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ODESSA

we're so glad you're here



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ABOUT ODESSA

Welcome to Odessa — a community where small-town charm meets opportunity.

Odessa offers the best of both worlds: a strategic location along I-70 with the character and connection of a close-knit community. Positioned between the Kansas City metro and mid-Missouri markets, Odessa provides easy access to the people, places, services, and opportunities throughout the region while offering residents the charm, comfort, and sense of community that make small-town living special.

Our community offers friendly neighborhoods, local businesses, parks and recreational opportunities, community events, excellent access to schools and services, and a growing downtown that continues to bring people together.

Odessa was named the 5th Safest City in Missouri by SafeWise in 2025, recognizing our community as a place where residents feel safe and proud to call home.

We are glad you've chosen our community as your new home. As a new resident, there are a few items you should know when getting acclimated and settled. We hope this guide will provide you with useful, important information. As always, if you have additional questions or concerns, please contact us at City Hall at (816) 230-5577 or visit our website at:

www.cityofodessamo.com



A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR BRUCE WHITSITT



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On behalf of the City of Odessa, our Board of Aldermen, City staff, and the many residents who are proud to call Odessa home, I want to personally welcome you to our community. Whether you have moved here for family, work, opportunity, or simply because you were looking for a great place to call home, we are glad you chose Odessa.

Odessa is a community with a proud history, strong neighborhoods, local businesses, quality schools, parks and recreational opportunities, and people who genuinely care about the future of their city. At the same time, we are a growing community, and that growth brings both opportunities and responsibilities. Our goal is to preserve the qualities that make Odessa special while planning carefully for the infrastructure, services, economic development, and quality of life our residents will need in the years ahead.

This New Resident Guide is intended to help make your transition to Odessa a little easier. Inside, you will find information about City services, utilities, parks, local government, community resources, and other information that will help you become familiar with your new hometown.

I also encourage you to become involved. Attend a Board of Aldermen meeting, participate in community events, support our local businesses, volunteer with a community organization, and share your ideas with us. Local government works best when residents are informed, engaged, and willing to participate.

As Mayor, I believe City government should be accessible and responsive to the people it serves. If you have a question, concern, suggestion, or idea for improving Odessa, I encourage you to reach out to City Hall or speak with your elected representatives. Your perspective matters.

We are pleased to have you as part of our community, and I hope you quickly discover why so many of us are proud to call Odessa home.

Welcome to Odessa. We're glad you're here.

Bruce Whitsitt

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Mayor
City of Odessa, Missouri

YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Board of Aldermen meetings are held on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 6 p.m. at the Community Building located at 601 W Main St. Residents are encouraged to attend, engage, and stay informed.



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Welcome to Odessa!

We are excited to welcome you to our community and hope you quickly discover what makes Odessa such a great place to call home.

The City is proud to provide services that support a safe, welcoming, and thriving community, and our staff is here to assist you as you get settled.

We look forward to having you as part of the Odessa community!

Shawna

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CITY UTILITIES

The City of Odessa provides **water, sewer, electric, and trash services** to residents. Your monthly utility bill includes your water, sewer, trash, and applicable electric charges, as well as the Capital Improvement Rate Adjustment (CIRA) when sewer services are used. The CIRA helps fund improvements to the City's sewer system.

Paying Your Utility Bill

Utility bills are due by the 15th of each month at 5:00 p.m. Payments received after the due date are subject to a 5% late penalty. If the bill remains unpaid after the 20th at 5:00 p.m., a \$50 disconnect fee will be charged, regardless of whether service has actually been disconnected.

If you need to be reconnected after hours on Disconnect Day, an additional \$50 after-hours reconnection fee will apply. If your service has been disconnected, the full utility bill, including the disconnect fee, must be paid in full before service can be reconnected.

You can:

- [Pay online](#) by credit or debit card
- Set up [automatic payments](#)
- Pay by phone (888) 291-1842
- Enroll in Text to Pay
- Pay in person at City Hall
- Use the payment drop box located at the back of City Hall

For online accounts and Text to Pay, you'll need your utility account number and most recent payment amount.

Visit the [website](#) to view current utility rates.

IMPORTANT!

Returned checks: A door hanger will be placed at the residence. Payment must be made in cash by 8:00 a.m. the next business day, along with a \$35 returned check fee, to avoid service interruption.



