



Election Day on Nov. 7

The Regular City/School Board Election will be Tuesday, Nov. 7, to fill terms for Waukee Mayor and City Council as well as the Waukee Community School District School Board. 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 <https://sos.iowa.gov>.

Final 2023 Curbside Yard Waste Collection is Nov. 27

The last Monday of November is the final day to put out yard waste for collection. Yard waste includes vegetation materials, such as grass clippings, leaves, brush and garden waste. Here are some tips to ensure your yard waste gets picked up:

- Yard waste must be put into biodegradable bags or reusable containers with a 40-pound maximum weight.
- Sticks, brush and branches must be cut into four-foot lengths and bundled (with string or twine) with a 40-pound maximum weight per bundle.
- Do not use your garbage or recycling containers for yard waste.
- Place approved items at the curb for collection prior to 7 a.m. each Monday.

As the beautiful autumn leaves fall, follow these tips for proper leaf removal to keep decomposing leaves out of bodies of water where they can "steal" oxygen from fish.

- 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.

For any garbage, recycling or yard waste questions, please call Ankeny Sanitation, Inc., at 515-964-5229.

Halloween Fun is Coming!

Waukee Police and Fire Departments will host their Halloween Open House, treating kids to candy and more on Thursday, October 26 from 4:30-6 p.m. Waukee's Beggars' Night (trick-or-treating) is Monday, October 30 from 6-8 p.m. Stay safe by traveling in a group and wearing light or reflective clothing, if possible.



New Ways to Pay Utility Bills



There are a couple of new options available to pay your monthly City of Waukee utility bills. Scan the QR code or call 877-847-8583 to access your account 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Hear real-time balances, payment amounts and due dates. It's a convenient way to pay your bills securely through an automated system.

Also, did you know you can get your utility bills by email rather than paper? Sign up through the online account access or contact the Utility Billing Department at WaukeeUtilities@Waukee.org. To set up electronic account access, go to Waukee.org and enter "Utility Payment Options" in the search box.

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.

In October, American Research Associates will conduct a phone survey as part of a federally mandated program to assess public awareness about gas safety. If you receive a call from a 515 number with a caller ID displaying "research" or something similar, please answer to complete the short survey. The survey company will identify themselves as calling on behalf of the City of Waukee and will only ask questions about natural gas safety.

UPDATED 10/30: Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

The print copy of the utility newsletter includes information about the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). We just learned the program is no longer active due to lack of funding.

For other utility assistance options, visit Waukee.org/UtilityAssist or call New Opportunities at 515-465-5185 to learn more about the heating assistance program called LIHEAP.

Safely Dispose of Unneeded Prescription Drugs on Saturday, Oct. 28

Prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding your home of potentially dangerous prescription drugs that you no longer need. For National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, police officers will collect pills and patches on Saturday, October 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Waukee Public Safety Building (1300 SE L.A. Grant Parkway).