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YOU CAN RECYCLE & USE LESS PAINT, HERE'S HOW – Paint is the most common material brought to household hazardous waste sites across the U.S. Last year Ramsey County collected 700,000 pounds of unwanted paint! Residents commonly drop off unwanted paint because the paint is frozen, dried out, too much was bought or they are moving. no matter the reason, there are many free & convenient options for recycling paint in Ramsey County, from our year-round & mobile HHW collection sites to more than a dozen retail paint stores that are part of a paint product stewardship organization operated by PaintCare.

To find a paint recycling drop-off near you visit RamseyRecycles.com/hhw or PaintCare.org. You can also get free paint at Ramsey County's Product Reuse Center.



WANT TO GIVE BLOOD? The White Bear Lake Fire Department will be hosting a blood drive on Friday, October 19th from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm at White Bear Lake City Hall, 4701 Highway 61. If you are interested make your appointment at redcrossblood.org.



EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION – This year the Town Board will be recognizing Bill Short, Town Clerk for 30 years of service; Tom Riedesel, Town Planner for 25 years of service; & G.T. Magnuson, Public Works Department for 5 years of service.



ENJOY RECREATIONAL FIRES RESPONSIBLY – Fall is the perfect time for enjoying roasted marshmallows & hot chocolate around a backyard fire. If you're lighting a wood fire, follow these tips:

- Limit your fire to a 3' x 3' size
- Burn wood that has been drying for at least six months & avoid burning green wood (wood that has been recently cut & not dried out)
- Consider the wind direction & your proximity to neighbors, if smoke becomes a nuisance to nearby properties, extinguish the fire immediately
- Avoid burning construction waste, plastic, garbage or yard waste. They can be toxic & create more smoke
- If you are wondering whether there is a burning ban in effect, check with the White Bear Lake Fire Department at 651.429.8568



6 FALL LAWN CARE TIPS TO DO RIGHT NOW –

- Remove the leaves. Leaves block the light & trap moisture.
- Keep cutting, but to the correct height (2½ - 3"). Grass continues to grow up to the first hard frost.
- Continue watering. If your lawn isn't getting at least 1" of water a week then keep the sprinklers going until the end of October so insure your lawn's roots stay hydrated & healthy.

- Loosen the soil. Aeration your lawn every couple of years prevents soil from becoming compacted & covered with thatch, a thick layer of roots, stems, & debris that blocks water, oxygen & nutrients from reach the soil.
- Add fertilizer. Apply a late-fall application of a slow-release granular 24-0-10 fertilizer.
- Spread seed. A dense lawn is good protection against weeds, that's why it's important to overseed existing turf.

