



# City of Mabel

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Rural America's Steam Engine Capital

2025

## Elected Officials

Adam Wilder	Mayor
Tina Bakke	City Council
Valerie Arnold	City Council
Kirsten Wyffels	City Council
Kelly Sand	City Council

## City Staff

Karen Larson	City Clerk
Bob Mierau	Public Works
Chuck Dahl	Public Works
Kendra Spalla	Deputy Clerk

## City Hall Hours

8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday - Friday

## After Hours Contact

(507) 259-3617

(507) 259-3637

## Police Non-Emergency

(507) 493-5444

## Public Library

110 E. Newburg Avenue

(507) 493-5336

Sharra Liptack Director

Monday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Wednesday	2 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Thursday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Friday	9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

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The equipment in your home is hard at work getting through the daily grind. While you are off enjoying a new adventure or time away, give your home's equipment a vacation, too. Doing so can reduce unnecessary energy waste and unneeded wear and tear on your heating and cooling system, appliances and more. Here's how to set your home to vacation mode.

## THERMOSTAT

Your heating and cooling system keeps you comfortable. If you aren't there, setting the thermostat closer to the outdoor temperature can save you energy and money. Don't completely turn off the heating or cooling system. In extreme weather, your heating and cooling system also helps protect your home from freezing pipes or damage from excessive heat.

As a rule, you can typically set your thermostat 5 to 10 degrees closer to the outdoor temperature when you aren't home. Each home is different, and the weather varies depending on where you live. Consider the right temperature balance for your home.

Installing a smart thermostat gives you the ability to control your settings remotely from your smart phone. This allows you to adjust the temperature after you leave home and right before you return.

## WATER HEATER

Most water heaters include a vacation mode setting. This setting drops the temperature to reduce wasted energy when you're away. A storage water heater is like an insulated tea kettle, standing by and ready for you to have hot water whenever you need it. Give that water heater a vacation, too. Changing the setting to vacation mode keeps it on at a lower setting, saving energy. Leave yourself

a note with a reminder to turn it back on when you get home, so you don't wind up with a disappointing shower before the first day back at work.

## CURTAINS

Closing the curtains can provide two benefits. It can keep heat from the sun at bay. This reduces the load on your heating and cooling system, which saves energy. It also has the benefit of blocking visibility into your home when you're away.

## LIGHT TIMERS

For security, some people use timers or leave on exterior lights. Make sure any lights left on are LEDs, instead of incandescent or compact fluorescent bulbs. LEDs use less energy and have less impact on your electric use when left on all night. You can also consider adding smart LEDs to your home. Smart LEDs can be controlled remotely through an app on your phone.

## UNPLUG DEVICES

Did you know there are devices in your home that continue to draw power from your electrical outlets even when turned off or on standby? Before you leave, walk through your home and unplug devices and small appliances. Make sure gaming consoles and computers are fully powered down. Unplugging any devices that have lights, clocks or use standby mode can also reduce wasted energy.

Having peace of mind that your home is powered down and secure can help you enjoy your vacation. After all, we all need an occasional break.

(2024). Set Your Home To Vacation  
Mode. MiNews, 8(6), 8.  
<https://www.mienergy.coop/minews>



**Summer Reading Program**  
**Mabel Public Library**  
**June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 22<sup>nd</sup>**



## MABEL – CANTON



POLICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Mabel Community Center 5:30 – 7:30pm**

**Food Music Fun**

Watch for more details  
[www.facebook.com/CityOfMabel](https://www.facebook.com/CityOfMabel)







## HOP ON THE FREE BUS!

Spring Grove Swim Center  
Bus Sponsored by the City of Mabel & Canton



Fridays: June 6, 13, 20 & 27

Fridays: July 11, 18, & 25

Friday: August 1

The bus will leave Mabel from the softball field at the  
Steam Engine Grounds at 12:45 pm.

The bus will return to Mabel at 4:45 pm at the same location.  
Pay \$4.00 admission to the pool (unless you have a season pass).

