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Dear Watertown Residents,

As the colors of fall start to paint our city, I am happy to connect with you once again through "The City Connection." It's been another remarkable year for Watertown, and as we reflect on all that's been accomplished, I am filled with gratitude for the community collaboration that continues to drive us forward.



This summer was especially vibrant. The Bentzin Family Town Square celebrated its annual Birthday Bash in May, bringing together friends and families for an incredible turnout. Throughout the summer, the Square hosted over 60 events, from lively concerts and outdoor paint nights to bustling farmers' markets and more. The energy and enthusiasm of all who attended made these events memorable, and I'm excited to share that there are still more gatherings planned as we move into the later months of the year. Additionally, Watertown's premiere festival, Riverfest, drew huge crowds, offering food, rides, A car show, a craft and vendor fair, and, of course, music!

I also want to take a moment to recognize the significant progress we've made in some key areas that will have a lasting impact on Watertown's future. Construction on our new fire station is well underway, and I'm happy to report that everything is on schedule. This facility will provide enhanced safety and services for our community for years to come. Similarly, the Main Street Bridge reconstruction project is moving along. Once finished, this vital link through our city will make travel safer and more efficient for all. In addition to all the work being done on the Main Street Bridge, Riverside Park has gotten some needed repair to the historic foot bridges, walls, and now boasts new restrooms. An Inclusive recreation area is planned in Riverside Park, which will provide people of all abilities a place for outdoor activity in Watertown. The city aims to fund this project completely with donations.

Another crucial focus this year has been tackling Watertown's housing needs. We recognize the importance of ensuring that there are affordable, quality housing options for all who wish to call our city home. I'm pleased to share that we've been actively collaborating with developers on multiple housing projects with different kinds of housing across the city, and we are committed to continuing this work to address the housing shortage head-on. Our residents, current and future, and our employers need housing and we are working to deliver on that need.

As we head into fall and winter, there are plenty of exciting activities to keep us all engaged. The Watertown Public Library, as always, has a fantastic lineup of programs and events for readers of all ages. Whether you're looking to join a book club, attend a workshop, or explore new learning opportunities, there's something for everyone. Our Community and Senior Center continues to offer a wide range of services and activities that foster engagement and enrichment for our residents, and our Park, Recreation, and Forestry Department has put together an excellent variety of classes and activities for all ages to enjoy. Be sure to check out their schedules to stay active and involved through the coming months.

Looking ahead to 2025, I feel a deep sense of optimism and excitement. Our city continues to grow and evolve in ways that will strengthen our community, enhance our quality of life, and ensure Watertown remains a welcoming and thriving place for everyone. As always, your support and involvement are what make our success possible, so please stay engaged.

Thank you for your continued dedication to making Watertown a special place. Wishing you all a wonderful fall and winter season filled with warmth, joy, and reflection as we prepare to embark on a new year together.

With gratitude,

Emily McFarland
Mayor, City of Watertown

CONNECT WITH MAYOR MCFARLAND:



AVAILABLE ON:



Look for more information on the Mayor's Page of the city website: https://bit.ly/WTTN_Mayor



PET LICENSING

Licenses for dogs are issued for the calendar year and expire December 31. Reminder cards are NOT sent. The new licenses are generally available in the Finance office by mid-December for the following calendar year.

The city ordinance requires ALL dogs be licensed, even if they do not go outside. You could receive a citation for pets who are not properly licensed. To be issued a dog license, bring your pet's current rabies vaccination certification (required) along with cash or check to the Finance Department at City Hall, 106 Jones Street.

Fees for licenses are:

- Male/Female unaltered—\$15.00
- Male/Female altered—\$10.00
- Licenses obtained after the last Friday in March are assessed a late fee of \$5.00 each.

Are you a new pet owner and not sure when to license your pet?

- When your pet is five (5) months of age and has obtained the rabies vaccination.
- Within thirty (30) days of obtaining a dog over five months of age, or within thirty (30) days of moving into the City with a dog over five months of age.

For questions, please call 920-262-4000.



PROPERTY TAXES

Property tax bills will be mailed in early December. City taxpayers may choose to pay real estate taxes in full by January 31 or take advantage of the installment plan. Due dates for the installment plan are January 31, April 30 and July 31. Taxpayers using the installment plan are responsible for remembering the due dates as no additional notices are sent after the original tax bill is mailed. For taxpayers who wish to pay by the end of 2024, the last day City Hall will be open in 2024 to accept tax payments is December 31, 2024 from 8am - 12pm. Taxpayers may mail their tax payments or drop them in the night deposit box on the brick wall to the left of the City Hall front doors through December 31, 2024 for them to be considered paid in 2024.



WE'RE

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HIRING

Work with us!
watertownwi.gov

A hiring advertisement for The City of Watertown. It features a dark blue background with white and light blue text. At the top, it says 'WE'RE' in large white letters. Below that is the city logo and name 'THE CITY OF WATERTOWN' with the tagline 'Opportunity runs through it.' and a magnifying glass icon. The word 'HIRING' is written in large white letters. At the bottom, there is a QR code and the text 'Work with us! watertownwi.gov'.

ELECTION INFORMATION



2024 NOVEMBER ELECTION IMPORTANT DATES:

- **October 16** – Last day to register by mail or online, after October 16 the voter must register in person in the Finance Department or at their polling location on election day. No registrations may be done the Monday before election day.
- **October 22** through November 1 – In person absentee voting will be held during normal City Hall business hours at the Watertown Municipal Building. Photo ID required.
- **November 5** – Election Day

INTERESTED IN WORKING THE POLLS?

Elections Inspectors (sometimes called poll workers) are the gatekeepers of democracy and are vital to efficient and honest elections. Election Inspectors proudly conduct elections with accuracy, integrity, and dignity. The City of Watertown needs election inspectors to help with the November Election. You can join this team of caring community members who help city residents exercise their basic right of citizenship – voting in fair and accurate elections – by contacting the City Clerk at elections@watertownwi.gov or by submitting an application found on our city website, www.watertownwi.gov [Residents > Election/Voter Information > Election Inspectors].



GENERAL VOTING INFORMATION

Persons not currently registered to vote or who have moved or changed their name since they last voted will need to register. Voters may register online at myvote.wi.gov, in the Finance Department at 106 Jones Street during regular office hours, by mail until October 16, or at their polling location on election day. No registrations can be made on the Monday before the election. Proof of residency is required. For more information regarding voter registration, absentee ballot requests, or finding your polling location, go to myvote.wi.gov, visit the City's website, www.watertownwi.gov [Residents > Election/Voter Information > Register to Vote], or contact the Finance Department at 920-262-4000.

REMINDER: Photo ID is required to vote in Wisconsin. Acceptable photo IDs are listed at: bringit.wi.gov.

WHERE DO I VOTE?

DISTRICT	WARD	POLLING LOCATION
1	1 & 2	City Hall Council Chambers 106 Jones St.
2	5, 6 & 7	City Hall Lower-Level Rm 0008 106 Jones St.
3	16 & 17	Library Community Room 100 S. Water St.
4	14 & 15	Senior Center Wisconsin Room 514 S. First St.
5	8, 9 & 10	MATC – 1300 W. Main St.
6	3, 4 & 23	City Hall Lower-Level Room 0041 106 Jones St.
7	11, 12 & 13	Senior Center Conley Hall 514 S. First St.
8	20, 21 & 22	Senior Center Conley Hall 514 S. First St.
9	18 & 19	Library Community Room 100 S. Water St.

To find your district, visit myvote.wi.gov or by using the interactive GIS mapping found on our city website, www.watertownwi.gov [Residents > Election/Voter Information > Where Do I Vote?].

