



Election Day on November 4

The regular election will be Tuesday, November 4, and polls will be open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. For voting information, including absentee ballots, voter registration and a sample ballot for your district, visit DallasCountyIowa.gov or call the Dallas County Office of Elections at 515-993-6914. To locate your Waukee polling place, please visit SOS.Iowa.gov.

There are three seats for City Council, four seats for Waukee School Board and a local bond referendum from Dallas County on the ballot this year. Find details at Waukee.org/Elections.

Get Ready for Fall

Autumn leaves are beautiful, but they can be dangerous for fish and other aquatic life. Keep leaves out of ponds, streams and rivers where they can steal oxygen from fish as they decompose.

- Never rake leaves into the street, as they may end up in storm drains.
- Instead of raking, suck them in with a leaf blower in reverse, mow over leaves or use them as mulch.
- Add leaves to your compost pile.
- Add them to your yard waste bag or container.

Pools: Did you know the chlorine and other chemicals you use to keep a pool or hot tub clean can be harmful to fish and aquatic life? To protect water quality, follow these simple steps when draining your pool or hot tub:

1. **Wait 7 Days:** Let your pool or spa sit for at least a week without adding any chemicals. This will allow the chlorine to break down naturally. The chlorine level should be super low—around 0.1 milligrams per liter.
2. **Make sure the water's pH is between 7 and 8 before draining.**
3. **Drain Through Grass:** Don't drain the water straight onto concrete. Instead, run it through at least 15 feet of grass to help filter out any leftover chemicals before it reaches the storm drain.
4. **Take It Slow:** Keep the water flow slow—around 12 gallons per minute (or 700 gallons per hour) —to prevent erosion and save you from fixing your yard later.
5. **Saltwater Goes to Sanitary Sewer:** If you have a saltwater pool, don't drain it into the storm drain. Instead, discharge it into the sanitary sewer so the water can be properly treated.

Irrigation: If you have an irrigation meter, disconnect it and bring it in for the winter. Freezing temperatures can damage the meter. Be sure to submit your last meter reading of the season to get credit on your utility bill at Waukee.org/UtilityBilling.



Last Day for Curbside Yard Waste Collection

Monday, November 24 is the final day to set out grass, leaves, sticks and other yard waste for curbside pick-up. Sticks and branches must be cut to 4-foot lengths and tied with string. If they fit into a small container, bundling is not necessary.

Please do not use your ASI garbage or recycling containers for yard waste. Put yard materials into biodegradable bags or reusable containers marked "YARD WASTE" or with a large "Y". Each bundle or container should weigh less than 40 pounds. For any garbage, recycling or yard waste questions, call Ankeny Sanitation, Inc. (ASI), at 515-964-5229.

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
- Gift wrap and cards that sparkle or shine

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 for steps to safely dispose of it.

Upcoming City Office Closures

City offices and the Waukee Public Library will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, Thursday, November 27 and Friday, November 28. Trash and recycling pick up will run on the normal schedule for November 11. They will not be picked up on November 27. Instead, trash collection will be delayed by one day for Thursday and Friday that week.

Get Involved with Waukee's City Boards and Commissions

If you want to make a difference in Waukee, now is your chance! The City is looking for residents to join the various boards, commissions and committees that play a vital role in shaping local policies and helping guide important decisions. Mayor Clarke is accepting applications for spots on the Board of Adjustment, Board of Appeals, Park Board, Planning & Zoning Commission and Public Art Advisory Commission.

Learn more about the opportunities at Waukee.org/BoardsandCommissions. Applications are open until November 16, and it's easy to apply.
