



Trash Delay and Office Closures for Independence Day

On July 4, City offices and the Waukeee Public Library will be closed. City of Waukeee/ASI garbage customers with a regular pick-up day of Thursday or Friday should put recycling and trash bins out one day later that week.

Census Representatives are Knocking on Doors

Our Special Census has moved to in-person outreach from the U.S. Census Bureau. Through mid-July, census representatives will visit homes that were unable to complete the census form online to help you complete the questionnaire in person. The representatives will have a U.S. Census Bureau ID and will leave a Notice of Visit on your door with a phone number to call if you are not home when they visit.

Thank you for answering our Special Census. You are helping our community get the funding we need. 7,000 more residents in our official population count means \$1.3 million per year to fix and maintain roads. Find answers to frequently asked questions and all the details about this initiative at [Waukeee.org/SpecialCensus](https://www.waukeee.org/SpecialCensus).

Utility Rates for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

The City Council approved increases to the stormwater and solid waste rates. The changes will net a 2.1 percent monthly billing increase for the average Waukeee household. The new rates take effect July 1, 2024.

- Water Rates: \$13.81 first 1,000 gallons, \$9.38 per 1,000 gallons thereafter (no change)
- Sewer Rates: \$15.94 first 1,000 gallons, \$12.04 per 1,000 gallons thereafter (no change)
- Irrigation Rates: Changing from \$12.38 to \$13.38 per 1,000 gallons
- Residential gas rates: changing from \$11.25 to \$13 minimum plus the monthly per cubic foot rate, which changes from month to month
- Storm Water rates changing from \$6.75 to \$7.40 per Equivalent Residential Unit (ERU) per month
- Garbage rates for single family residential: changing from \$15 to \$17.50 per month

Rules for Consumer Fireworks

Personal fireworks are only allowed on private property within Waukeee city limits on July 3 and 4 between 9 a.m. and 11 p.m. Lighting fireworks on any other day or time could result in a fine of at least \$250. It is illegal to light fireworks on public property, including parks, parking lots, sidewalks, streets and the grass between sidewalks and the curb. For non-emergency fireworks concerns, call Westcom Dispatch at 515-222-3321. For emergencies, call 911.



Don't miss the Independence Day Celebration on July 3-4 at Centennial Park.
Find a schedule, parade details and more information at [Waukeee.org/July](https://www.waukeee.org/July).



Could you be the City Champion?

The annual City Championship golf tournament is July 20 at Sugar Creek Municipal Golf Course. Register by July 8 for your chance to take home the title at [Waukee.org/Registration](https://www.waukee.org/Registration).

Tips to Save Water and Strengthen Your Lawn

1. Don't overwater—established lawns only need watering 1-2 times per week. Watering too frequently can keep roots shallow, which makes it harder for grass to survive drought. Watering less often could mean a healthier lawn.
 2. Follow the odd-even watering schedule. If your house or building number ends in:
 - a. ODD numbers: water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays
 - b. EVEN numbers: water on Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays
 3. Avoid watering during the hottest hours of the day—between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Keeping irrigation to early morning hours means more water makes it to your grass or garden instead of being lost to evaporation.
 4. If you have automated sprinklers, adjust your settings to match the recommended schedule and be sure to turn them off on days it rains.
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Don't Miss Out on Fun Summer Programs and Leagues

Feature program:

Try something new with Intertwined Iowa Forest Bathing for ages 16 and up. On July 14 in Songbird Park, certified nature therapy guide, Brandy, will help you find some zen in our hectic world. Save your spot by July 8 at [Waukee.org/Registration](https://www.waukee.org/Registration).

Other upcoming deadlines:

- Kinder Prep August 5-6 or 7-8 for incoming kindergarteners. Register by July 1.
- Sunflower Fine Art has July and August sessions available for ages 7-18.
- Tumbling Tots runs July 15-18 for ages 4-5. Save your spot before July 12.
- Youth in the Parks Camp runs July 22-26 for grades 7-8. Registration closes July 19.
- Fall Girls Rec Softball starts September 5 for grades 1-7. Register by August 1.
- Miracle League Baseball starts September 7 for ages 5-19. Register by August 5.
- Mini Kickers Soccer runs August 20-September 24 for ages 4-5. Register by August 1.
- Intermediate Youth Golf Clinic has spots on August 24 or September 14 for ages 9-13. Save your spot by August 16 or September 6.

Adults deserve some fun too!

- Coed Sand Volleyball runs Sundays, August 11-September 15. Register by July 29.
- Coed Softball League runs August 13-October 1. Registration closes July 30.
- Iowa State Fair Day Trip on August 14. Save your spot by August 5.



Enjoy a free movie under the stars at dusk in Centennial Park

July 3: Mission Impossible Dead Reckoning Part 1 | August 8: Kung Fu Panda 4



Submit Portable Irrigation Meter Readings Online

If you frequently irrigate your lawn and garden, irrigation meters can help save you money on your utility bill. If you already have certified your portable irrigation meter for 2024, submit your readings online at [Waukee.org/UtilityBilling](https://www.waukee.org/UtilityBilling). To purchase a portable irrigation meter, contact WaukeeUtilities@Waukee.org or call 515-978-5502.

New Water Consumer Confidence Report

Des Moines Water Works has released its 2024 Consumer Confidence Report, which summarizes results of the water monitoring program as required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). View it at [Waukee.org/WaterQuality](https://www.waukee.org/WaterQuality). If you can't view the report or want a copy mailed to you, contact Waukee Public Works at 515-978-7920.

Summer Updates from Waukee Public Library

Summer Hours

The Library is closed on Sundays through September 2. Find open hours, events, programs and more at [WaukeePublicLibrary.org](https://www.waueekpubliclibrary.org).

Summer Challenge

"Adventure Begins at Your Library", so join the Waukee Public Library Summer Challenge to have some fun while you go on adventures in your imagination! Read or have someone read to you from June 1 through July 31. Track all your reading minutes and turn in your log to be entered for weekly prizes as well as the end of challenge grand prizes. Readers of all ages can register now. Find all the details at [WaukeePublicLibrary.org](https://www.waueekpubliclibrary.org) or visit the Waukee Public Library at 950 Warrior Lane to pick up a reading log.

Get help finding your next great read

- Can't find the book you want? [Submit a request](#). The Waukee Public Library may be able to get it from another area library.
 - Not sure what you want to read next? Look at [these suggestions](#). Follow the Waukee Public Library on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for ideas as they share new releases and highlight many great stories. Submit a [Book Bundles request](#) and let the librarians choose for you.
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Want to Get Notified of Street Closures?

Sign up for text or email notifications at [Waukee.org/NotifyMe](https://www.waukee.org/NotifyMe). Choose what types of news and updates you want to get from street closures to city council agendas to emergency alerts to the latest City of Waukee news.
