

Security/Privacy/Accessibility Statement

Thank you for visiting the Chisago County web site and reviewing our privacy policy. This policy explains how Chisago County handles the information collected from you during your visit to our web site.

We will collect no personal information about you when you visit our web site, unless you choose to provide that information to us. We do not give, share, sell, or transfer any personal information for commercial purposes.

Chisago County may amend this policy from time to time. We will prominently display on this web site any substantial changes in the way we use your personal information.

Here is how we handle information about your visit to our web site:

The Collection and Use of Information / Traffic Analysis

If you only browse through the web site, read pages, or download information, we will gather and store certain information about your visit automatically. This information does not identify you personally. Only the following information is automatically collected and stored about your visit:

- The Internet domain (for example, "xcompany.com" if you use a private Internet access account, or "yourschool.edu" if you connect from a university's domain) and IP address (an IP address is a number that is automatically assigned to your computer whenever you are surfing the Web) from which you access our web site
- The type of web browser and operating system used to access our site
- The date and time you access our site
- The pages you visit
- If you linked to our web site from another web site, the address of that web site

We use this information to help us make the site more useful to visitors -- to learn about the number of visitors to our site and the types of technology our visitors use.

Personal Information and Choice/Electronic Government

You may choose to provide us with personal information, by sending us an e-mail message containing your comments or questions or by filling out a form with your personal information. We use this information to improve our service to you or to respond to your request. Your message may be forwarded, as e-mail, to other Chisago County agencies and employees who may be better able to help you. We only share the information you give us with another government agency if your inquiry relates to that agency, or as otherwise required by law. Chisago County does not use personal data you provide for commercial marketing.

Public Access Information & Disclosure of Information to Third Parties

Several state and federal laws protect the privacy of the information we collect about you. Chisago County does not disclose personally identifiable information you provide online unless authorized by state, federal law or with your (written) permission.

You may decline to participate in any activity that asks for information (e.g., surveys or emails). Your

choice to not participate will have no effect on your ability to access information on the county's web sites.

Use of Cookies

To help make our website more responsive to the needs of our visitors, we use a standard feature of browser software, called a "cookie", to assign each visitor a unique, random number that resides on your computer. The cookie does not identify the visitor, just the computer that a visitor uses to access our site. Unless you voluntarily identify yourself, we won't know who you are, even if we assign a cookie to your computer as the only personal information a cookie can contain is information you supply. A cookie cannot read unrelated data off your computer. We use cookies to help us deliver a better, more personalized service. For example, we use cookies to track the pages and services on our website visited by our users. We can build a better website if we know which pages and features our users are visiting and how often.

Disclaimers

Chisago County shall not be liable to any person or entity for any loss or injury arising, directly or indirectly, out of or caused in whole or in part by Chisago County's errors, acts, or omissions in procuring, compiling, collecting, interpreting, reporting, communicating, delivering, or assembling the information, data, or records displayed on this web site.

Information Accuracy

The information contained in this web site was accurate and complete for the purposes for which it was collected at the time of publication. Chisago County reserves the right to make changes and improvements at any time and without notice and assumes no liability for damages incurred directly or indirectly as a result of errors, omissions, discrepancies, unauthorized modification of electronic data, errors in transmission, web browser incompatibilities, and other aspects of electronic communications that are beyond our control.

Links

The Chisago County web site has many links to other web sites including links to web sites operated by other government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and private businesses. Inclusion of a web site implies no endorsement or claim of its accuracy. When you follow a link to another site, you are no longer on the County's web site and this privacy policy will not apply. You are subject to the privacy policy of that new site, if one exists. You are encouraged to examine the privacy policy of that site.

Unauthorized Access/Site Security

Unauthorized attempts to upload information or change information on this web site are strictly prohibited and may be punishable under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1986 and the National Information Infrastructure Protection Act.

Except for authorized law enforcement investigations, no other attempts are made to identify individual users or their usage habits.

Accessibility

Chisago County makes all reasonable efforts to ensure this web site is accessible to all users.

If you should experience an accessibility problem with this web site, please notify the webmaster at webmaster@chisagocounty.us. If you should need information in alternate formats, the webmaster can help you obtain the alternate format.

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Acrobat Reader version 6.0 contains improved features for assistive technology software. Adobe has information about various tools that can help make .pdf documents accessible. See <http://access.adobe.com/>

Contact Information

Chisago County uses a system that allows a large number of county employees to publish and manage content on the county site. To serve you better, several of the pages contain contact information about the specific service or program.

To offer comments about the information provided in this privacy policy or the site in general, you may contact:

Chisago County Government Center
313 N Main St
Room 174
Center City, MN 55012

If you would prefer to send your comments via e-mail, send to: webmaster@chisagocounty.us