SIGN UP FOR TEXT ALERTS

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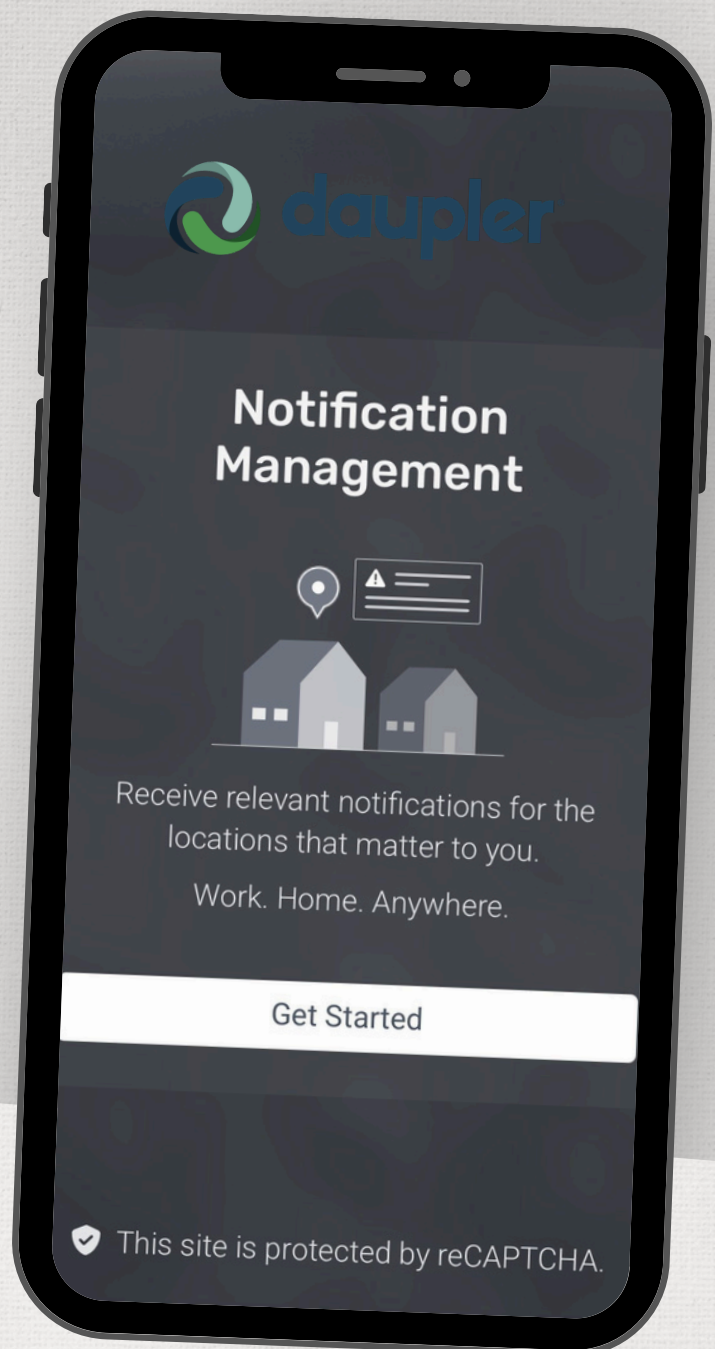
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2

ENTER YOUR PHONE NUMBER

3

ENTER YOUR ADDRESS



TRASH & RECYCLING

Residential trash service is provided once a week. Your trash should be placed at the curb by **6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pickup day**, and all trash must fit inside your provided trash bin. Additional trash bins can be purchased for \$52.00 per year, by calling Republic Services.

Recycling & Yard Waste

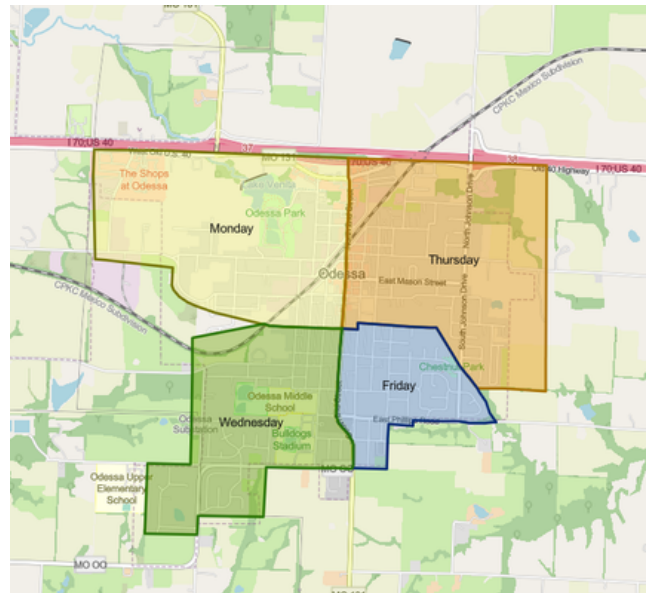
A bulk recycling container and two yard-waste dumpsters are available for residential use at:

401 N. 1st Street
Behind NERD's Hardware

For information about acceptable recycling, bulk items, and yard waste, visit the City's [website](#).