2025 ELECTION DATES

February 18 - Spring Primary (if needed)
April 1 - Spring General Election

2025 LOCAL ELECTIONS

The 2025 Spring election will be a Mayoral and Municipal Judge election along with odd-numbered Aldermanic Districts. December 1, 2024, is the first day for candidates to begin circulating nomination papers. Information and all necessary forms for local offices are available in the Finance Department at 106 Jones Street, or on the City's website, www.watertownwi.gov [Residents > Election/Voter Information > Running for Office].

You may email elections@watertownwi.gov with any voting/election questions.





HOUSING REHAB GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The RDA's Housing Rehab Grant Program is still accepting applications through the RDA website. The RDA recently completed its first home repair project, which included repainting the exterior of a home and installation of new gutters. This program is available to all City of Watertown homes, both owner-occupied and rentals.

Eligible Expenditures: Funds are to be used for physical repairs to the existing building. Grant funds may only be used to cover material costs, not labor. Additions to an existing building are not eligible for this grant program. Garages, sheds, decks, patios, and other similar structures are not eligible. Eligible expenses include roofs, porches, exterior paint, windows, doors, and power service upgrades to panels (with a correlating plan for upgrading in wiring).

Additional Guidelines: Property must be in good standing with the City of Watertown, with taxes current. If the property has any outstanding code violations or citations the project must address and resolve all outstanding violations and citations. The project must be completed within 90 days of approval to receive grant funds. An inspection is required at the time of project completion. Grant funds are paid to the contractor or other person who has completed the work.

Application Process: Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be reviewed based on criteria including project feasibility, impact to the value of the property, aesthetic improvement to the property, location of the proposed project, and other factors as determined by the RDA Application Review Committee. The RDA reserves the right to conduct a background and credit check on all applicants. More information can be found at watertownredevelopment.org.

WATERTOWN REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY ANNOUNCES NEW REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECTS

The Watertown Redevelopment Authority proudly announces the latest recipients of its Downtown Commercial Revolving Loan Program. Budget Print, located at 107 S. 5th Street, and the Deerfield Properties building at 118 N Water Street, have been awarded loans to support significant enhancements to their properties. The Downtown Commercial Revolving Loan Program is a key initiative designed to stimulate business expansion, create high-quality upper-level residential units, and update historic structures in Watertown's downtown area. The program offers low-interest financial support for façade beautification, structural repairs, and major mechanical upgrades, including plumbing, electrical, heating, and cooling systems. Additionally, loan funds can offset costs related to design, architectural, or engineering expenses. Steve Hill, owner of Budget Print, expressed his enthusiasm for the program: "We are thrilled to receive this support from the Watertown Redevelopment Authority. The revolving loan fund allows us to undertake necessary upgrades that will not only enhance our building's exterior but also improve our operational efficiency. This investment will help us continue to serve our community with high-quality printing services."

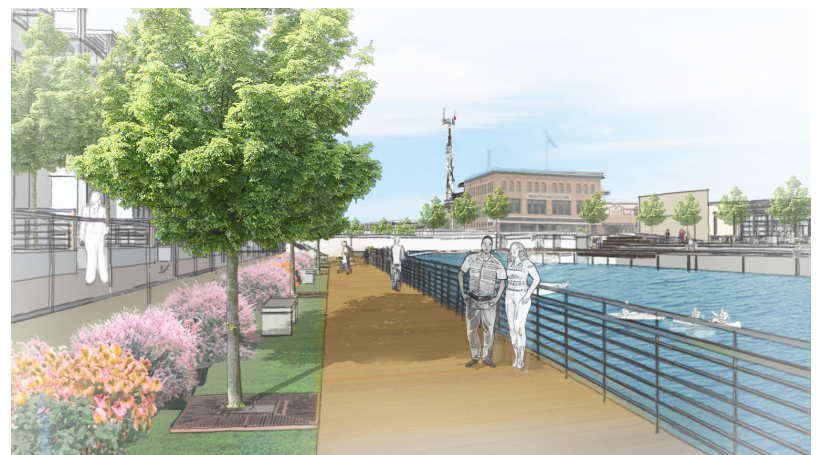


DOWNTOWN RIVER CORRIDOR PLANNING PROJECT

After the completion of the Bentzin Family Town Square, the Watertown Redevelopment Authority saw the Downtown River Corridor plan as the logical next step in our mission and our vision for a continually evolving and lively downtown.

At the end of 2023, we put out a request for proposals for this plan, and found two high-quality firms to work with, Kapur and RINKA, who have done planning projects similar to this one through the state of Wisconsin and beyond. This plan aims to strategically position the community for a sustained investment and revitalization in the downtown area and beyond by leveraging its unique identity and existing public amenities.

Our goal is to catalyze growth and cultivate a dynamic, community-oriented future. The RDA has held two community open houses to gather public input on the future of this vital area along the downtown Rock River.





SWIM CALENDARS

Monthly calendars for the Indoor Pool are available at the Indoor Pool, Parks & Recreation Department Office or the city's website. Calendars reflect the times and cost for the different activities offered. Calendars are subject to change. For the most up-to-date calendar, visit the Indoor Pool section of the website.

WINTER SWIMMING LESSONS

Swim lessons are scheduled at a variety of times throughout the year so you can choose what fits your schedule best. Each class is scheduled for six to eight 35-minute sessions with 5 minutes built in for parent-teacher interaction. Classes are taught by trained instructors and follow the American Red Cross Learn-to-Swim program. There is a fee to participate. Swim class course descriptions, schedules, and registration materials are available at the Indoor Pool, our RecDesk or the Park & Recreation Department office.

Evening swimming lessons will be held at the Indoor Pool. Registration begins on November 4th, 2024 at 10am! Classes meet on either Mondays or Wednesdays.

Monday Night Lessons Jan. 6th – Feb. 24th	6:00 – 6:35pm	Parent/Tot, AquaKids, Lvl 1
	6:40 – 7:15pm	AquaKids, Lvl 1, Lvl 2
	7:20 – 7:55pm	Lvl 2, Lvl 3, Lvl 4
Wednesday Night Lessons Jan. 8th – Feb. 26th	6:00 – 6:35pm	Parent/Tot, AquaKids, Lvl 1
	6:40 – 7:15pm	AquaKids, Lvl 1, Lvl 2
	7:20 – 7:55pm	Lvl 2, Lvl 3, Lvl 4

* please note that programs may be altered to accommodate staffing levels *

OPEN SWIM

It's a great way to spend an afternoon! Weekends from 12-3 pm. Cost is \$4 (Res.)/\$5 (NR.) per person or a swim pass. Check out our monthly calendars for exact dates.

NO SCHOOL OPEN POOL IS BACK!

When school is not in session, come splash around at the indoor pool from 12-4pm. The dates for the 2024-2025 school year and themes are:

- October 24 & 25: Spooky season is upon us! Halloween at the pool
- November 25, 26, & 27: Make a new Thanksgiving tradition by visiting the pool
- December 23, 26, 27, & 30: Celebrating all winter holidays
- January 20: Let's thaw out the pool with a movie
- February 10: S
- March 24-28: Spring break at the pool

LAP SWIM

Swim and stay fit, swim and get fit! Lap swim is available at a variety of times throughout the week. Please see the monthly indoor pool calendar for dates and times. Hope you can join us! Swimming is a lifetime leisure sport. See you at the pool.

WATER FITNESS CLASSES

A cool approach to staying fit or reaching new levels of fitness! Great benefits, including: increased flexibility, strength and cardiovascular endurance await you! The buoyancy and resistance of the water assist in increasing impact-related injury and stress. You do not need to be a swimmer to participate. Check out our monthly calendar for class days and times. There is a fee to participate. See registration form for cost.

WATER WALKING & DEEP-WATER AQUA JOG

Lap swimming and fitness classes not your thing? During water walking, adults may walk or jog laps using the shallow-depth area of the pool. Deep water aqua jogging is a time when adults may use the 12-foot area of the pool to jog or tread water. Aqua jog flotation belts are available to use, if desired. Water walking, and deep aqua jog are not instructor led; participants exercise independently. Cost is \$4 (Res.)/\$5 (NR.) per person or a swim pass.

