

City of Alma

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PAYING YOUR CITY UTILITY BILL **On-Line & Other Options**

Want to pay your Utility Bill online? Please check it out at almacity.com Click on **Residents**, then **Payment Options**. You will need to register first. After you register, the next day an email will be sent to you for verification and further instructions. It takes a couple days to complete the registration so don't wait till the 13th or 14th to register. The City pays the transaction fee when paying your bill on-line!



The City offers an automatic Draft taken from your checking account. The day your account is debited is the absolute last day possible to pay before it becomes delinquent! No check needs to be written. Actually, all you have to do is write the amount in your check register :-). In order to activate this option, an automatic ACH form must be completed and a voided check provided. The form is available at the City Office and also on the City's website at almacity.com.

The City has a drop box right outside the front door. Your payment can be dropped off 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Reminder to everyone - the last possible time to get your payment in before the late fee is added is by close of business on the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls on a Monday, Wednesday, or Friday, that time is 4:00pm. If the 15th lands on a Tuesday or Thursday, that time is 3:00pm. Should the 15th land on a Saturday, Sunday, or Holiday, payment must be received by the close of business on the next regular business day.



The City will also take your credit card information over the phone if you can't pay on-line and can't make it down to pay. And of course, you can always mail your payment to PO Box 468. Once again, it must be here by the 15th or late fee of 10% will be assessed.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the City Office @ 308.928.2242. We will be glad to assist you!



The City of Alma is accepting applications for the positions of **lifeguard**. The positions are open until filled. The lifeguard applicant must be or be able to become certified in CPR, First Aid, and Life Guarding. Wages are based on experience. For an application visit www.almacity.com (under Government/Human Resources/Application Process/Relevant Documents)

Pool passes-2024

\$50 individual pass

\$80 family pass

\$3.00 daily



Swimming Pool Hours

12-1 Monday—Friday

Adult Swim

1-8 Monday –Friday

1-6 Saturday & Sunday



HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PAGES FROM HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Library is currently open:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.

Thursday from 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Saturday from 9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 pm

Phone: 308-928-2600

Email: almalibry@gmail.com

Webpage: <https://libraries.ne.gov/alma>



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

This summer there will be plenty of “Adventures at Your Library” during the Summer Reading Program! Children ages 18 months through Pre-K read 20 minutes a day while those in K-6th grade read 30 minutes a day to get coupons provided by local businesses and a chance to enter their name on the prizes that will be drawn after July 10. Registration begins when school lets out for the summer - May 15 and ends May 28th. Those who complete their 42 days of reading and turn in their sheets by July 10th will get to come to the Summer Reading party on Wednesday July 17th and be entered into the grand prize drawing.

No registration is needed for weekly story/adventure times, which is the other part of Summer Reading. Any child 3 to 5 years old can attend Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. from June 5 through July 10. Those who were in Kindergarten through 3rd grade can participate in story/adventure times Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. from June 5 through July 10.

***TEENS** (7th – 12th grade) and **ADULTS** can pick up a Summer Reading Bookopoly sheet beginning May 15th to complete by August 10th. Rules and prizes will be announced later. If you need a library card, or need to renew yours, please be sure to bring proof of your physical address (if under 16 bring a parent along and they can show proof for you!!)*



HOESCH MEMORIAL LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN THE CITY PARK



Please do not drop off yard waste in trash bags at the City compost pile. This is a violation and could cause the compost site to be shut down.

Summer Compost Hours

Monday & Saturday 9 AM-3:30 PM

Wednesday 9 AM- Dark

Starting April 1st

If these hours do not work for your schedule, you have another couple options. You may rent a key for the year (Jan 1 thru Dec 31) for \$100 or you can check out a key for 24 hours for \$5. Both require a \$20 security deposit check. Occasional closures can happen depending on the weather.



City of Alma

**Annual Water Quality Report
For January 1 to December 31, 2023**

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the City of Alma water system to provide safe drinking water.