Bulk Pickup

Each residence receives one free bulk pickup item per year, with up to five items allowed per pickup. Bulk pickups must be scheduled at least two days in advance through Republic Services at 660-429-1040.



Click on the map to find your trash day.



JOIN A BOARD OR COMMISSION

HELP SHAPE YOUR COMMUNITY

Whether you're interested in parks, planning, community development, or another area of local government, consider volunteering your time and talents.

APPLY HERE:

WWW.CITYOFODESSAMO.COM

PARKS & REC

Odessa's parks and recreational spaces give residents places to play, relax, gather, and enjoy the outdoors.

Whether you're looking for a place for the kids to play, somewhere to enjoy a walk, or a community space for an event, there are plenty of ways to enjoy Odessa's parks and recreation opportunities.

Rocky Roots Trail

Built by the Odessa Rotary Club in 2024, Rocky Roots Trail offers residents a chance to explore the natural beauty of the Odessa Reservoir property. The trail is located around the smaller of the two lakes on the Odessa Reservoir property, just south of town.

Raptor Point Trail

The Raptor Point Trail connects to Rocky Roots Trail and stretches approximately one mile along the main reservoir lake, offering beautiful views and a peaceful setting for hikers and nature lovers.

Odessa Reservoir

The Odessa Reservoir provides opportunities for fishing and boating throughout the year.

Fishing

- A City fishing permit and Missouri state fishing permit are required.
- City fishing permits are free for residents and visitors over age 65 and under age 16.
- Fishing is permitted year-round from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- City fishing permits are \$2 per day or \$8 per season.
- Missouri fishing regulations and state permits are available through the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Boating

- A City boating permit is required and costs \$8 per season.
- Boats must be at least 10 feet long; rubber boats are not permitted.
- All boats must be properly licensed and operated according to Missouri boating regulations.
- Motorboats must be operated in a manner that creates no wake or wave.
- Pontoon boats are permitted as long as they do not create a wake and are not left on the lake overnight.
- City-permitted UTVs are allowed only on hard-surface roadways on the reservoir property.



Lake Venita

Lake Venita offers another opportunity to enjoy fishing and boating close to home.

Fishing

- A City fishing permit is not required; only a Missouri state fishing license is required.
- All anglers must follow Missouri fishing and wildlife regulations.

Boating

- A City boating permit is not required.
- Boats must be at least 10 feet long; rubber boats are not permitted.
- All boats must be properly licensed and operated according to Missouri boating regulations.
- Motors are prohibited, with the exception of trolling motors.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

To help keep Odessa's recreational areas safe and enjoyable for everyone:

- Horseback riding, dirt bikes, and ATVs are not permitted on the Odessa Reservoir property.
- Hunting is prohibited at Lake Venita and the surrounding areas, except for frog hunting in accordance with Missouri Department of Conservation regulations.
- Guns may not be used for frog hunting.
- All boat operators are expected to operate their boats in a safe and prudent manner.
- Complete boating regulations are available at www.cityofodessamo.com.

For more information about youth and adult activities including swim lessons, contact:

Main Office: (816) 633-8324

Activities : (816) 633-5728

Email: lindsey.adams@cityofodessamo.com

Website: www.odessamoparksrec.com

 Facebook Page

PARK FACILITIES

Dyer Park - 601 W Main St.

Railroad Park - 2nd St. & Main St.

Phillips Park - E. Dryden St.

Centennial Hills Park - Hwy 00.

Chestnut Memorial Park - Chestnut St. & Johnson Dr.



RENT THE COMMUNITY BUILDING

Looking for a place to host a birthday party, family gathering, meeting, shower, celebration, or community event?

The Odessa Community Building, located at 601 W. Main Street, is available for residents and community members to rent.

[LEARN MORE](#)

www.cityofodessamo.com

CITY HALL SERVICES

City Hall is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Residents can visit City Hall for utility payments and a variety of city services and permits.

Dog Tags

All dogs within Odessa city limits are required to have a city dog tag. You'll need your dog's current rabies vaccination record and veterinarian receipt. The fee is \$7, and tags are valid from October 1 through September 30 each year.