WATER SAFETY INSTRUCTOR

If you are 15 years or older and a proficient swimmer, you can become an American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. Learn to teach children and adults to swim and give water safety presentations to kids and their parents.

Classes are held at the Indoor Pool. Registration is available prior to each new course on RecDesk Online.

LIFEGUARD TRAINING CLASS

Learn to become a lifeguard in this blended learning format course. Candidates must be 15 years old by the end of the course. Candidates must complete prerequisite skills sessions before continuing with the course.

Classes are held at the Indoor Pool. Registration is available prior to each new course on RecDesk Online.

LIFEGUARD PREREQUISITE WORKSHOP *NEW FALL 2024!*

Always wanted to be a lifeguard but not sure if you can make it through the prerequisite skills? Think you can do the class but just want some additional confidence? Look no further than our new Lifeguard Prerequisite Workshop series! These monthly sessions give those interested the opportunity to practice the American Red Cross Lifeguard Course Prerequisite Skills prior to enrolling in or attending a lifeguard course. A trained LGI provides coaching and tips for passing the two prerequisites.

RECREATION PROGRAMMING

REGISTER AT <https://watertownwi.recdesk.com>
514 S. First Street • (920)-262-8080



ENJOY YOUR ENVIRONMENT

The Watertown Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department is encouraging you to get outdoors. We are so fortunate to have countless trails, parks and green spaces around the City of Watertown to enjoy. Check out some of our great parks and trails this Fall/Winter! Be on the lookout for programming and enrichment that takes advantage of our beautiful outdoor spaces this upcoming season. Events and offerings can be found on our website or our Facebook page.

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration and Payment for any program or event is available online at watertownwi.recdesk.com or you can stop into our office and fill out a paper registration form.

WINTER RENTALS

This winter, we will be offering snowshoe and ice skate rentals. Watch our Facebook page and website for more details!

SKATING AT SILVER CREEK

We will have a warming house at Silver Creek for skaters this winter. We will have a schedule of open hours and opportunities to rent it out pending ice conditions.

FITNESS CLASSES

The department offers a variety of fitness classes year round Gentle Yoga, Kickboxing, Pound, Senior Fitness, Yoga, and Zumba. NEW this fall: BARRE, SWING DANCE, and ZUMBA GOLD! Make Watertown Recreation a part of your workout routine!



Little Dunkers

Instruction will stress basic skills and fundamentals of the game. Players can practice new-found skills and perfect their talents on scaled-down equipment designed just for this program.

Saturdays, November 2 -
December 14 (omit Nov. 30)
Webster School, 634 South 12th
8-8:45am - Grades 5K-1st
9-9:45am - Grades 2nd-4th
\$40/resident, \$60/non resident
Reg. Deadline: October 17

Wrestling

Watertown Wrestling Club coaches will lead this instructional series designed to teach the fundamentals of wrestling. Focus will be on the basics, drills for building core strength and balance, and combative games. Make plans to attend the tournament which will be held on the last night of class! Come see what your wrestler has learned!

Tuesdays, November 5 -
December 17, and Thurs, Dec. 19
(Omit November 26)
WHS Mezzanine, 825
Endeavour Drive
6:00-7:00PM
\$40/resident, \$60/non resident
Reg. Deadline: October 13
Late registration: October 24

Men's Basketball League:

Hit the court in our adult men's basketball leagues, designed for players of all skill levels. Whether you're looking for competitive play or just some friendly competition, our leagues provide a great opportunity to stay active and enjoy the game. This season features the exciting Elam Ending, where at the first dead ball or made basket after the

3-minute mark in the second half, the game clock shuts off and a Target Score is set by adding seven points to the leading team's score. The first team to reach the Target Score wins. Form a team, showcase your skills, and experience the thrill of fast-paced hoops with a unique twist!

Thursdays, Nov. 7 -Feb. 20
(skipping holiday weeks)
RMS Gymnasium, 131 Hall St.
7-10pm
\$200/Team
Registration Team Fees and Roster Due: October 28

City Ornament Decorating

Come in and purchase an ornament to decorate and place on the community tree any time after the annual tree lighting ceremony on Saturday, November 16th.
Open 11/1 - 12/15
Senior & Community Center
All Ages
\$12 per ornament

Hug it Out - Movie Day

Join us for movie mayhem with back-to-back Trolls and Trolls World Tour where they hug it out on the hour!
Date: TBD
Senior & Community Center
All Ages
1:00 pm start
\$5 CR/\$7.50 NCR

Candlelight Hike

Come enjoy the beautiful winter weather with the Watertown Parks, Recreation and Forestry department! Our Candlelight Hike will have a mile and two-mile trail as well as a fire to roast marshmallows by. We will have concessions of hot cocoa and some sweet treats.
Saturday, February 15, 2025
Brandt Quirk Park
All Ages 6-8 pm FREE



CLOSED FOR THE SEASON

It's time for the park facilities to close for the season. Restrooms will be closed, electric and plumbing turned off, and be winterized as of October 15th. Park facilities will reopen on April 15th for the 2025 summer season.

Anyone planning a wedding in 2025 should consider holding their ceremony at the beautiful gazebo in Riverside Park. Park reservations will begin on the first working day in February 2025 and the gazebo can be reserved up to a year in advance.

ICE SKATING AND HOCKEY

When weather conditions permit, ice skating will be available at Silver Creek. Ice must be at least 8 inches thick to be safe. Please use extreme caution when venturing out onto river ice, as ice depths are not consistent. Ice conditions that are near bridges and dams are especially dangerous.

HIKING & CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

The Parks, Recreation, & Forestry Department and the Watertown Unified School District together provide a four-mile trail system for hiking and cross-country skiing. The trail is located on the Brandt/Quirk Park and High School grounds. There is an access point and parking at the north end of both Carriage Hill Drive and Hiawatha Street. The ski trail is groomed for skiing when there is sufficient snow.

PET EXERCISE PARK

The Boomer Street Pet Exercise Park is located on Boomer Street, 1/2 mile east of Twelfth Street at the old land fill site. Amenities include: tunnel, grooming/training table, climber and photo opportunity area. Facilities include: perimeter fencing, a parking lot, directional fencing which allows your pet to play off leash, waste collection bags and containers, and mowed trail. Park rules are posted at the trail head. Admittance is free. Dogs must play well with others!

BENTZIN FAMILY TOWN SQUARE

The Bentzin Family Town Square is a vibrant and family-friendly community space located in the heart of Watertown. This beautifully designed outdoor space offers a variety of amenities and activities, making it a popular gathering spot for residents and visitors alike. Bentzin Family Town Square offers:

- Green Spaces
- Interactive Water Feature (Splash Pad)
- Outdoor Performance Areas
- Seating Areas and Picnic Spots
- Food Trucks, Night Markets and Vendors
- Community Events, Art Classes and Festivals

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 7, 14, and 21: Food Truck Mondays continue. 4-7 p.m. Stop down and try some yummy eats! Lunch Xpress on October 14th ...enjoy food trucks all day from 11am-7pm.
- October 26: Halloween in the Square. We will be handing out candy and hosting some fun fall activities. The square will be hoppin' that day!
- November 16: Mark your calendars for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony which will be held in the town square along with the Santa House official opening. Time to start being nice - Santa is watching!

BE A HOLIDAY TREE SPONSOR

We will host the Holiday Tree sponsorship program again this year. Businesses sponsor and decorate a tree positioned in the town square. The community will then vote on them during the holiday season. What kind of tree can your business dream up?

RESERVE THE SQUARE

This event space is yours to use. Please call us to reserve your company picnic, anniversary party or special event. We can't wait to see what you come up with!

