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Mower County announces re-opening to the public

Mower County will re-open to serve the public in person beginning on Monday, June 1st. Opening will be in phases, with differing hours of operation by facility.

- **Government Center:** Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 1 pm
  - Public is asked to use NW Entrance (Law enforcement)
- **Public Works:** Monday through Friday 7 am to 4 pm
  - (Front entrance)
  - Recycling Drop Off – Open 24 hours Mon – Sunday
  - Household Hazardous Waste - Wednesday 8 am to noon/ 1pm – 5 pm
  - Curb Side as scheduled
- **Justice Center:** By appointment only

For health and safety purposes, Mower County has implemented engineering and administrative protocols to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19 including:

- Encouraging the use of facial coverings (facial coverings provided while supplies last)
- Requiring use of hand sanitizer prior to entering a county building (provided)
- Requiring completion of self-health screening prior to admittance
- Traffic flow will be managed to insure social distancing standards are met

Although we are re-opening, the public is still strongly encouraged to access service needs over the phone or on-line, if possible. Tax payments can be made in the drop box outside the Law Enforcement Center. Inside the Law Enforcement Center lobby entrance there is a drop box for Health & Human Service forms as well as a gray drop box for all other departments.

If you are feeling ill or have any of the following symptoms: fever, chills, a new cough, shortness of breath, a new sore throat, new muscle aches, new headache, or new loss of smell or taste, please stay home.

We appreciate your patience as we balance customer service with health and safety.

We look forward to serving you once again in person. For more information visit our website at [www.co.mower.mn.us](http://www.co.mower.mn.us)

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