



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.

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 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](http://MWAtoday.com) for steps to safely dispose of it.

Holiday Closures & Trash Delays

All City of Waukee offices will be closed 1. The Waukee Public Library will be closed Jan. 1-2. Because the New Year holiday falls on a Monday, trash collection for City/ASI customers will be delayed by one day that week.

Collection days for real Christmas trees are Tuesday, Jan. 2 and Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, for City of Waukee/ASI garbage customers. No artificial trees. Clear off all decorations, including lights and tinsel, before putting your tree on the curb. Do not put the tree in a bag.

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.



Job Openings for Special Census

The U.S. Census Bureau is hiring for a Special Census of Waukee. Hours are flexible, and training is paid. Learn more and apply at www.USAJobs.gov/job/752213900. An updated population count may help Waukee qualify for additional funds for important services.

The City of Waukee will have more than 100 job openings for seasonal roles with Sugar Creek Golf Course, Triumph Park, Parks & Recreation and Public Works. Create an account and set your alerts now at Waukee.org/Jobs to get notified when these roles open in January.

Save the Date for Waukee FamilyFest!

Burn some energy and get to know local businesses at FamilyFest on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon) at Lutheran Church of Hope - Waukee (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.

Nominate Someone for Citizen of the Year

Do you know a Waukee resident who makes the community a better place? Nominated them for the [2023 Citizen of the Year award](#) with the Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce.

This award honors Waukee residents for dedicated volunteer efforts that lead to making Waukee a great place to live, work, play and learn. Submit nominations with the Waukee Area Chamber of Commerce by January 26, 2024.

Get an Insider Look at the Waukee Police with Citizens Academy

Twenty citizens will get hands-on, working knowledge of the Waukee Police Department at the Citizens Academy. In this free program, you can meet the City's officers, learn defense tactics, take a trip to the shooting range and more. Classes run Thursday evenings, 6-9 p.m., from Feb. 22 to Apr. 25, 2024 (no class on March 14). Learn more and apply at Waukee.org/CitizensAcademy.

Get Your 2024 Pet Licenses and Dog Park Passes

It's time to get Waukee pets licensed for 2024. To renew or apply for a new pet license, go to PetData.com. Dog and cat licenses are required per City ordinance. Trailside Dog Park passes for 2024 are available at Waukee.MyBarkPass.com. 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.

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. 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. It is unlawful to place, throw or push snow onto City streets from private property. Place garbage and recycling bins in driveways, not in streets.

If snow covers a fire hydrant, please dig out at least one foot around the hydrant down to the ground and out to the street to keep it accessible to emergency personnel.

How to Stay Informed

Sign up for emergency alerts via [Nixle.com](https://www.nixle.com) or by texting '50263' to 888777. Follow the City of Waukee on Facebook and/or Nextdoor to stay updated on snow emergency parking bans and other important notices.