SPONSORS WANTED

We cordially invite the amazing individuals and businesses in Watertown to become a valued sponsor of upcoming events at the Bentzin Family Town Square. By partnering with us, you'll have the unique opportunity to showcase your brand to a diverse audience in a vibrant community setting. Your support will not only contribute to the success of this event but also to the ongoing enrichment of our town square as a cherished gathering place. Join us in creating memorable experiences and fostering community connections. We look forward to discussing how we can tailor sponsorship benefits to align with your company's objectives.

Questions? contact sjuhl@watertownwi.gov or call 920-262-8080





WELCOME

The Watertown Senior & Community Center welcomes you! We will be happy to give you a tour of our center and provide opportunities to visit our members and programs. We offer many activities – there is something for everyone! We always welcome new ideas for programs and activities, too.

Anyone 50 and older may become a member. The 2024 NEW membership fees are now \$7.50 for city residents and \$11.25 for non-city residents.

ACTIVITIES

See newsletters for dates/times. Must be a member to participate. Make new friends while you play!

- Adult Coloring
- Board Games
- BINGO
- Blood Pressure Checks
- Book Club
- Card Games
- Caring Crafters
- Computer Assistance
- County Benefit Specialists
- Educational Presentations
- Exercise Equipment
- Foot Clinics
- Fitness Classes
- Fundraising Events
- Gardening Group
- Grief & Support Group
- Hearing & Memory Screenings
- Knitting/Crocheting
- Later Life Planning
- Mending Service
- Movie Matinees
- Musical Entertainment
- Scrabble
- Seasonal & Holiday Parties
- Successful Aging Information
- Trip & Vacation Opportunities
- Volunteering
- Walking
- Watercolor Club
- Wii Games
- Woodcarvers

WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Join us for Wellness Wednesdays on the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Different wellness topics will be explored each month. Sometimes there will be a guest speaker. We'll support each other in finding easy lifestyle changes while supporting each other! This is a FREE program for Senior Center members.

FOOT CLINICS

Ann York, RN, will be holding foot clinics here at the Watertown Senior & Community Center. Appointments are REQUIRED! Cost is \$35 for a half hour appt. Cash and check only. Call 920-262-8099 to make an appointment.

RENT THE CENTER

Do you need a place to hold a shower, graduation, or birthday party? Don't want to clean for company? The Watertown Senior & Community Center has rooms available for your event. Prices start at \$30/hr. Don't hesitate. Book early!

KWIK TRIP GIFT CARDS

The center has \$20 Kwik Trip gift cards available. The cards can be used at any Kwik Trip store for gas or any store item. They make great gifts for any occasion.

TAXI VOUCHERS

The Watertown Senior Center can provide a Taxi Voucher (valued at \$3.00) to seniors, 50 and above, that need a ride to or from the center to participate in programming. Please contact the office for more details.



MEALS ON WHEELS

Jefferson County Senior Dining Program has added home delivered meals in the city of Watertown to the list of services provided. Meals are catered through Feil's Catering and delivered from the Watertown Senior Center.

For those aged 60 and older that are homebound and have difficulty shopping or preparing meals, this hot noon meal is a great way to ensure that they or a loved one is receiving a healthful lunch, Monday through Friday. Home delivered meals are offered within the Watertown city limits in both Jefferson and Dodge counties to those assessed and found eligible at a suggested donation of \$4.00 a meal. Monthly menus are available for review at the Watertown Senior Center, or online at www.jeffersoncountywi.gov. To inquire about eligibility, call the Senior Dining Program Watertown Meal Site at (920) 728-1210.

Go Green

View our monthly newsletter, The River View, online at:
www.cityofwatertown.org or pick up a copy in our office.



WINGS OVER WATERTOWN PRE-OSH PARTY 2024 RECAP

EAA Chapter 320's Events Team held their inaugural Wings Over Watertown Pre-Osh Party (WOW POP) event on July 18-20. The intention of this event is two-fold: 1) To make Watertown Municipal Airport a welcoming destination and not a "flyover town" for the many aviators on their way up to AirVenture in Oshkosh, and 2) To engage the Watertown community and have them enjoy their airport and showcase their city and all it has to offer.

It started with aircraft flying in from all over the United States and a Thursday night outdoor movie against one of the hangars. Friday was a hangar dance with an 18-piece swing band inside one of the hangars; and Saturday morning was a morning pancake breakfast followed by watching the aircraft depart for Oshkosh.

I'm pleased to say that the first WOW POP was a complete success!

This 3-day event was pulled off by a team of dedicated volunteers who put in an incredible amount of time and effort in readying the airport grounds, setting up concessions, and making each day's events a positive experience for both aviators and the public. Being blessed with good weather didn't hurt either!

The response and feedback to WOW POP '24 was outstanding! I have received many calls and messages from both the local community and aviators from across the country letting us know what a great time they had and thanking us for putting on such a super event. The word is out, and many pilots are already looking forward to making Watertown a "must-stop" attraction on their way to AirVenture 2025.

Yes, there definitely will be more WOW POPs in Watertown's future! We're excited to start planning for WOW POP 2025, so if you want to help, please contact our Events Coordinator at Events.EAA320@gmail.com.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in making this a success.

Eric Wegner, President
EAA Chapter 320, Watertown, WI
www.EAA320.com



Friday night's hangar dance was piloted by an 18-piece swing band.



The three-day WOW POP event brought numerous planes to the airport.

EAA AIRVENTURE 2024 AIRPORT ACTIVITY

Thanks to some great weather, the Watertown Airport was hustling and bustling at the end of July with multitudes of pilots who were eager to, once again, attend the world's largest airplane convention in Oshkosh. Over 265 airplanes from 35 states and 2 other countries traversed our airport during this busy week, of which over 170 purchased fuel and other services. Included were 3 aircraft clubs who staged at our airport prior to their group flights into Oshkosh—the Stinsons, Wittman Tailwinds, and Aeroncas. Over 15 rental cars were utilized, along with approximately 35 stays at our local hotels. In addition, a dozen campers found a good home on the airport grounds and thoroughly enjoyed the convenience of nearby amenities.



WINTER DRIVING TIPS

Winter weather is a regular part of life in Wisconsin, and it can lead to dangerous conditions on the roads. It's harder to control or stop a vehicle in snow, sleet, and ice. Use these tips to help protect yourself and your passengers.

- Drive for conditions – slower speeds, slower acceleration.
- On multi-lane roadways, snowplows often need to clear the center, throwing snow, ice and slush into nearby lanes. If approaching an on-coming snowplow, slow down and give the plow a little extra room.
- Leave extra room between you and the vehicle in front of you.
- Slow down when approaching intersections, off-ramps, bridges.
- Use your headlights.

If you must travel, check 511wi.gov for road conditions or incidents along your route.

REPORT A CRIME BY TEXTING US!

You can submit your crime tip anonymously by texting or emailing the Watertown Police Department. To text a tip, send a message to 847411 (TIP411) and the first word in your message should be wttn followed by your tip. Learn more at www.watertownpolice.com



CITY OF WATERTOWN SNOW EMERGENCIES

During a declared snow emergency, no owner or operator of any vehicle shall park upon any public street, parking area among or within a right-of-way or alley between November 1 and April 30 between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. A snow emergency may be declared by the Chief of Police or the Chief's delegate not later than 7:00 p.m. of the evening the snow emergency is to take effect. Residents who have no off-street parking available are encouraged to utilize municipal parking lots or make arrangements with neighbors, relatives or friends to avoid a potential \$50.00 citation. In addition, any vehicle that has been ticketed and remains parked at the same location for 24 or more hours afterward may be towed at the owner's expense.

Citizens are encouraged to monitor the City of Watertown Website at: www.ci.watertown.wi.us or Watertown Police Department website at: www.watertownpolice.com or search for us on Facebook at Watertown WI Police Department for current snow emergencies and notifications.