Para Clientes Que Hablan Español: Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

For more information regarding this report, or to request a hard copy, contact:

**SCOTT C KUHL
308-928-2242**

If you would like to observe the decision-making processes that affect drinking water quality, please attend the regularly scheduled meeting of the Village Board/City Council. If you would like to participate in the process, please contact the Village/City Clerk to arrange to be placed on the agenda of the meeting of the Village Board/City Council.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Source Water Assessment Availability:

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) has completed the Source Water Assessment. Included in the assessment are a Wellhead Protection Area map, potential contaminant source inventory, and source water protection information. To view the Source Water Assessment or for more information please contact the person named above on this report or the NDEE at 402-471-3376 or go to <http://dee.ne.gov>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Sources of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The source of water used by City of Alma is ground water.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- * Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- * Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- * Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- * Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- * Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking Water Health Notes:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. All Community water systems are responsible for providing high quality drinking water but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have you water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791), at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead> or at the NDEE Drinking Water Division (402-471-1009).

The City of Alma is required to test for the following contaminants: Coliform Bacteria, Antimony, Arsenic, Asbestos, Barium, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Copper, Cyanide, Fluoride, Lead, Mercury, Nickel, Nitrate, Nitrite, Selenium, Sodium, Thallium, Alachlor, Atrazine, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbofuran, Chlordane, Dalapon, Di(2-ethylhexyl)adipate, Dibromochloropropane, Dinoseb, Di(2-ethylhexyl)- phthalate, Diquat, 2,4-D, Endothalil, Endrin, Ethylene dibromide, Glyphosate, Heptachlor, Heptachlor epoxide, Hexachlorobenzene, Hexachlorocyclopentadiene, Lindane, Methoxychlor, Oxamyl (Vydate), Pentachlorophenol, Picloram, Polychlorinated biphenyls, Simazine, Toxaphene, Dioxin, Silvex, Benzene, Carbon Tetrachloride, o-Dichloro- benzene, Para-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Trans-1,2-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Ethylbenzene, Monochlorobenzene, 1,2,4-Trichloro- benzene, 1,1,1-Trichloroethane, 1,1,2-Trichloroethane, Trichloroethylene, Vinyl Chloride, Styrene,

Tetrachloroethylene, Toluene, Xylenes (total), Gross Alpha (minus Uranium & Radium 226), Radium 226 plus Radium 228, Sulfate, Chloroform, Bromodichlorobenzene, Chlorodibromomethane, Bromoform, Chlorobenzene, m-Dichlorobenzene, 1,1-Dichloropropene, 1,1-Dichloroethane, 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethane, 1,2-Dichloropropane, Chloromethane, Bromomethane, 1,2,3-Trichloropropane, 1,1,1,2-Tetrachloroethane, Chloroethane, 2,2-Dichloropropane, o-Chlorotoluene, p-Chlorotoluene, Bromobenzene, 1,3-Dichloropropene, Aldrin, Butachlor, Carbaryl, Dicamba, Dieldrin, 3-Hydroxycarbofuran, Methomyl, Metolachlor, Metribuzin, Propachlor.

How to Read the Water Quality Data Table:

The EPA and State Drinking Water Program establish the safe drinking water regulations that limit the amount of contaminants allowed in drinking water. The table shows the concentrations of detected substances in comparison to the regulatory limits. Substances not detected are not included in the table. The state requires monitoring of certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Therefore, some of this data may be older than one year.

MCL (Maximum Contaminant Level) – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLG (Maximum Contaminant Level Goal) – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

AL (Action Level) – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MRDL (Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

N/A – Not applicable.

Units in the Table:

ND – Not detectable.

ppm (parts per million) – One ppm corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 million gallons of water.

mg/L (milligrams per liter) – Equivalent to ppm.

ppb (parts per billion) – One ppb corresponds to 1 gallon of concentrate in 1 billion gallons of water.

ug/L (micrograms per liter) – Equivalent to ppb.

pCi/L (Picocuries per liter) – Radioactivity concentration unit.

RAA (Running Annual Average) – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters.

LRAA (Locational Running Annual Average) – An ongoing annual average calculation of data from the most recent four quarters at each sampling location.

