



EXTENDED ABSENCE PROGRAM

What is the Extended Absence Program?

You may apply for an extended absence credit resulting in a reduction in **garbage** service payment for a period greater than 4 weeks up to 26 weeks. If your property is vacant for more than 26-weeks, you must reapply for an extended absence credit. If your property remains vacant for more than two years (104 weeks), you may request a vacancy form that will eliminate the need to re-apply every six months for extended absence credit.

The garbage service charge on the utility bill will be reduced to remove disposal costs (approximately 31%), since the City doesn't pay these costs for the period you will not be using the service. The garbage service fixed costs (approximately 69%) will still be charged, as the City must pay this cost for having the service available for your property. We have attached a chart indicating the amount of credit you would receive on your bill based on the number of weeks your property is vacant.

Partial weeks will be calculated based on the number of days vacant during a week. The property must be vacant four (4) or more days in a week to receive credit for that week.

You must notify the City Utility Billing office if you have a change in your period of absence timeframe to reinstate your garbage service.

To qualify for the extended absence program, the following criteria must be met:

- The property must be vacant for a minimum of four (4) consecutive weeks.
- You must notify the City Utility Billing office in writing a minimum of 2 weeks **prior** to the property being vacant.
- Garbage and recycling containers must be put somewhere so they are not visible to the hauler.

What happens if I meet all qualifications?

- Garbage service will be temporarily suspended.
- You will be given credit for garbage service for the period of absence.
- The credit will appear on the next quarterly bill **AFTER** the period of absence.

How do I sign up?

If all the qualifications stated above are met, simply complete the extended absence form enclosed and return to the City utility billing office 2 weeks prior to the property being vacant.



EXTENDED ABSENCE FORM

My garbage service address is:

Name on account:

Utility Account number:

Garbage Collection Day: _____

The service address listed above will be vacant during the following dates:

Date leaving: _____

Date returning: _____

The forwarding address during my vacancy is:

I have read the details of the extended absence program and have met the qualifications. If there is any change in my plans, I will notify City of St Louis Park Utility billing office at 952-924-2111.

Signature

Please mail this form directly to:

City of St Louis Park Utility Billing
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St Louis Park, MN 55416-2290
Fax: 952-924-2170



GARBAGE SERVICE CREDIT CHART

		30 Gallon Service	60 Gallon Service	90 Gallon Service	90+ Gallon Service	270 Service	360 Service	450 Service	540 Service
2007 Standard Quarterly Rate		\$39.65	\$50.23	\$60.80	\$71.38	\$91.37	\$111.37	\$131.37	\$151.38
2007 Standard Weekly Rate		\$3.05	\$3.86	\$4.68	\$5.49	\$7.03	\$8.57	\$10.11	\$11.64
1	Week Absence Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2	Week Absence Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
3	Week Absence Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
4	Week Absence Credit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
5	Week Absence Credit	\$4.70	\$6.00	\$7.20	\$8.50	\$10.90	\$13.30	\$15.70	\$18.00
6	Week Absence Credit	\$5.70	\$7.20	\$8.70	\$10.20	\$13.10	\$15.90	\$18.80	\$21.70
7	Week Absence Credit	\$6.60	\$8.40	\$10.10	\$11.90	\$15.30	\$18.60	\$21.90	\$25.30
8	Week Absence Credit	\$7.60	\$9.60	\$11.60	\$13.60	\$17.40	\$21.20	\$25.10	\$28.90
9	Week Absence Credit	\$8.50	\$10.80	\$13.00	\$15.30	\$19.60	\$23.90	\$28.20	\$32.50
10	Week Absence Credit	\$9.50	\$12.00	\$14.50	\$17.00	\$21.80	\$26.60	\$31.30	\$36.10
11	Week Absence Credit	\$10.40	\$13.20	\$15.90	\$18.70	\$24.00	\$29.20	\$34.50	\$39.70
12	Week Absence Credit	\$11.30	\$14.40	\$17.40	\$20.40	\$26.10	\$31.90	\$37.60	\$43.30
13	Week Absence Credit	\$12.30	\$15.60	\$18.80	\$22.10	\$28.30	\$34.50	\$40.70	\$46.90
14	Week Absence Credit	\$13.20	\$16.80	\$20.30	\$23.80	\$30.50	\$37.20	\$43.90	\$50.50
15	Week Absence Credit	\$14.20	\$18.00	\$21.70	\$25.50	\$32.70	\$39.80	\$47.00	\$54.10
16	Week Absence Credit	\$15.10	\$19.20	\$23.20	\$27.20	\$34.90	\$42.50	\$50.10	\$57.80
17	Week Absence Credit	\$16.10	\$20.40	\$24.60	\$28.90	\$37.00	\$45.10	\$53.30	\$61.40
18	Week Absence Credit	\$17.00	\$21.60	\$26.10	\$30.60	\$39.20	\$47.80	\$56.40	\$65.00
19	Week Absence Credit	\$18.00	\$22.80	\$27.50	\$32.30	\$41.40	\$50.50	\$59.50	\$68.60
20	Week Absence Credit	\$18.90	\$24.00	\$29.00	\$34.00	\$43.60	\$53.10	\$62.70	\$72.20
21	Week Absence Credit	\$19.90	\$25.20	\$30.40	\$35.70	\$45.80	\$55.80	\$65.80	\$75.80
22	Week Absence Credit	\$20.80	\$26.40	\$31.90	\$37.40	\$47.90	\$58.40	\$68.90	\$79.40
23	Week Absence Credit	\$21.70	\$27.50	\$33.30	\$39.10	\$50.10	\$61.10	\$72.10	\$83.00
24	Week Absence Credit	\$22.70	\$28.70	\$34.80	\$40.90	\$52.30	\$63.70	\$75.20	\$86.60
25	Week Absence Credit	\$23.60	\$29.90	\$36.20	\$42.60	\$54.50	\$66.40	\$78.30	\$90.20
26	Week Absence Credit	\$24.60	\$31.10	\$37.70	\$44.30	\$56.60	\$69.00	\$81.40	\$93.90