DRUG DROP BOX - AVAILABLE 24/7

The Watertown Police Department in cooperation with Watertown Regional Medical Center, established a permanent drop-off site for unwanted or expired pharmaceutical and over-the-counter medication. The drop-off container is located in the lobby of the Watertown Police Department at 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI. Public access to the drop off container is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

City residents may drop off their unwanted drugs – which include prescription, non-prescription, vitamins and veterinary drugs – for proper disposal. Hospice and group homes also may bring their drugs to the drop site, but hospitals, assisted living, clinics and pharmacies are required to do their own disposal of pharmaceuticals. No sharps/needles, radioactive materials, oxygen tanks or nebulizers may be disposed at the drop-off site. Contact the Watertown Health Department for proper disposal guidelines of these items.

The drop box is an excellent opportunity to dispose of unwanted medications, and protect our environment from improper disposal. For more information visit www.watertownpolice.com.

Watertown Police Department Softball Team - Battle of the Badges 2024. Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers!





BATTLE OF THE BADGES

On behalf of the Watertown Fire Department, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who came out to support the Battle of the Badges game on August 25th. Your presence and enthusiasm were instrumental in making the event a huge success. We had a great time sharing this day with you, filled with friendly competition and community spirit. Your support means the world to us, and we are proud to serve such a wonderful community. Thank you for standing by us and helping to make this event truly memorable!

FIRE PREVENTION OPEN HOUSE

Mark your calendars to join us at the Watertown Fire Department's Fire Prevention Open House on October 20th for a fun and educational day the whole family will enjoy! From 11 AM to 2 PM, we'll be offering a variety of family-friendly activities, including truck tours, station tours, and more. It's a perfect opportunity to learn about fire safety, meet our dedicated firefighters, and get an up-close look at the equipment we use every day. Don't miss out on this exciting event—we can't wait to see you there!

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2024 - SMOKE ALARMS: MAKE THEM WORK FOR YOU!

- Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.
- Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.



SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLATION PROGRAM

City of Watertown residents who live in single family or two-family homes and are in need of a smoke alarm because they do not have one can request to have fire department personnel come out and install one for them. Scan here to request a smoke detector!



Pop-up Splash Pad: On August 17th, Watertown Fire held a "pop-up splash pad", using apparatus to help cool off kids in the community. Splashing season is over, but we'll still be out in the community for different events. Stop by and say hi!





LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Sunday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

HOW DO I GET A LIBRARY CARD?

Library policy requires that you provide proof of ID with current address.

If you do not have a photo ID with a current address, please bring an alternate form of ID that verifies your address along with your photo ID.

Acceptable alternate IDs include utility bill, rent receipt, lease or checks with current address along with a valid driver's license or state ID

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Books and More! We offer a collection of items that you can check out with your library card:

- Milwaukee Art Museum Pass
- Mitchell Park Domes passes
- Harley Museum Passes
- Betty Brinn Children's Museum passes
- Wisconsin Historical Society passes
- Ring light kit
- Yard Games
- Skeleton Learning Kit
- Paper punches and stamps for crafts
- American Girl dolls
- Tonies
- Kindle Paperwhite book reader
- Cake Pans
- WiFi Hotspots
- Ukuleles and a guitar
- Puzzles
- Projector and screen
- Backyard Movie Kit

- **Bookworms Book Club:** Meets the second Monday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Senior Center. The group votes on the titles based on a list of books from the librarian.
- **Show and Tell Book Club:** Meets every other month on various Fridays at 1:00 pm at the library. The group discusses whatever books each person has been reading and trades recommendations.
- **Murder They Read Book Club:** Meets the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 in the Library Conference Room.
- **Tech Tutor:** Need help with your tech questions? If you have general tech questions, call the Reference Desk (920-545-2331) to set up an appointment. We cannot help with personal information or virus removal.
- **Paper Arts Club:** Join other card, journal, and paper enthusiasts in the Library Maker Space on the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 – 7:30. We have a variety of resources in the Maker Space for people to use; Die cut machines (Cricut, Big Shot, AccuCut), a large variety of metal dies, paper cutter, paper punches and stamps, etc.
- **Cinema Club:** If you love movies, join us! Cinema Club meets the second Monday of the month at 6:00 in the Community Room. Each month the group gathers to watch a movie, selected by the group, followed by a short discussion. Sometimes we eat popcorn or pizza!

PROGRAMMING FOR TEENS

- **Check the library's social media sites for teen programming information. We host gaming events, a book club, crafting events, trivia, and Friday after hour programs.**

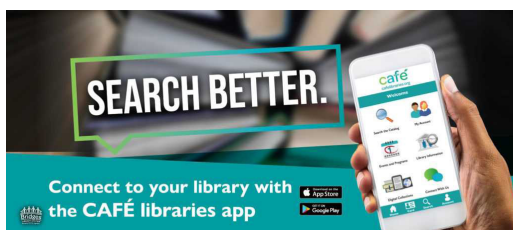


DID YOU KNOW?

A Watertown library card provides access to the collections in all 24 libraries in Jefferson and Waukesha counties?

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

- **Little University Storytime:** Every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10 am.
- **Baby Bounce:** Every Thursday morning at 9 am.
- **Steam Team:** Every other week our elementary age friends (K – 5th) are invited to join us in the TalkReadPlay Center programming room for some fun S.T.E.A.M. challenges.
- **Kindergarten Ready!** A drop-in weekly program on Fridays from 10am-2pm to help your kids work on skills to get them ready for Kindergarten! Located in the TalkReadPlay Center.
- **Club LEGO:** we're back with new challenges and fun. Mondays at 3:30 PM, K – 5th grade. (10/21, 11/18 and 12/16)
- **Choose Your Own Adventure Book Club:** Mondays at 3:30 on (10/7, 11/4, and 12/2)
- **Reading With Rover:** Join us on Thursdays at 6:30PM All participating dogs are registered therapy dogs.
- **Homeschool Tuesdays:** Join in the educational fun at the library. 10/15, 11/12 and 12/10 at 11:30 am in the Community Room



Search for “Bridges Library Cafe Mobile” in the Apple or Android app stores on your device. Search the catalog, renew your items and more! The app is free to download!

PROGRAMMING FOR ADULTS (Check the library calendar for specific dates.):

The Watertown Public Library has FIVE unique book club opportunities for adults. Join one club or join them all!

- **Influenced to Read Book Club** will host its first meeting on Wednesday, September 4 at 6:30
- **Bookies Book Club:** Meets the last Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the library Conference Room. A librarian chooses the titles read based on input from the group.



CITY FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM

Watertown's issues with water are complex, including high groundwater, changing precipitation events, historic development patterns, low areas surrounded by higher topography, and lots of hard surfaces (streets, parking lots, rooftops, etc.), draining toward the nearest creek, wetland or the Rock River. Storm sewers, ditches, swales, culverts, stormwater ponds and over 100 Best Management Practices (BMPs) exist on public and private property throughout the City. These systems are designed to capture and convey stormwater runoff safely with minimal impacts to private property and public infrastructure.

Storm sewer systems are typically sized to handle stormwater up to 4 inches of rain if it falls evenly over 24 hours. In rain events larger or heavier than this, the system is designed to allow stormwater to pond in low areas, swales, and along streets up to the top-of-curb. Once the downstream inlets and sewers can drain the water, these areas will dry up.

After the 2018 storm event of over 8 inches of rainfall in one day, the Engineering Division was tasked with identifying and addressing local flooding issues to avoid impacts from heavy rain events as much as possible. A City-wide Flood Control Master Plan was developed in 2022 & 2023. Modeling was completed for underground storm sewer pipe of 18 inches in diameter or larger throughout the City to identify significant flooding areas during the 10-year, 100-year and 500-year rain events. This modeling, along with staff knowledge and documentation of past flood events, was used to develop a list of 15 priority areas. Conceptual recommendations were developed for these areas with cost estimates to help guide City staff toward plan implementation.

