

Talk of the Town

Princeton Township

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Key Dates for 2022

April 16: Township Clean-up Day 8am – Noon

April 16: Road Tour After Clean up Day

April 20: Local Board of Appeal & Equalization 6pm

Aug. 09: Primary Election

Nov. 08: General Election

Township Board Meetings

Meeting start at 7:30 pm.(unless posted other wise)

April 19th, May 17th, June 21st,
July 19th, Aug. 16th, Sep. 20th,
Oct. 18th, Nov. 15th, Dec. 20th

Planning Commission Meetings

1st Monday of each month (unless otherwise specified)
Public Hears start at 6 pm Meeting Starts 6:30 pm

May 2nd, June 6th, July 11th, Aug. 1st,
Sep. 12th, Oct. 3rd, Nov. 7th, Dec. 5th

Office Hours:

Monday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Tuesday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Thursday 8:30am – 3:30pm

Website:

<http://www.princetontownshipmn.us/>

Accomplishments in 2021

Townships are responsible for roads and this is a primary function of our operation. It is important that we are transparent in tracking the outcomes of any goals or initiatives that we undertake. In regard to road maintenance, the township establishes goals each year regarding improvement and maintenance. The goals of the township for 2021 were to:

1. **Develop and approve a comprehensive road plan for all roads in the township and implement the plan.**
2. **Determine priorities based on data and facts.**
3. **Address needs and assure due diligence and fiscal responsibility for the township residents.**

The 2021 **Princeton Township Comprehensive Road Maintenance Plan** detailed six primary focus areas, with each focus area providing improved outcomes and budget management. The six primary focus areas to meet these goals, and their improved outcomes included:

- **Gravel Road Maintenance:** Developed ongoing 3-year rotating graveling plan. Improved grading and dust control for high traffic roads to meet established criteria.
- **Paved Road Maintenance:** More than 90% of paved roads had been under-maintained for the previous 10 years. By Summer of 2022, 90% of paved roads will have received routine maintenance.
- **Snow Removal:** Snow removal has moved to a more cost-effective, contracted service, reducing costs to residents, and increasing responsiveness.
- **Mowing & Brush Removal:** Mowing and brush removal has similarly moved to a more cost-effective, contracted service.
- **Safety & Signage:** The Township has developed and implemented accurate inventory, policy, and process regarding maintenance of safety and signage.
- **Comprehensive Budget Plan:** The Township has established a Comprehensive Budget Plan to address all previously mentioned maintenance needs and services, as required by State Statutes.

Road Plans for 2022



Planned road maintenance:

- 9.2 miles of crack filling
 - The 2022 plan addresses critically needed filling for the vast majority of township paved roads.
- 2.9 miles of chip sealing.
- ~1 mile of road repair, overlay, or reclaim and pave.
 - 50th Avenue south of State Highway 95

Our focus area for maintenance and graveling is the southwest third of the Township. Miscellaneous locations throughout the Township will also be addressed as needed.

Permits:

Permits are required for:

- New home construction
- Building a deck or porch (if attached to house)
- Installing a fireplace, chimney, or wood stove
- Plumbing alterations
- Finishing a basement
- Additions to a house or garage
- Sheds over 200 square feet in floor area (10 feet x 20 feet)
- Underground Sprinkler Systems
- Fences over 7 feet in height
- Retaining walls higher than 4 feet
- Window and Door Replacement
- Swimming pools of 5,000 gallons or more
- Reroofing or Residing Buildings
- Driveways and Cluverts
- Air conditioners (not including window air conditioners)
- Building demolition

- Burning Permits through the **DNR**
<https://apps.dnr.state.mn.us/burning-permits/>
- Septic Systems—obtained through **Mille Lacs County**

You can pick up applications at the Township Hall during business hours or download from the website. Have questions? Email us at Clerk@PrincetonTownshipMN.us

Note: Starting without a permit is subject to doubling the fee.

Township Board & Planning Commission Contacts

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Township Community Information Reminders

Speaking to the Board or Commission:

Town Board and Planning Commission meetings are open to the public. Residents of the township can bring issues before either of the boards during the open forum time or as an item on the agenda.

