



## Holiday Recycling Do's & Don'ts

Putting the wrong items in your recycling bin can cause the entire bin to be discarded or cause damage in the recycling center. Not all items with a recycle symbol on them are able to be recycled here, so follow the [Recycling Guide at MWAtoday.com](https://www.mwatoday.com).

### Put in the recycle bin:

- Plain cardboard boxes (flattened)
- Plain paper gift wrap, cards and envelopes (no foil, glitter, etc.)
- Clean glass jars & tin cans
- Clean, heavier plastic containers, such as juice containers or yogurt cups

### Put in the trash:

- Disposable plates, cups, straws and silverware
- Aluminum foil or pans
- Any food containers that have oil or food residue on them (pizza boxes, catering containers, etc.)
- Plastic berry/fruit containers
- Coffee cups—even the paper ones
- Styrofoam packaging or containers
- Plastic wrap or packaging material that is not plain paper
- Tissue paper and fancy wrapping paper or cards (foil, glitter, etc.)

### Reminders

- Double check that you removed all packaging material from boxes, including Styrofoam or plastic, before putting them in the bin.
- 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](https://www.mwatoday.com) for steps to safely dispose of it.

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## Holiday Closures, Trash Delays & Christmas Tree Collection

City of Waukee offices will be closed December 24, December 25 and January 1. [Waukee Public Library](https://www.waukeepubliclibrary.org) will be closed, Sunday, December 22; Tuesday, December 24; Wednesday, December 25 and Sunday, December 29. The Library will close at 5 p.m. on December 31 and will reopen on Thursday, January 2.

There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Wednesday, December 25 or January 1. Collection those weeks 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.

Collection days for real Christmas trees are January 6 and January 13, 2025, for City of Waukee/ASI garbage customers. No artificial trees will be collected. Clear off all decorations, including lights and tinsel, before putting your tree on the curb. Do not put the tree in a bag.



Garage collection route schedules change as Waukee grows. The time of day that your trash or recycling is picked up may change, so be sure to have your bins on the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day.



## Heat Your Home Safely

If you smell gas (rotten egg odor), call 515-249-1212. If the smell is overpowering, leave the house and call 911. Early stages of CO poisoning can include dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue and severe headaches. If you suspect CO poisoning or a detector alarm sounds, leave the house immediately. Seek medical attention if ill.

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## Save the Date for Waukee FamilyFest!

Burn some energy and get to know local businesses at FamilyFest on Saturday, January 18 from 9 a.m. to noon at Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee at 305 NE Dartmoor Drive. This FREE family event features inflatables, snacks and games supplied by Waukee Parks & Recreation and local Waukee businesses and organizations. Find more information at [Waukee.org/FamilyFest](https://www.waukee.org/FamilyFest).

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## Things to Know When it Snows

### Parking Bans

When snow accumulation is forecast for Waukee, the Public Works Department will declare a [Snow Emergency Parking Ban](#). To help the plows safely and efficiently clear the streets, parking is not allowed on public streets when the ban is in effect. Vehicles remaining on City streets are subject to \$25 fines and/or towing.

### At Your Home

Property owners are responsible for [clearing snow and ice from the sidewalk](#) within 24 hours after a snowfall to keep them safe for people to use. It is unlawful to place, throw or push snow onto City streets from private property, since it can make roadways unsafe or difficult to travel on. Keep garbage and recycling bins in your driveway, not on the street.

If snow covers a fire hydrant, please dig out five feet around the hydrant down to the ground and out to the street, so emergency personnel can get to it. If there is a fire, every minute counts to save lives and homes.

### How to Stay Informed

Get emergency alerts via Alert Iowa and the Smart 911 app. Go to [Waukee.org/Connect](https://www.waukee.org/Connect) for the link to sign up for the types of notifications you want. You can also follow the City of Waukee on [Facebook](#) or [Nextdoor](#) to stay updated on snow emergency parking bans.

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## Get Your 2025 Pet Licenses and Dog Park Passes

It's time to get Waukee pets licensed for 2025. To renew or apply for a new pet license, go to [PetData.com](https://www.petdata.com). Dog and cat licenses are required per City ordinance. Trailside Dog Park passes for 2025 are available at [Waukee.MyBarkPass.com](https://www.waukee.org/MyBarkPass). Registering for a day or annual pass will come with a code that enables you to access the dog park. Find more information on [Trailside Dog Park at Waukee.org](https://www.waukee.org/TrailsideDogPark).



Seasonal Jobs with Waukee Parks & Recreation, Public Works and more are coming in January. Sign up for alerts at [Waukee.org/Jobs](https://www.waukee.org/Jobs).