Next steps include completing detailed drainage area studies and designs, budgeting, construction and on-going maintenance of flood control projects. Please check the City website for more information about the City-wide Flood Control Master Plan or contact the Engineering Division at 920-262-4060.

WHERE ARE MY PROPERTY LINES?

Why is it important to know where my property lines are?

Whether installing a fence, purchasing a new property, or resolving a property line dispute between neighbors, it's important to know your items are actually on your property. If not, a fence would require an expensive relocation, or a bush or tree would be considered the property of the owner's land it is on.

How can I locate where my property lines are?

Hiring a surveyor to complete a survey which can be recorded at the county level is the most legally binding path to choose. However, if the property lines need to be located for a simple project, you may contact the Building, Safety, & Zoning

Department at 920-262-4060. We can provide a printout of the property with the dimensions. Metal detectors are also available in our office for the public to use for no more than one week at a time. We require a \$400 deposit which we give back immediately upon the return of the metal detector. The deposit may be submitted in the form of cash, check made payable to "City of Watertown", or credit card. There is also a short application form to complete at the time of rental.

Is there anything to consider before digging to find my property marker?

Be sure you contact Diggers Hotline before digging in your lawn. They are a free service and may be contacted either by calling 800-242-8511 or going to their website (<https://www.diggershotline.com/>) to file a request there.

Where are my property pins located and what will they look like?

Property lines in the City of Watertown are indicated by metal stakes in each corner of a property which are shared with neighboring properties. They are typically 6-12 inches under the ground. If there is something above ground, it's likely that a previous owner located the property stakes and wanted to ensure they didn't have to locate them again. Although it is illegal to remove or relocate the property stakes, there are no regulations stating an owner can't put something on top of the stakes for easy reference in the future. These stakes are shared with any neighboring property.

What if my neighbor is disputing where the property line is?

Occasionally there is disagreement on the actual location of the property boundaries. When it occurs, it is considered a personal property dispute. A first step would be for each property owner to hire a surveyor to verify the location of the property lines. If that does not satisfy the issue, the property owners may have to seek legal counsel.





LEAF COLLECTION, SCHEDULE & ROUTES

The City will collect leaves in paper bags and loose at curbside again in Fall of 2024. Leaf collection will begin October 1st to meet Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources stormwater permit requirements. Early season leaf collection will focus on bagged leaves; curbside leaf collection is anticipated to begin later when more leaves have fallen off the trees. Bagged or loose leaves can also be dropped off at the Yard Waste Site at 1507 Boomer Street.

Here are some tips to manage leaves this fall:

- Bagged or loose leaves should be left on the grass at the edge of curb, not in street
- Only leaves should go in paper bags or leaf piles at curbside; no sticks, vegetation, grass clippings or pet waste
- Loose or bagged leaves can also be dropped off at the Yard Waste Site at 1355 Boomer Street.
- Only paper bags of leaves are accepted at the Yard Waste Site - no plastic bags should be used for leaves.
- No material other than leaves should be in paper bags.
- Simply fold the bags to close - do not tie, staple, or tape.
- Rake & bag leaves on your schedule, not the City's leaf collection schedule. You can call the Street Division to see if an earlier collection can be done or bags of leaves can be stored out of site until it's time to put them out for the monthly leaf collection, whereas loose leaf piles on the grass may kill grass or blow back onto the lawn, streets, or storm inlets/curbline.
- Do not park in front of piles/bags. Crews must have easy access to bags/leaves.
- Leaves can also be composted or used as mulch in garden beds.

Collecting bagged leaves saves time and is more cost-effective, allowing City crews to focus on other end-of-season tasks. Keeping fallen leaves out of streets and storm drains minimizes phosphorus in downstream waterways, local flooding, and the cost to clean and maintain underground storm sewers. Compostable paper bags and leaf loading tools can be purchased at local hardware stores, home improvement stores, other related retailers and online. Mention this article at the Street Department and get one FREE pack of compostable bags per City of Watertown residence, while supplies last.

Fall leaf collection with the Leaf Vacuums is scheduled to begin October 21 in Section 3. Once a section is completed, crews will move onto the next section (unlike brush collection). The next week, no matter where we ended the previous week, we begin with the designated section.

Please see back page for route maps.

IS MY CONTRACTOR LICENSED AND REPUTABLE?

Hiring a contractor to complete a job at your property can feel very overwhelming. To protect residents, Wisconsin has a home improvement law which protects residents when they hire a contractor for anything from installing air conditioning, installing a deck or full remodeling projects. The law is Wis. Adm. Code Ch. ATCP 110.

There are some things that a property owner can do to ensure they are hiring the best contractor for the job. Just a few tips include:

- Be very clear on what the proposed work is. Either have a write up, a drawing, or both and ensure a contract is signed by both the property owner and the contractor, which includes an estimated cost.
- Get more than one estimate. If there is a very high or very low estimate, don't be afraid to ask the contractor what the discrepancy is.
- Check the Better Business Bureau (BBB) at 800-273-1002 and the Bureau of Consumer Protection at 800-422-7128 to see if any complaints have been filed against the contractor.
- Call the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at (608) 224-5012 or visit their website for further information and tips.

SNOW

Winter is coming! Equipment will soon be outfitted with brine/salt spreaders, plows, and wings. During snow season residents are encouraged to:

- Park vehicles off the streets in accordance with the winter parking ordinance when snow is forecasted.
- Minimize travel when plows and salters are out.
- Allow extra time and adjust speed for slippery conditions.
- Maintain safe driveways, sidewalks and crosswalks at your property as required by City Ordinance. Residents are prohibited from depositing snow in the street or alleys except as defined in the central downtown area.
- Remain a safe distance behind the salt and plow trucks. Following too closely could result in damage to your vehicle and City equipment.

WHAT IS SALT BRINE?

Salt brine is a solution of salt (typically sodium chloride) and water. It has a freezing point lower than pure water and, as such, is a useful tool in reducing the adhesion of snow and ice to road surfaces.

Brine is more effective and coats roadways better than plain salt. Brine gives crews more time to prepare and manage roadways, since brining can occur up to 48 hours before a



storm. It's best to apply brine when road surfaces are dry, so that the solution doesn't wash away or become diluted. That typically means that crews won't brine roads if rainy conditions come ahead of snow or ice. Brine is cheaper and more cost-efficient than rock salt. The City of Watertown treats streets with salt and brine.

SMALL APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLE

E-cycle Wisconsin laws mandate all electronic devices be recycled. Small appliances and electronic devices must be brought to be recycled at the Street Department/Recycle Center on South First Street or delivered to a private contractor. The recycle carts are only to be used for the standard materials such as: paper, plastic, cans, glass. We have several recyclers, based on product and cost, that we do business with, and each recycler specializes in different products.

CURB PLACEMENT OF CARTS

Please allow a minimum of 3 feet of space between carts as well as from other items such as mailboxes, parked cars, and utility poles. Our trucks must be able to maneuver the lifting arm around the cart for pick up. The handles should be on the house side. As part of our City Ordinance, carts must be off the boulevard by 8pm the day of your scheduled pick up. Nothing will be picked up outside the cart. **The Solid Waste and Recycle crew are not allowed, per city ordinance, to pick up items abandoned at the curb. Always refer to the Recycling Guidelines for reference/pricing or rent a dumpster.**

STREETLIGHT OUTAGES

Streetlight outages may be reported to www.we-energies.com/services/streetlight

The streetlights on Main Street (the carriage lights on poles and concrete poles), the Church Street carriage lights and river walk lights are maintained by the city.

LANDSCAPE WASTE

Residents may take grass clippings, vines, leaves, garden plants and wood chips to the yard waste site at 1507 Boomer Street. Twigs and brush or stones must be separated and go in a different area at the site. The Yard Waste Site is open for the 2024 season April 1 – December 2. No debris or garbage may be left on site. All bags/containers must be emptied. An attendant will be on-site for questions as we do not offer unloading assistance.