To add an item to either agenda notify the clerk by mail, email, or phone at least one week before the scheduled meeting. Meeting agendas are posted on the Township website <http://www.princetontownshipmn.us/>

Snow Reminders:

It is against the law to plow snow from a driveway into or across a public road. During snowplow season there is no parking allowed alongside a township road or on the shoulder. Keeping roadways clear ensures that the snowplow operator can clear the roads fully from side to side. Thank you for your cooperation. Gravel roads will not be plowed until the ground is frozen, nor plowed after the spring thaw.

Animals:

Every resident is responsible to contain and control their own animals at home on their property. Please respect your neighbors and keep your animals at home and not running around the neighborhood. If you have a complaint about an animal contact the Mille Lacs County Sheriff at 320-983-8250.

Recycling Available Daily at Township Hall

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

PAPER & CARDBOARD

MATERIALS MUST BE EMPTY, FLATTENED AND DRY.

- Newspapers & Inserts
- Cardboard (Non-Waxed)
- Brown Paper Bags
- Envelopes, Catalogs & Magazines
- Printer Paper (All Colors)
- Paperboard (Dry Food Boxes & Beverage Cases)

PLASTICS

MATERIALS MUST BE EMPTY AND RINSED WITH CAPS ON.

- Containers Labeled # 1, #2 & #5

CARTONS

MATERIALS MUST BE EMPTY AND RINSED WITH CAPS ON; DO NOT FLATTEN.

- Milk Cartons & Juice Boxes
- Broth & Other Liquid Carton Containers

METAL & GLASS

MATERIALS MUST BE EMPTY AND RINSED WITH CAPS ON; PLACE METAL LIDS IN CAN AND PINCH SHUT.

- Aluminum Cans
- Steel/Tin Cans
- Brown, Clear & Green Glass Food & Beverage Containers

MATERIALS NOT ACCEPTED

SOLID WASTE

DISPOSE OF AT EAST CENTRAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL.

- Household Garbage
- Coat Hangers & Aluminum Foil
- Styrofoam & Packing Peanuts
- Wet or Rotten Materials
- Garden Hoses & Extension Cords
- Auto Glass, Window Glass, & Mirror Glass
- Ceramics & Porcelain

- Glass Cookware, Drinking Glasses & Vases
- Plastic Lined Boxes
- Compostable Plastics—PLA #7
- Paper Towels, Napkins, Plates & Tissues
- Hazardous Chemical & Motor Oil Containers
- Plastic Films (Wraps, Tarps, Juice Pouches)

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUSE WASTE

- DISPOSE OF AT STEARNS COUNTY HHW FACILITY.*
- Alkaline & Rechargeable Batteries
 - Syringes & Needles

COMPOST

- Food Waste
- Shredded Paper

SPECIAL RECYCLING

RECYCLE AT PARTICIPATING FACILITIES.

- Plastic Bags
- Christmas Lights
- Scrap Metal
- Extension Cords

Township Clean-up Day 2022

Saturday April 16, 2022

Time: 8am - Noon 10039 55th St. Princeton, MN 55371

You must bring proof of residency (tax statement or driver's license)

The Township reserves the right to refuse anyone without proper identification

Small appliances/electronics (1 free of charge per residence/landowner) Additional \$10.00 each:

Computer, printer, microwave oven, propane tank, bathroom tub, sink, toilet, garbage disposal, etc.

Large Appliances: \$35.00 Each: Television, air conditioner, dehumidifier, furnace, freezer, refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, water heater, water softener, computer monitor

Furniture: \$30.00 each item: Mattress, box spring, couch, chair, other furniture

Tires: All tires must be off rim	
Type/Size	Cost Each
Passenger vehicle	First 4 tires free; \$5 each additional
Light truck	First 4 tires free; \$5 each additional
Semi truck	\$10.00
Tractor 24-inch or smaller	\$25.00
Tractor larger than 24-inch	\$35.00
ATV or motorcycle	First 2 tires free; \$5 each additional