



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](#) for steps to safely dispose of it.

Drop boxes for specialty items

Holiday Lights: Through January 30, you can drop off old or broken strands of lights in the free collection box at Waukeee Public Library. LED, classic, plastic, and glass bulbs as well as net, icicle and battery-powered lights are accepted. Keep them loose when you drop them in the collection box. Metro Waste Authority will safely recycle them.

Cardboard: Extra cardboard from all those boxes can be dropped off in the free bin near Warrior Park, just off 6th Street. Turn toward the cemetery and water tower and look for the bin. Please remove any plastic and Styrofoam. Break down the boxes to flatten them.

Batteries: Lithium-ion batteries are found in computers, phones, toys, e-scooters and more. They can be dangerous and cause fires in garbage cans and landfills. Instead of throwing them in the trash, put them in the free dropbox at City Hall, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or the Waukeee Public Library during regular hours. You can also bring household batteries (like AA, AAA, 9V and button types), tool batteries and small electronics like phones or tablets.

Note on November and December Bills

Gas is still listed on your utility bill as we complete the transition of gas meter reading to MidAmerican Energy. It will show a \$0 charge until that is removed in another month or two. Thank you for your patience as we work through these changes.

PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$6.17-			
PAYMENTS	\$0.00			
ADJUSTMENTS	\$0.00			
PENALTIES	\$0.00			
CREDIT BALANCE	\$6.17-			
PREVIOUS READING	11,509	USAGE	8,900	
	62		0	WATER
	18		0	WATER TAX
				SWR CREDIT
				SWR CREDIT
				SEWER
				STORMWATER
	1,284	6,200		GAS
				GARBAGE
				CURRENT BILL
				AMOUNT DUE
				90.08
				5.40
				0.00
				0.00
				112.16
				8.05
				0.00
				20.00
				\$235.69
				\$229.52



Help Grant Holiday Wishes

The Waukee Police Department is preparing to help local families during the holidays. They will provide gifts and essentials to children in need through Operation Wish List. You can help by donating money to support these efforts. Cash or checks can be sent or delivered to: Waukee Police Department, 815 NW 20th Street, Waukee, IA 50263.

Utilities for Snowbirds

If you plan to leave Waukee for a minimum of three consecutive months, you can request that 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 Waukee garbage customer, you may also request garbage services be suspended, but you will still pay the monthly landfill fee. Visit [Waukee.org/Snowbird](https://www.waukee.org/Snowbird) to learn more.

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 5 from 6-8 p.m. We light the WinterFest Tree at 6 p.m. sharp. Play games, meet Santa, watch live ice sculpting and more. Donations of non-perishable food items or new, unwrapped toys will be collected to help neighbors in need. [Waukee.org/WinterFest](https://www.waukee.org/WinterFest)
2. The Library invites you to "Hop into Reading" 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.waukee.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!
 - Cheer in person when the Minnesota Wild face the Ottawa Senators in St. Paul on December 13. Children can go on the day trip when accompanied by their adult. Register by November 30.
 - Online registration opens December 1 for Girls Recreational Softball and Girls Advanced Softball, which runs mid-April to early June and serves girls in grades K-8.
 - Kids can have tons of curated fun while you enjoy a date night with Parents Night Out by Camp Brainiac on December 12, January 16 or February 27 for grades K-5.
 - Littles can get their wiggles out with Tumbling Tots December 8-11 (ages 2-5), Tippi Toes Dance from January 7-February 11 (ages 4-5) or Karate from January 5-8 (ages 6-adults).
 - Learn fun tricks to dazzle family and friends from professional magician Lee Cole at Magicclass on December 29 for ages 6-15. Supplies provided and no prior magic experience needed.
 - Sharpen artistic skills with Sunflower Fine Art. Options for Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays for budding artists ages 6-18.



Heat Your Home Safely

Installing carbon monoxide (CO) detectors in your home can provide an early warning of a leak. If you smell gas (rotten egg odor), call the MidAmerican Energy Gas Emergency Line at 800-595-5325. If the smell is overpowering, leave the house immediately and call 911. Early stages of CO poisoning can include dizziness, flu-like symptoms, fatigue and severe headache. If you suspect CO poisoning or a detector alarm sounds, leave the house immediately. Seek medical attention if you feel sick.

Prepare for Natural Gas Bills

If you are struggling with energy bills, there are utility assistance programs for those who qualify, including the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and WayPoint Resources assistance. Visit [Waukee.org/EnergyAssist](https://www.waukee.org/EnergyAssist) for more information.

Upcoming City Office Closures

City offices will be closed Wednesday, December 24; Thursday, December 25; and Thursday, January 1. There will be no garbage or recycling pick-up on Thursday, December 25. If your regular pick-up day is Thursday or Friday, it will be delayed by one day to Friday or Saturday. Waukee Public Library will be closed Sunday, December 21; Wednesday, December 24; Thursday, December 25; Sunday, December 28; and Thursday, January 1.