Landscape timbers, railroad ties, etc...compost very slowly and must be taken to the Street & Recycle center as construction debris. (fees apply)

Hours: Monday & Wednesday 3:30pm to 7:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am to 1:00pm
(when daylight savings ends we close at 6:00pm)

STREET DEPARTMENT • 811 South First Street
2023 Site Hours:

Monday through Friday: 6:30 AM –3:30 PM
(920) 262-4080

Select Saturdays: April 1, June 3, August 5 and
October 7 - 8:00 a.m. to Noon

HOLIDAY WASTE PICKUP SCHEDULE

HOLIDAY	DATE	ROUTE DAY	RESCHEDULED DAY
Veteran's Day	11/11/24	Monday	Tuesday, 11/12/24
Thanksgiving Day	11/28/24	Thursday	Wednesday, 11/27/24
Day after Thanksgiving	11/29/24	Friday	Monday, 12/2/24
Christmas Eve	12/24/24	Tuesday	Monday, 12/23/24
Christmas Day	12/25/24	Wednesday	Thursday, 12/26/24
New Year's Eve	12/31/24	Tuesday	Monday, 12/30/24
2025 - New Year's Day	1/1/25	Wednesday	Thursday, 1/2/25
Good Friday	4/18/25	Friday	Monday, 4/21/25

LIMB/BRUSH CHIPPING

Stacking requirements

Cut ends facing street except in a sidewalk area please place parallel as not to block sidewalk.

Limbs must be a minimum of 4 feet in length

Limbs may be a maximum of 6 inches in diameter

No grass, fabric, rocks, stumps or debris mixed with limbs

Please do not park in front of a stack

If the stack is covered in snow or frozen to the ground, we cannot complete the pick up

The chipper team will operate weekly zone routes through November. December – March please contact the street department at (920)262-4080 or streets@watertownwi.gov to be added to the list for periodic scheduling.

CHRISTMAS TREE CHIPPING

Weather permitting, discarded Christmas tree chipping will begin Monday, January 6, 2025. Nails, wires, lights, tree stands, and plastic bags must be removed from the trees. All strings of lights can be recycled for no fee- please drop off at the Street Department/Recycle Center.



Recycling and solid waste carts are owned by the city and must stay with the residence. Items that are outside of the carts and placed on the curb will not be picked up.

Expired or unwanted chemicals and hazardous waste **MUST** be brought to a Clean Sweep event. Visit ci.watertown.wi.us/jeffersoncountyiwi.gov/cleansweep or call 920-674-7430 for details.

BLUE RECYCLE CARTS

Weekly pickup - visit www.watertown.wi.us for details. **Recycle carts may contain cardboard, plastic, glass, tin, aluminum metal and paper as noted below ONLY. No food should remain in containers or placed in the recycle carts.**

CARDBOARD

Corrugated Cardboard, chipboard & glossy chipboard, all cardboard from food products – cake boxes, cracker boxes, tissue boxes, pizza boxes, orange juice containers, fast food containers, etc.

- Cut to fit in recycling cart if needed
- Keep free of debris
- Use paper bags or plastic bags if desired

PLASTIC

Containers numbered 1 through 7

- This includes oil containers, #2 bulky rigid plastics (five-gallon buckets, laundry baskets, plastic crates, children's toys, etc.)
- Loosen caps, rinse, and flatten
- Plastic store shopping bags should be returned to the stores or placed into garbage

GLASS

Bottles and Jars

- Rinse
- Do NOT place these items in garbage

ALUMINUM/METAL

cans, foil, baking pans, metal cooking/baking pans, #1 propane cylinders

- Rinse. Flatten if possible
- No scrap metal or bumpers
- Aerosol spray cans must be empty
- Propane cylinders (#1 only) must be completely empty

PAPER

Newspaper, magazines, mixed paper, wrapping paper & tissue paper, mail items, books, fast food paper products

- May be bagged to stay dry and bundled

PACKING MATERIAL

Packing material, peanuts, and bubble wrap

- Since 2019 – The City's recycling contractor does not accept packing material. Please place these in your garbage cart.

Excess recyclables may be brought to the DPW Street Division/Recycle Center.

The below items may be brought to the DPW Street Division/Recycle Center at 811 S First St.

Please do NOT place the below items in Recycle Carts. Check in at office upon arrival. Fees may apply. Lift assistance is not available.

WHITE GOODS

Stoves, washers, dryers, dehumidifiers, refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers

ELECTRONICS

Televisions, computers, monitors, key pads, printers, mouse, fax machine, cords, chargers, stereo, laptops, VCR, DVD and blue ray players, phones, etc.

APPLIANCES - SMALL AND MEDIUM

Microwaves, dehumidifier, air conditioner, water cooler, toaster, mixers, toaster ovens, Keurig, carpet cleaners, vacuum, space heater, paper shredder, etc.

FURNITURE

Couches, recliner, love seat, sectional, upholstered chairs, futons, tables, ottoman, lawn furniture, mattresses, box springs, bed frames, etc.

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

Wood (including non-hazardous painted, treated and coated wood/products), wall coverings, plaster, drywall, plumbing fixtures, non-asbestos insulation, roofing shingles and roof coverings (not from an entire roofing job), plastics – not sealed in a manner that conceals waste or contaminates. Please note we cannot accept bulk construction debris. Please call the DPW Street Division BEFORE you bring the items in to confirm pricing and availability.



WASTE OIL AND FILTERS

Place oil in a sealed one-gallon container (milk jug or similar size) and bring to the Street Department at 811 S First Street. No oil mixed with anti-freeze, gasoline, paint thinner or other flammable liquids. Empty oil containers may be recycled.

BATTERIES

- Automotive Lead acid batteries may be recycled at the Street Department.
- Household/Dry cell batteries may be disposed of in the garbage.
- Nickel cadmium (nicad), lithium ion (rechargeable), Lithium metal, and mercury batteries must be deposited at a Clean Sweep Event.

ITEMS WITH MERCURY

- Fluorescent bulbs, high pressure sodium or metal halide bulbs - must be recycled at the Street Department/Recycle Center. Fees apply.
- Incandescent or halogen bulbs - contain no hazard and may go into the garbage.
- Thermometers and thermostats must be recycled at the Street Department or Clean Sweep Event.

LATEX PAINT

Air dry liquid paint by removing the lid. To speed up the process, mix sand or kitty litter with the paint. Dispose of dried paint in gray garbage cart.

The City does NOT accept tires. Please contact your local dealer for disposal.

SHARPS DISPOSAL

Contact Watertown Health Department: 920-262-8090

OLD, UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICINES

Watertown Police Department: 920-261-6660

SMALL APPLIANCE AND ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

E-cycle Wisconsin laws mandate all electronic devices be recycled. Small appliances and electronic devices must be brought to be recycled at the Street Department/Recycle Center on South First Street or delivered to a private contractor.

