



Get Ready for Winter

If snow is forecast for Waukeee, the City will implement the snow ordinance and emergency parking ban. During this time, all public street parking is prohibited so that plows can clear City streets of snow quickly and safely. Parking bans are shared at Waukeee.org, through City of Waukeee social media and alerts from Alert Iowa. Find the sign-up instructions at Waukeee.org/Connect.

Holiday Recycling Do's & Don'ts

Put in the recycle bin:

- Plain cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Plain paper gift wrap, cards and envelopes (no foil, glitter, etc.),
- Glass jars (clean)
- Aluminum/tin cans (clean)
- Plastic jugs or containers with lids (clean)

Put in the trash:

- Paper plates, plastic cups and silverware
- Aluminum foil or pans – even if you clean them, they can't be recycled
- Styrofoam packaging or containers
- Plastic wrap or packaging material

Reminders

Never put plastic bags in your recycling bin. Plastic wrapping or bags can clog machinery at the recycling center. Instead, recycle clean plastic bags in designated bins at grocery or big box stores. Before throwing out a battery, holiday lights or electronics, check the [Recycling Guide at MWAtoday.com](http://MWAtoday.com) for steps to safely dispose of it.

Aquatic Center Update

The bond referendum for the aquatic center on the 2024 ballot did not pass. Though 54.9% of Waukeee voters were in favor, this referendum requires 60% to pass. The aquatic center project will not move forward at this time. Thank you to everyone who participated in the feasibility study, took the time to learn about the proposal and the bond referendum and turned out to vote.

Review Gas Safety Information

If your home is heated by the City-managed natural gas utility, watch your mailbox for a natural gas safety brochure. Please review the information about safe digging, carbon monoxide, gas meter care, identifying gas leaks and more. If you smell gas or suspect a gas leak, leave your property immediately and call the City's emergency gas hotline at 515-249-1212. Download the brochure at Waukeee.org/Gas.

Utilities for Snowbirds

If you plan to leave Waukeee for a minimum of three consecutive months, you can request that gas and/or water service be disconnected during the time you are gone. There is a reconnection fee upon return, but there is a reduced rate for snowbirds. If you are a City of Waukeee garbage customer, you may also request garbage services be suspended, but you will still pay the monthly landfill fee. Visit Waukeee.org/Snowbird to learn more.



Upcoming City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25 and Wednesday, January 1. There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Wednesday, December 25. Collection that week will run on a Thursday through Saturday schedule. If your regular pick-up day is Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, it will be delayed by one day.

Waukee Public Library will be closed, Sunday, December 22, Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Sunday, December 29 and Wednesday, January 1.

Waukee Winter Fun

Waukee has plenty of fun activities to help you keep the winter blues away. Here are a few to get you started:

1. The Downtown Triangle will be full of holiday cheer at WinterFest on Friday, December 6 from 6-8 p.m. Visit [Waukee.org/WinterFest](https://www.waukee.org/WinterFest) for the schedule of activities.
 2. The Library invites you to "Get Yeti to Read" in their Winter Bingo Challenge through January 31. Play a bingo card full of activities for up to two chances to win the grand prize for your age group. Sign up at [WaukeePublicLibrary.org/Winter](https://www.WaukeePublicLibrary.org/Winter) or at the Library.
 3. Waukee Parks & Recreation has a variety of programs, classes and leagues for all ages at [Waukee.org/Registration](https://www.Waukee.org/Registration). Holiday tip: they make great gifts for family and friends!
 4. Join a league. Find the details and register at [Waukee.org/Registration](https://www.Waukee.org/Registration).
 - Adults can form a team for the Coed Indoor Volleyball league, which runs Sunday afternoons from December 8-March 2. Register by December 2.
 - Kids in grades K-3 can play Youth Basketball from January 4-February 8. Register by December 2.
 - Kids in grades 4-7 should register by December 2 for the Youth Volleyball league, running January 4-February 22.
 - Online registration opens December 1 for Girls Recreational Softball, which runs mid-April to early June and serves girls in grades K-7.
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Feedback Wanted: Trick or Treating Date

Trick or treating is traditionally held on October 30, which is a Des Moines metro tradition known as Beggars' Night. As a resident of Waukee, please let us know if you prefer to continue the October 30 tradition or move trick or treating to the Saturday before Halloween or Halloween night at bit.ly/WaukeeTrickorTreat. This is the same survey that was shared on social media earlier in November.



Results will be shared with City Council as they designate a trick or treating date in future years. Many metro communities are collecting feedback from their residents, so other cities may change their date. Waukee and neighboring communities will likely align on a common date.
