13-18) Volunteer! Get involved. Make some crafts. Plan events for you and your friends. Join our Teen Friends group for a chance to help your library and make volunteer opportunities for yourself. Held the fourth Wednesday of the month. April 25th from 3:30-4:30pm.

Spearfish Rec & Aquatics Center

122 Recreation Lane * 722-1430 * spearfishreccenter.com

- ◆ Waterpark passes 1/2 price until May 1st!
- ◆ April 21st - 5k Bunny Run. 9am at Jorgensen Park
- ◆ April 21st from 8am-2pm. SRAC Rummage Sale
- ◆ April 21st at 9am - Pitch, Hit & Run MLB competition
- ◆ May 4th - Skate Night from 5:30-8:30pm
- ◆ May 14th-18th - Strider Camp from 6-7pm. Ages 2-5 years old.
- ◆ May 19th - Smart Cycling Class for adults begins

Spearfish Senior Center

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

- ◆ April 28th from 7:30am-10:30am - Pancakes with sausage, or biscuits with sausage gravy will be offered with juice and coffee or tea. This is a fundraising event. Everyone is welcome!
- ◆ May 5th from 10:30am-11:30am - Come get some tips on growing herbs in containers! This is a free presentation and all are welcome. Thank you to our senior center member Sherry Corson who is a Northern Hills Certified Master Gardener for putting this class on!

Matthew Opera House & Arts Center

612 N Main St * 642-7973 * matthewsopera.com

- ◆ April 3rd-May 15th - Registration for Children's Summer Theater
- ◆ April 26th - 9th Black Hills Film Festival
- ◆ May 3rd-6th - "KMOH Variety Review: Live Radio Show
- ◆ May 9th - Bellman Brown Bag - Canyon Hills Project - One Year later

Fire Department Volunteers Needed!

The Fire Department is looking for volunteers!

Contact Mark or Rob at 642-1313 or fire.admin@cityofpearfish.com for more information.

Good Shepherd Clinic

GSC's mission is to provide quality medical and emergency dental care for people without health insurance and to take the light of Christ into the community. The free walk-in clinic for the Northern Hills financially qualified patients ages 19-64 is located at 1020 State Street, Spearfish SD. GSC is open on Monday evenings (except for the month of August and major holidays) with check in from 6:00 - 7:30pm. Patients who are eligible for or have any of the following do not qualify to receive GSC's services: health insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, Veterans Assistance, Indian Health Services or CHIP.

If you are interested in becoming a GSC volunteer, check out our Good Shepherd Clinic of Spearfish [Facebook page](#) and/or video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wz2OJ5lyC5A&feature=share>