

No Mow May

Registration is now open for No Mow May 2023. Sign up by May 1st to reserve your yard sign. Registration closes May 15, 2023!

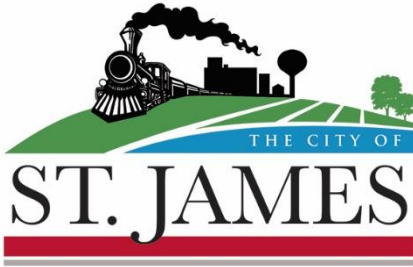
You are invited to participate in our first annual No Mow May program! No Mow May encourages residents who live in owner-occupied or rented properties to allow flowering plants to bloom that provide habitat and nutrition for early-season pollinators by pausing mowing their lawn during the month of May. The City Council passed a Resolution of Support for No Mow May 2023, temporarily suspending its ordinances related to lawn height for participating properties. Properties must come back into compliance by June 15, 2023 in order to participate in future years.

Participants need to submit an application of participation and payment of \$15.00 to City Hall by May 15, 2023 in order to be included in the No Mow May program. Yard signs will be available starting April 24, 2023 and are required to participate in the program.

Benefits of No Mow May: Participating in No Mow May supports all of Minnesota's pollinators – Minnesota pollinators include native bees, butterflies, ants, flies, beetles, birds and more! Avoid mowing in early spring and during the month of May to protect overwinter habitat for threatened bee populations and other pollinators, while allowing flowering plants to grow rich in nectar and other key nutrients that serve as food for our pollinator friends during a time when needed most. By joining No Mow May, you can help support the health and diversity of native pollinator populations by providing the resources needed for pollinators to thrive.

June – Return to Mow Tips: When you start mowing again in June, learn from the UMN about [mowing best practices for a healthy lawn](#). Best practices for bringing your grass back down to a reasonable height while keeping it healthy include:

- Mow late in the day or when grass is dry
- Mow down in small increments (never more than 1/3 of grass height at one time)
- Rake up excessive clippings to prevent them from going into the streets. This protects your local water quality and keeps storm drains clear.



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Application of Participation

Application Fee is \$15.00

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Owner-Occupied Property

Rental Property

Applicant Information

Participating Property Address _____

Applicant's Name _____

Email _____ Phone Number _____

Property Owner Information (if different than applicant)

Owner Name _____

Mailing Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Property Owner Signature _____ Date _____

I agree that the above-named property will be in compliance by June 15, 2023.

I agree to comply with City Code Section 152.08 (C) and ensure excessive grass clippings are not thrown or deposited in any street, public sidewalk, or any other public place.

I understand by failing to comply with the statements above will result in forfeiting my right to participate in the No Mow May program in future years.

Signature of Applicant

Date