Odessa also has a leash law requiring dogs to be on a leash, in a fenced yard, or in a pen at all times. Each residential address may have up to four cats and/or dogs combined.

UTV & Golf Cart Tags

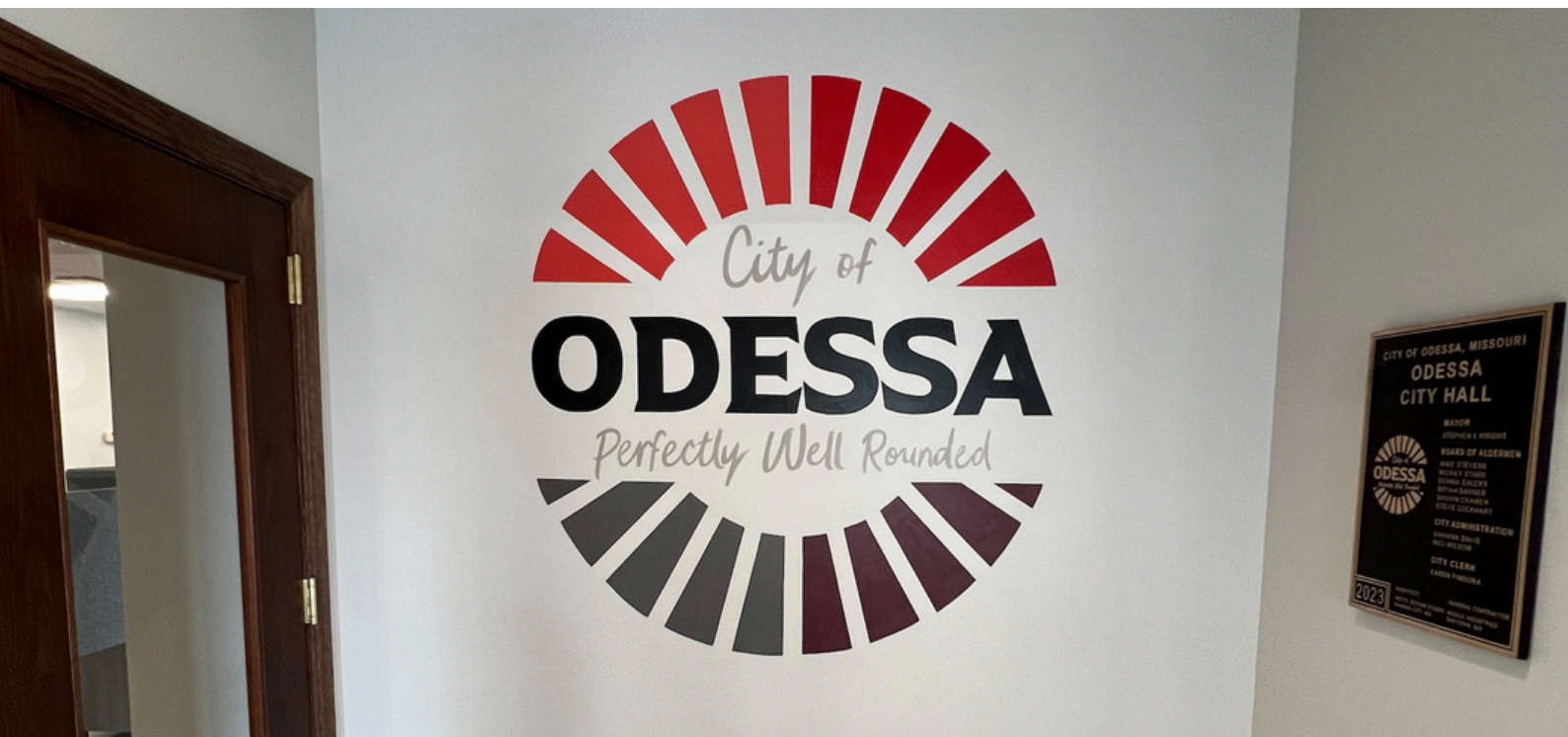
UTVs and golf carts are permitted within Odessa city limits, except on state highways such as 2nd Street/MO-131. Appropriate tags are required.

Vehicles must first be inspected and verified by the Odessa Police Department at 310 S. 1st Street, followed by registration at City Hall. The tag fee is \$15. ATVs are not permitted on public streets within city limits.