90th Percentile – Represents the highest value found out of 90% of the samples taken in a representative group. If the 90th percentile is greater than the action level, it will trigger a treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

TT (Treatment Technique) – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

ALMA MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE



Everyday of the week

\$20 for 9 holes

\$30 for 18 holes

Daily Cart Rentals

\$15 for 9 holes

\$25 for 18 holes

Summer Bar Hours:

Monday thru Thursday (4:30 pm)

Fri., Sat, Sun. (8:00 am till close)



City Council Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm at City Hall.

These meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted each Friday prior to the meeting at City Hall,

Hogeland's Market, Alma Post Office, and Trustworthy Hardware.

If there is an agenda item of particular interest to you, the Mayor, City Council and City Staff encourage you to attend the meeting.

The City of Alma has a **Fair Housing Ordinance** that is designed to prohibit discrimination in housing. It is the declared policy of the City of Alma that all persons shall have an equal opportunity for housing, regardless of sex, race, color, handicap, religion, national origin, sex or marital status of the person maintaining a household, lawful source of income, age or ancestry. The ordinance is deemed an exercise of the police powers of the City for the protection of the welfare, health, peace, dignity and human rights of the people of this City. For more information regarding Fair Housing, please visit https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/online-complaint.

SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Alma has established a fund to be used by property owners for sidewalk replacement. Funds have been set aside to cost-share at 50% of actual costs for approved projects. (non-cumulative) In addition to the 50% Cost-Share, the City is offering a zero percent interest loan option up to a maximum of \$1,500 to be paid in monthly payments for up to five years.

Both options are on a first-come, first-served basis. For fiscal year 2023-2024, \$10,000 has been budgeted for the program. Once all funds are allocated for the budget year, all other applications will be put on a "wait list" for a maximum of 6 months; if not approved within this time, the application becomes void and you can re-apply the next fiscal year.

Residential sidewalks are required to be 4 foot-wide and 4 inches thick. Commercial sidewalks are to be replaced with existing width and a minimum 4 inches thick.

The City also provides removal and disposal of the old concrete at no cost to the property owner. Once removed, the sidewalk must be replaced within 90 days. (§96.23 (G))

There is also a possibility that a sidewalk could be ground to remove trip hazards or by hydraulically raising sidewalks. (if

OPTION 1: COST-SHARE PROGRAM: The City will cost share up to 50% of actual costs on replacement expenses (Maximum amount up to \$1,500.00). The property owner selects the contractor or may opt to do the project themselves. Sales tax will be paid by property owner. (Do-it-yourself (DIY) projects are on materials only.)

Step 1: Obtain cost estimate from a contractor or provide a cost estimate if DIY

Step 2: Submit Sidewalk Replacement Application and Zoning Permit Application

Step 3: Applications are reviewed by City Zoning Administrator.

Step 4: If applications are approved, replacement can begin. Applicant has 90 days to complete the project

Step 5: Contact the City to schedule removal of sidewalk (if applicable) Sidewalk must be replaced within 90 days of removal of old concrete (§96.23 (G))

Step 6: Upon completion of project, submit copy of final contractor invoice or paid receipts of materials if DIY to City Clerk

Step 7: Claim will be reviewed and submitted for payment at the next City Council meeting

AND/OR APPLY FOR OPTION 2

OPTION 2: LOAN PROGRAM: In addition to Option 1 above, the City of Alma may loan a property owner up to \$1,500.00 for a sidewalk replacement project at 0% interest for up to 5 years.

Step 8: In addition to Steps 1- 7 above - property owner submits:

Sidewalk Payment Estimator" (with help of City staff)

No Interest Loan Document

Sign Deed of Trust (lien on property for amount of loan)



GAS PIPELINE SAFETY

As one of the thousands of people who live or work near pipelines, you can help keep it safe and reliable by doing the following:

- A) notify us with your intention to dig;
- B) identify our pipelines;
- C) recognize a leak;
- D) take appropriate steps if you notice a leak;
- E) immediately report a leak

The City of Alma cares about your safety. Our employees are thoroughly trained to operate and maintain the system safely. We want you to be aware of our pipelines. We ask for your help in preventing accidental damage to pipelines. The City of Alma supports the Nation's Homeland Security efforts and the City of Alma encourages you to immediately notify and report any suspicious persons and/or activities near the pipeline to your local law enforcement authorities by calling 911.