Must be 8 years old unless with an adult.

Questions? Call Karen Larson 507.493.5299

### HANDY TIPS TO

## CONSERVE & SAVE MONEY THIS SUMMER

WHEN WATERING	IN THE GARDEN	AROUND THE YARD
ONLY WATER WHEN NEEDED. Depending on the weather or type of plants, turf, you may find you only need to water once or twice per week.	USE DROUGHT-RESISTANT SPECIES. Native plants will have the benefit of being adapted to local conditions. Also, they usually need less maintenance and watering.	CHECK FOR LEAKS AND BREAKS. On a portable workday of your landscaper, you can have some system pipes and in great condition.
WATER EARLY IN THE MORNING OR LATER IN THE DAY. Water when the sun is low to minimize evaporation.	MULCH. Mulching beds can help retain moisture and prevent weeds. Be careful not to over mulch. Two to three inches should do the job.	SWEEP, DON'T SPRAY. Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, decks, and sidewalks.
WATCH WHAT YOU'RE WATERING. Check sprinkler heads to be sure they're not watering water on paved or unwanted areas. Reduce run times for shrub areas.	SET YOUR MOWER HIGHER. Anything cut lower than four inches high is much more vulnerable to drought, weeds, insects, and disease. Best time? Mowing at 2.5 to 3.5 inches, depending on the time of year.	CAR WASH WISELY. Washing your car with a bucket of soapy water uses far less water than hosing a hose running.
KEEP AN EYE ON WEATHER. If rain is in the forecast, turn your sprinkler system off ahead of time.		
MAKE USE OF RAINWATER. Water collected in rain barrels can be later used to water outdoor plants. Make sure rain barrels have proper openings.		

### Do The Summer Shift!

Using electricity is inevitable, but how people choose to use it can be impactful. The goal of the Summer Shift is to shift non-essential electricity uses to before 11 a.m. or after 7 p.m., June through August. This is because 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. is more expensive. When you shift electricity usage it helps spread electricity throughout the day.

#### Summer Shift Tips:

- ❖ Set your thermostat to 78 degrees (or a level that is comfortable for the home, but a few degrees higher than normal).
- ❖ Close curtains and shades will help the home feel cooler longer.
- ❖ Add a ceiling fan or table fan to help circulate air.
- ❖ Washing dishes in an Energy Star dishwasher instead of by hand can save a home \$111 per year.
- ❖ Open the dishwasher after the wash cycle to let dishes air dry.
- ❖ Cook outdoors to avoid additional heat from oven.
- ❖ Set water heater to 120 degrees.

## ARE YOU STORM READY?

Create an emergency supply kit.	Develop a family emergency plan.
Monitor weather for important updates.	Ensure safe shelter during severe storms.
Use portable generators safely.	Stay away from downed power lines.



**Next Meeting**  
July 9<sup>th</sup> 6PM  
Community Center



**MABEL'S CRAZY DAYS AND CITY WIDE GARAGE SALES!**  
THURSDAY-FRIDAY-SATURDAY  
**AUGUST 7-9**  
Info Deadline July 31st to be listed on map!

**CONTACT DEB MARSDEN**  
debmarcsd@123@gmail.com  
or Call/Text Message 507-275-4222  
Name, address, days & hours your Garage Sale will be open. Maps will be available at Mabel BP.

Listings will be posted on facebook.com/MabelBusinessAssociation

### Library Loop!

- **July 17<sup>th</sup>: Jim Jayes - The Puppeteer Performer**
- **July 22<sup>nd</sup>: Brodini - Magician**
- **We are looking for Mabel - Canton yearbooks for 1991, 2003 and 2012 to complete our collection.**
- **Book sale: Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 3 pm, Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup> 8 am - 3 pm & Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> 9 am - 1 pm. Sale is at the Mabel Community Center.**
- **Do you have any special crafting skills that you would enjoy sharing with a small group of people? We are looking to expand our programming to include fun learning opportunities for adults.**

**Contact the Mabel Public Library for any questions 507-493-5336.**