

Manning Matters

December 2020



Shopping Safety

On behalf of Chief Keith Grice and the entire staff of the Manning Police Department we wish you a safe and happy holiday season. To ensure your safety, please follow these tips. If you have any questions or concerns contact us at 803-435-8859.

- When parking your vehicle to go shopping, remember where you parked it! Always park in a well lit and well traveled area. Do not park in a remote dark area.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle and be ready to unlock the door.
- When you return to your vehicle, scan the interior of your car to be sure no one is hiding inside. Check to see if you are being followed.
- When storing items purchased at the stores, place them out of sight. The best place is in a locked trunk.
- Do not leave your purse, wallet, or cellular telephone in plain view.
- Don't resist if someone tries to take any of your belongings. Don't chase someone who robs you, they may have a weapon. Instead call 911.
- Lock your vehicle and put up your windows even while you are driving.
- If you go to an automatic teller machine for cash, check for people around and make sure it is well lit and in a safe location.
- Carry only the credit cards you need and avoid carrying large amounts of cash.
- Beware of the "a good deal" scams. Things are not always what they appear to be.

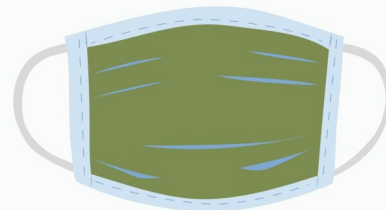


Check Manning First

This holiday season we hope that you Check Manning First. Manning is home to a variety of boutiques and gift stores that have unique gifts for everyone on your holiday list. Use the hashtag #CheckManningFirst on social media when you make a purchase at a Manning business. You might just be surprised at what you find when you Check Manning First!



Face Coverings Required



Christmas Tree Safety

As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly. Here are some tips for having a fire smart holiday season.

Picking the tree: Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree: Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk. Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights. Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit. Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree: Use lights that have the label of a recognized testing laboratory. Some lights are only

for indoor or outdoor use. Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect. Never use lit candles to decorate the tree. Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.



After Christmas: Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

Holiday Closings

Manning City Hall offices will be closed December 24-25 and 28, 2020 in observance of Christmas. It will reopen Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 8:30 am. In observance of New Year's Day, City Hall will be closed Friday, January 1, 2021 and will reopen Monday, January 4, 2021 at 8:30 am.



Winter Storm Preparedness

Winter storms may soon be upon us. Regardless of the severity of a winter storm, you should be prepared in order to remain safe during these events.

How to Prepare for a Winter Storm

Winterize your vehicle and keep the gas tank full. A full tank will keep the fuel line from freezing. Insulate your home by installing storm windows or covering windows with plastic from the inside to keep cold air out. Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected every year. If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your

home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Put Together a Supply Kit

- Water—at least a 3-day supply; one gallon per person per day
- Food—at least a 3-day supply of non-perishable, easy-to-prepare food
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc.)
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items

- Copies of personal documents
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, baby food, diapers)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Sand, rock salt or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery
- Warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots and extra blankets and warm clothing for all household members
- Ample alternate heating methods such as fireplaces or wood- or coal-burning stoves