



## Make Sure You Get Counted for Waukee's Special Census

Did you know that cities get state and federal funding based on the number of residents they have? Help your community get the funding we need for roads, schools and more by responding to the Special Census. Follow the instructions from the letter you got in the mail from the U.S. Census Bureau to complete your census form online by the deadline.

In June and July, field representatives will knock on doors to help ensure any residences that do not complete the online census form are not missed. Find census job openings and more details on the Waukee census at [Waukee.org/SpecialCensus](https://Waukee.org/SpecialCensus).

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## Certify Your Irrigation Meter to Save Money

Portable irrigation meters can help save you money on sewer charges for your water bill if you frequently irrigate your lawn and garden. If you already have a meter, get your meter certified now to stay eligible for credits on your account. Fill out the form at [Waukee.org/UtilityBilling](https://Waukee.org/UtilityBilling) or bring your meter to City Hall (230 W. Hickman Road) on a weekday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. To purchase a meter, contact [WaukeeUtilities@Waukee.org](mailto:WaukeeUtilities@Waukee.org).

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## Are you Odd or Even?

Did you know that less frequent watering can make your lawn stronger by helping roots grow deeper? Most lawns only need watering 1-2 times per week. Whether you use a hose or an automated sprinkler system at your home or business, follow the odd-even schedule to help our community manage the water supply:

- Everyone should skip watering on Mondays and avoid watering lawns or gardens during the hottest part of the day: between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Even-numbered addresses are encouraged to only water on Sundays, Wednesdays and/or Fridays
- Odd-numbered addresses are encouraged to only water on Tuesdays, Thursdays and/or Saturdays

If you have an automatic sprinkler system, stay on top of regular maintenance to check for leaks or broken parts and remember to turn it off when it rains, so you don't overwater your lawn. Find more great tips for conserving water at [Waukee.org/SaveWater](https://Waukee.org/SaveWater).



Summer league registration is open for coed sand volleyball, disc golf, softball, bags (cornhole) at [Waukee.org/Registration](https://Waukee.org/Registration).



## Dial Before You Dig

Are you planning a fence, planting a garden or working on landscaping? Dial 811 at least 48 hours before digging begins, so utility locators can mark the approximate location of underground utilities. Striking a buried utility can cause injury, repair costs, fines and inconvenient outages. Depth of utility lines can vary from erosion, previous digging projects and uneven surfaces.

Installing a mailbox, building a deck and planting a tree are all examples of digging projects which should only begin after buried utility lines are marked. No matter the depth of your dig, call 811 first! Visit [Call811.com](http://Call811.com) for more information about digging safely.

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## How to Request Information or Register Complaints with the Waukee Gas Department

If you need information from or want to register a complaint with the City of Waukee's Gas Department, contact Director of Public Works Rudy Koester at Waukee Public Works, 805 University Avenue, Waukee, IA 50263; 515-978-7388; or [rkoester@Waukee.org](mailto:rkoester@Waukee.org). If the City of Waukee Gas Department has not been able to help you with your problem concerning gas service, you may contact the Iowa Utilities Board at 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, IA 50319-0069; 1-877-565-4450; or [customer@iub.iowa.gov](mailto:customer@iub.iowa.gov).

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## Get Rid of Unwanted Hazardous Waste, Tires, Appliances & Electronics

Household Hazardous Waste, Appliances, Tires and Electronics Drop-Off Day is May 4.

**Household hazardous waste items:** Vince Meyer Learning Center at 445 5th Street  
This site has free disposal for items such as acid, rechargeable batteries, oil, antifreeze, lawn fertilizer, pesticides, pool chemicals, and oil-based paints or aerosols. Latex paint is not accepted. Cans of dried out latex paint can be placed in garbage bins with the regular trash; non-dried cans of latex paint can be taken to the Metro Waste Authority in Grimes for a fee. Sharps must be contained in detergent bottles or sharps containers (not milk jugs or soda pop bottles). Tape lids on sharps containers.

**Appliances, tires and electronics:** 1205 6th Street (near the water tower)

- Appliances must be cleared of food, hazardous waste and garbage prior to drop-off.
- Up to 5 car tires may be dropped off free of charge; each additional car tire is \$1. Semi-truck and tractor tire drop-offs cost \$5 per tire. Rims are not accepted.
- Drop laptops, TVs, keyboards, speakers, printers, routers, phones, e-readers and more. Most items are accepted free of charge, with some exceptions for items like CRTs and TVs. All data-containing devices will have data cleared.

Find information on accepted and not-accepted items at [Waukee.org/SpringCleanUp](http://Waukee.org/SpringCleanUp).



**Save the dates:** May 18 – Waukee Firefighters Association Pancake Breakfast  
May 22 – Waukee Public Works Open House