



Empty Your Pool and Spa with Care

Chlorine and other chemicals used to keep your pool or spa clean cause BIG problems for fish and other aquatic life. As you prepare to drain your pool or spa at summer's end, follow these steps to avoid compromising water downstream.



1. Allow the pool or spa to sit for at least 7 days without adding chlorine or other chemicals; the chlorine content should be 0.1 milligrams per liter.
2. Ensure the pH of the pool / spa water is between 7 and 8.
3. Drain water through at least 15 feet of a grassy landscape first (i.e., not directly onto concrete) to allow remaining chemicals to dissipate before reaching the storm drain.
4. Keep the flow of water low (aim for 700 gallons per hour = about 12 gallons per minute) in order to prevent erosion and having to fix the landscaped area later.

City Offices Closed for Labor Day; Trash Delays Planned

All City of Waukee offices, including the Waukee Public Library, will be closed Monday, Sept. 5 in observance of Labor Day. There will be no garbage, recycling or yard waste collection on Labor Day. Yard waste will be collected on Tuesday, Sept. 6; garbage and recycling collection will run on a Tuesday through Saturday schedule.



Now Hiring for Seasonal Positions

The City of Waukee has several positions open with Sugar Creek and Triumph Park for the fall season. Check out openings at governmentjobs.com/careers/waukee.

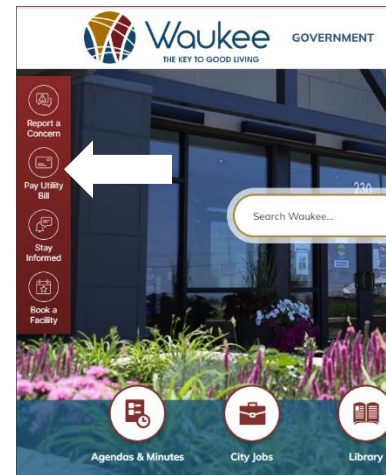
Switch to E-billing & Automatic Payments

There is a paper shortage as materials are gobbled up for packaging production with increases to online shopping. Paper for invoicing and envelopes is getting hard to find which increase paper prices.

You can help by switching to emailed billing and automatic payments for your utilities.

- Click Pay Utility Bill on the left-side menu at Waukee.org.
- Under Utility Bill Payment, click "Link to page"
- Under Automatic Payments, print the form.

Call Waukee Utilities at 515-978-5502 with any questions or help getting set up with email billing or automatic payments.



Use Water Wisely with These Conservation Tips

Did you know that Waukee uses more than 4 million gallons a day during the summer? This is 2.5 times more than a typical day during the rest of the year. Conserving water is important for maintaining a good water supply during drought conditions, which helps ensure there is enough water in reserve for emergencies, such as a large fire.

5 helpful actions to reduce water usage at your home or business:

1. Skip days between watering. Established lawns only need about 1-1.5 inches of water over 1-2 waterings per week.
2. Avoid watering your lawn and gardens between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. when more water is lost to evaporation. Further conserve water by skipping water-heavy activities during midday, such as washing your car, playing in the sprinkler or filling swimming pools.
3. Adjust your sprinkler settings to shorten run times and skip days between watering. Remember to turn sprinklers off during rain or after a good rainfall when water runs off instead of being absorbed by soil.
4. Check for and repair leaks inside and outside; even small leaks or dripping faucets can quickly waste many gallons of water.
5. Reuse water from your daily activities. Instead of dumping extra ice or half-full water glasses in the sink, water a house plant. Use leftover water from your child's water table even cooled water from cooking vegetables for gardens or potted plants

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