Register to Vote

Lafayette County residents can register to vote at the County Clerk's Office in Lexington, at the DMV, or online. If you live within Odessa city limits, you can register to vote at City Hall during regular business hours. A valid driver's license is required. For more information visit Lafayette County's [website](#).

Elections are held in April and November each year. Odessa voting locations include New Horizon Presbyterian Church and the Odessa Community Building.



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LOCAL THINGS TO DO

THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING IN ODESSA!

From annual traditions to Friday night football, Odessa offers plenty of ways to get out, have fun, and connect with your community. Enjoy an annual event like Puddle Jumper Days and the Odessa Rodeo, cheer on the Bulldogs at a local football game, or attend a parade.

Follow the Odessa Chamber of Commerce [Facebook page](#) to discover upcoming events, local activities, and ways to enjoy everything our community has to offer. Community events are also listed on the City website.



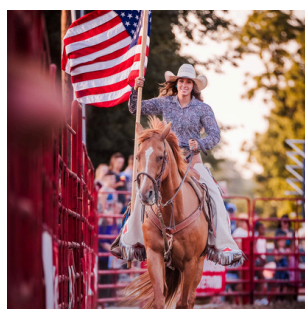
SCHOOL EVENTS



DOWNTOWN EVENTS



PARADES



ANNUAL RODEO



FOURTH OF JULY



PUDDLE JUMPER DAYS



TRICK-OR-TREAT



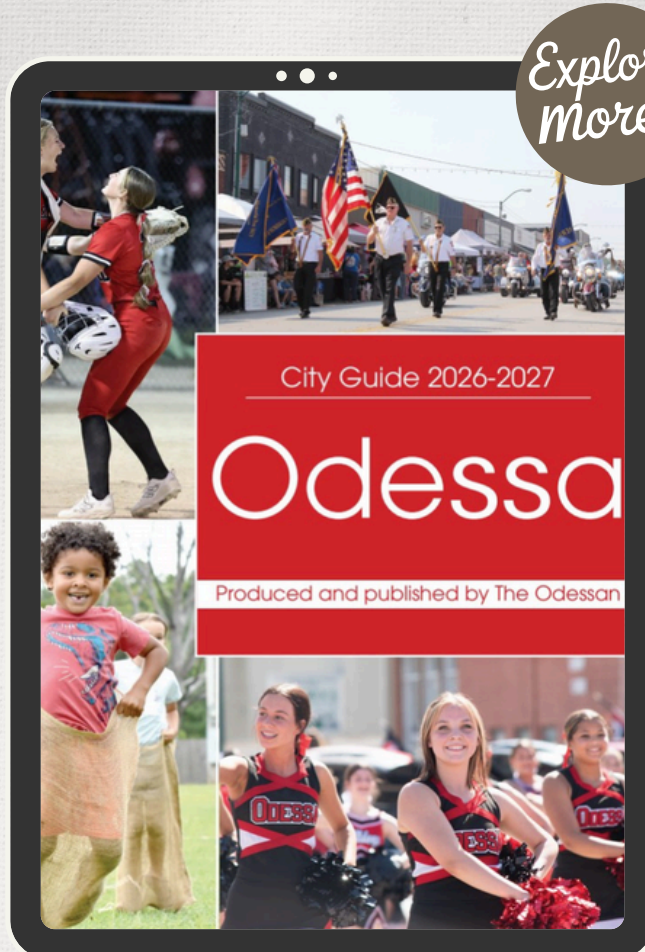
CHRISTMAS LIGHTING



GET YOUR FREE CITY GUIDE

One of the best things about living in Odessa is having so many wonderful local businesses to enjoy. From restaurants and shopping to services and professional businesses, our local business community has something for everyone.

For a directory of local businesses and more information about what Odessa has to offer, check out the City Guide provided by The Odessian. Printed copies are available at The Odessian and City Hall.



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Name	Phone
City Hall	(816) 230-5577
Emergency – Police /Fire/Ambulance	911
Odessa Police Department (Non-Emergency)	(816) 633-7575
Odessa Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	(816) 633-7182
Poison Control	(800) 366-8888
Republic Services	(660) 429-1040
Odessa Library	(816) 633-4089
USPS	(816) 623-0206
Socket Fiber	(800) 762-5383
Brightspeed	(800) 788-3500
Spire	(800) 582-1234
Xfinity/Comcast (Residential)	(800) 892-8719
Xfinity/Comcast (Business)	(816) 627-9526
Missouri License Bureau	(660) 259-2872
Lafayette County Assessor	(660) 259-6158

- Note, you will need to call the county assessor to be put on the City and County tax rolls.