

Talk of the Town

Princeton Township

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Key Dates for 2025

April 16: Local Board of Appeal & Equalization 6pm

May 3: Township Clean-up Day 7:30 – 11:30

May 3: Road Tour After Clean-up Day

Township Board Meetings

Third Tuesday each month. Meetings start at 7:00 pm (unless posted otherwise).

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

Planning Commission Meetings

1st Monday of each month (unless otherwise specified). Public Hearings start at 6 pm; Meetings start at 6:30 pm

Apr 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, Aug. 4,
Sep. 8, Oct. 6, Nov. 3, Dec 1

2026 Township Election

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

10:00 am – 8:00 pm

Township Annual Meeting follows.

Office Hours

Monday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Website

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

Accomplishments in 2024

A township's most important responsibility is maintaining and improving township roads. It is important that we are transparent in tracking the outcomes of any goals or initiatives we undertake. Princeton Township establishes goals each year covering road maintenance and improvement.

The Township's goals for 2024 were to:

- 1. Implement the comprehensive road plan, for all roads in the Township, which was developed and approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2020-2021.**
- 2. Determine priorities based on data and facts.**
- 3. Address needs and assure due diligence and fiscal responsibility for township residents.**

The **2024 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:

- 1. Gravel Road Maintenance:** Developed ongoing 3-year rotating graveling plan. Improved grading and dust control for high traffic roads to meet established criteria.
- 2. Paved Road Maintenance:** More than 95% of paved roads had been under-maintained prior to 2020. Starting in 2020 and by the summer of 2023, over 95% of paved roads had received the necessary routine maintenance.
- 3. Snow Removal:** Snow removal has moved to a contracted service.
- 4. Mowing & Brush Removal:** Mowing and brush removal has similarly moved to a more cost-effective, contracted service. Some brushing and tree trimming continues to be completed by township employees.
- 5. Safety & Signage:** The Township has developed and implemented accurate inventory, policy, and process regarding maintenance of safety and signage.
- 6. 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.

2024 Accomplishments (Continued)

Completed road maintenance in 2024:

In 2024, the north third of the Township was our focus area for graveling, brushing and tree trimming. Miscellaneous locations throughout the Township were also addressed as needed.

Paved roads:

- ~1.0 mile of crack filling and surface treatment.
- ~1.1 miles of road paving.
 - (40th St. - Sec. 17/20; 54th Ave. - Sec. 25; 50th Ave. Sec. 36).
- Repaired several sink holes.

2025 Focus:

In 2025, the southwest third of the Township will be our focus area for graveling, brushing and tree trimming. Miscellaneous locations throughout the Township will also be addressed as needed.

Paved roads:

- ~6.5 miles of crack filling in the north west area.
- Planning 3.0 miles of road improvement and paving. Once a road agreement is settled with our good neighbors to the east, we will know more.
 - (50th Ave. Sec. 24, 25 & 36).

Permits:

Permits are required for:

- New home construction
- Building a deck or porch (if attached to a 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 of buildings
- Driveways and culverts
- Air conditioners (not including window air conditioners)
- Building demolition
- Burning permits are available through the **DNR**
<https://apps.dnr.state.mn.us/burning-permits/>
- Septic systems are obtained through **Mille Lacs County**



Township Board & Planning Commission Contacts

Board Supervisors

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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 will subject you to a doubling of the normal fee.

Township Community Information Reminders

Speaking to the Town Board or Planning 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 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 Season Reminders:

***It is against the law to plow snow from a driveway into or across a public road.**

*During snowplow season **no parking** is 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.

***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. Responsibility for enforcing animal control resides with Mille Lacs County. If you have a complaint about an animal, call 911.

Recycling is Available Daily at the 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 Hazardous 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 2025

Saturday, May 3, 2025

Time: 7:30 am – 11:30 am: 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