A) NOTIFY US WITH YOUR INTENTION TO DIG – CALL 811—“diggers hotline”

We need your help in preventing pipeline emergencies. The number one cause of pipeline leaks is damage from earth-moving and construction equipment and tools owned by parties other than the pipeline company. If you plan to dig or do any type of excavation or construction work, call **Diggers Hotline at 811**. Call at least 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) before you:

Excavate	Install drain tile	Repair or rebuild roads or driveways
Grade	Blast for clearing	Build homes or additions
Auger	Dig postholes	Install water lines, sewer lines
Bore	Cut or deepen ditches	septic systems, or drains
Tunnel	Install swimming pools	Install telephone, TV or power, cables
Dredge	Plant trees or shrubs	

B) IDENTIFY OUR PIPELINES -HOW TO IDENTIFY WHERE THE PIPELINE IS LOCATED

Since pipelines are buried underground, line markers are used to indicate the approximate - *not exact* - location of the pipeline. Line markers can be found where the pipeline intersects a street, highway, or railroad. However, they cannot be relied upon to indicate the exact position of the pipeline. The pipeline may not follow a straight course between markers, which provide no information on the depth or number of pipelines in the vicinity. Don't try to guess the pipeline's location or route by the marker's placement. Call Diggers Hotline at **811**.

C) RECOGNIZE A LEAK

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A PIPELINE LEAK WHEN NEAR A PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY. **LOOK FOR:** Fire or explosion near pipeline, a white cloud or fog, dying plants amid healthy ones, unusual blowing of dirt or dust, persistent bubbles in water, or pool of liquids, possibly bubbling. **LISTEN FOR:** Hissing or roaring sound. **SMELL FOR:** A pungent odor, sometimes like rotten eggs.

Immediately leave the area - on foot - in an upwind direction.	Avoid making contact with escaping liquids or vapors.	Warn others to stay away from the area
DO NOT drive into an area in which you encounter a leak or vapor cloud	Abandon all equipment being used in the area.	DO NOT try to operate any pipeline valves yourself
DO NOT light a match, start an engine or automobile, use a telephone, or switch on/off an electric light or appliance.		

D) TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTIONS IF YOU NOTICE A LEAK— WHAT TO DO?

E) IMMEDIATELY REPORT A LEAK— WHO TO CALL?

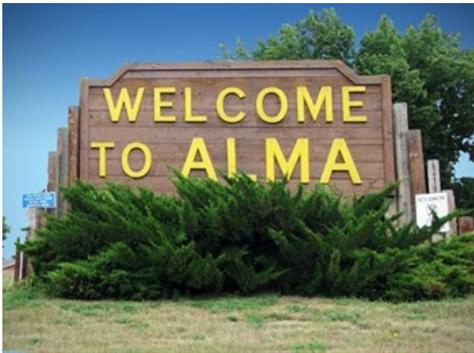
From a distant phone, call the City of Alma (308-928-2242) or the On-Call phone if after hours (308-920-1047) OR call 911 or your local fire, police or sheriff's office. **DO NOT** use a cell phone while near the suspected emergency area.

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(after hours)
308.920.1047

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308.928.2242

City Hall Office Hours
Mon-Wed-Fri
9 am-4 pm
Tues & Thurs
9 am-3 pm

Golf Course
928.2341
Library
928.2600
Sheriff
928.2147
School
928.2131
Hospital
928.2151

Compost Site Hours
Mon & Sat
9 am to 3:30 pm
Wed
9 am to Dark
Library Hours
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday
10 am — 5 pm
Thursday 12 pm — 8 pm
Sat- 9 am—12 pm
Sun & Mon - Closed

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