DROP OFF FEES

APPLIANCES:

- Small: Vacuum Cleaners, Carpet Cleaners, Coffee Maker, Toaster Oven, Fans, torpedo heaters, space heaters \$3.00
- Medium - Microwave, Dehumidifier, Air Conditioner \$15.00
- Large - Washer, Dryer, Dishwasher, Water Heater, Stove, Refrigerator, Freezer \$20.00

BULBS & BALLASTS:

- LED, CFL Fluorescent Bulbs - less than 4' \$0.50 each
- Fluorescent Bulbs - 4' or larger \$0.75 each
- Ballasts \$3.00 each

ELECTRONICS:

- Keyboards, Mice, Cords, Chargers No Charge
- CD, DVD, HVS, game consoles, stereo, tablets, speakers cameras \$5.00/each
- Computer Monitors and Laptop, Computers, Printers, Copy Machines \$10.00/each
- Televisions \$35.00/each

FURNITURE:

- Chairs - Kitchen Table Chairs, Office/Desk Chairs, Dressers \$10.00/each
- Loveseat, Recliners, Upholstered Chairs \$15.00/each
- Couches (Hide-A-Bed extra charge for mattress) \$25.00/each
- Sectional \$35.00/each

MATTRESSES & BOXSPRINGS (including bag): \$20.00/each

CARPET (All Carpeting) \$1.00/Sq Yd

CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:

- Small Load (Car) \$25.00/each
- Large Load (Pickup Bed OR Trailer up to 8' Length) \$50.00/each
- Punch Card - 5 drop offs per year \$100.00/each

OTHER:

- Batteries, Metal, Oil, Extra Garbage and/or Recycling No Charge

CURBSIDE BULK PICKUP ITEMS - PICKUP DAY:

MONDAY - MUST BE PREPAID

- Recliner or Loveseat \$30.00
- Couch (no mattress) \$50.00
- Stove, Washer, Dryer, Refrigerator, Freezer \$40.00



HOURS AND AFTER-HOURS CONTACT INFORMATION

Monday–Friday, 7:00 AM to 2:50 PM

For after hour emergencies contact the Police Department at the non-emergency number, 920-261-6660.

We will be closed for the following holidays:

- Thanksgiving Nov 28th & 29th
- Christmas Dec 24th & 25th
- New Year’s Dec 31st & Jan 1st

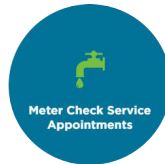
SEWER DEDUCT METER (SDM) CUSTOMERS

- Report your meter reads: Don’t forget to call in your SDM readings monthly while using the meter.
- Winter Care: Keep your meter in a warm location to prevent freezing. A frozen and broken meter will forfeit your deposit when returned.
- Return or Pickup: If you won’t be using the meter next year, please, contact us to arrange pickup before December 31st to avoid the \$20 rental fee for 2025.

METER REPLACEMENT/UPGRADE & CROSS CONNECTION SURVEY APPOINTMENTS

The Water Utility Department, in compliance with PSC regulations, is required to test a certain percentage of meters each year. If your water meter is scheduled for replacement, upgrade, or a cross-connection survey, a notification letter will be mailed to your address on file.

Did you receive a letter and have no time to call? You can make the appointment online! Go to the City website, watertownwi.gov, scroll through the blue circles in the center of the screen click " Meter Check Service Appointment", choose your preferred date & time, fill in the required information, and click Complete Appointment. Or call 920-262-4075 to arrange a convenient date and time.



Please respond promptly to the notification letter to help us maintain an efficient program without the need for additional notices or water shut-offs.

Knowing the location of your water meter and shut-off valve is essential in an emergency. Periodically exercising the valve helps prevent leaks during meter changes and ensures it functions when needed.

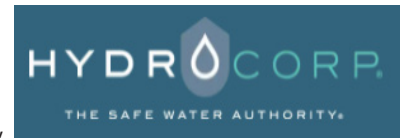
Please note the following:

- The Water Department is not responsible for leaks after a valve has been used for meter change-outs.
- Do not obstruct the water meter; Water Department personnel need easy access.
- The Water Department is not responsible for property damage if the meter is obstructed.
- If you build around the meter, ensure at least 1 to 2 feet of clearance on all sides, including above and below.

Additionally, the EPA and DNR require us to do a cross-connection survey at every property in the city. This survey will be done during the same appointment as the meter replacement/transmitter installation and will take about 15 minutes.

The cross-connection control program is designed, to protect the public water supply from potential backflow hazards that could allow “dirty” water to enter the system. The Water Department must complete an annual report for the DNR indicating the number of cross-connection surveys completed for residential, commercial, and industrial customers.

HydroCorp has been hired to complete the industrial and commercial cross-inspections. Please visit the city website to learn about HydroCorp and how the cross-connection inspection program affects you.



Did you know that under 50 pounds of pressure....

- A dripping faucet uses 15 gallons of water per day.
- 1/16” opening uses 943 gallons per day, which could raise your bill by \$276.47 in one month.
- 1/8” opening uses 3,806 gallons per day.
- 1/4” opening uses 15,226 gallons per day, which could raise your bill to \$3,853.46 a month.

PLEASE REPAIR LEAKS PROMPTLY TO SAVE MONEY & WATER

WHAT MAKES UP A CITY UTILITY BILL?

- WTR-Water volume charges
- WATER BASE - Base meter charges-pays for debt.
- SEWER-Sewer volume charges
- SEWER BASE - Base meter charges-pays for debt.
- PUBLIC FIRE-hydrant maintenance.
- STORMWATER - See questions section above.
- GARBAGE - See questions section above.
- PENALTY - payments received after due date are subject to late fees.

RATES FOR WATER, PUBLIC FIRE SERVICE & SEWER

Base Meter Chgs.	Public Fire	Water**	Sewer***
5/8”:	\$8.60	\$8.40	\$21.78
3/4”:	\$8.60	\$8.40	\$21.78
1”:	\$22.00	\$13.00	\$30.80
1 1/2”:	\$44.00	\$23.00	\$46.03
2”:	\$ 70.00	\$35.00	\$64.38
3”:	\$130.00	\$60.00	\$107.06
4”:	\$215.00	\$90.00	\$229.12
6”:	\$431.00	\$165.00	\$320.67

PUBLIC WORKS, WATER DIVISION

For a summary of the source water assessment contact the Water Utility office at (920) 262-4075 and ask for Peter Hartz.



VOLUME CHARGES

In addition to base meter charges per month
(1 unit=100 cu.ft.=748 gallons)

WATER**

First 1,600 cu. ft. = \$3.80 per 100 cu. ft.
Next 65,000 cu. ft. = \$3.65 per 100 cu. ft.
Over 66,600 cu. ft. = \$3.20 per 100 cu. ft.

SEWER***

\$3.51 per 100 cu. ft.
The service period dates on the bill (“from” & “to”) cover the month before the actual billing date, so the bills are not billing the current service/consumption period.

ADDITIONAL METER RENTAL CHARGES

For meters that are plumbed in, to measure, the volume of water. Not the discharge into the sanitary sewer system and for sewerage service customers to determine per month the amount of sewage specifically discharged into the sanitary sewer system. *Plus, a \$60.00 Initial installation charge.
5/8” or 3/4”....\$4.20 per month 1 1/2”.....\$11.50 per month
1”.....\$6.50 per month 2”..... \$17.50 per month

Water Shut Off/on for Repairs Fee \$60.00
 After hours \$75.00
Missed Appointment Charge \$40.00
 After Hours \$60.00

IMPORTANT! DO YOU HAVE A DELINQUENT CITY UTILITY BILL?

All city utility accounts that have a balance remaining after their September due date will have the outstanding balance sent to City Hall for collection. A separate notice will be sent for this amount. All accounts receiving a separate notice will have until October 31, 2024, to pay the balance due. Any accounts that have not been paid by October 31st will receive a 10% penalty on the remaining balance. Accounts that remain unpaid on November 15, 2024, will be placed on the property tax bills for collection.



For stormwater questions on your bill, please contact Stormwater Utility at 920-206-4264, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Service Charges (effective 3/21/23)

Customer Class:	Mo Admin Per ERU	Mo Vol Per ERU	Mo Pollutant
Single-Family	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$4.78
Public authority	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$2.64

Customer Class:	Mo Admin Per ERU	Mo Vol Per ERU	Mo Pollutant
Multi-family	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$3.63
Commercial	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$5.14
Industrial	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$4.24
Institutional	\$2.13	\$5.61	\$2.64

For garbage collection or fees please call: The street dept. at 920-262-4080, Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Garbage Charges: (effective 10/1/19) on your utility bill.

\$14.08 per household \$28.16 per duplex
\$42.24 per three-family \$56.32 per four family

WHY IS HYDRANT FLUSHING NECESSARY?

The Water Department conducts hydrant flushing twice annually, during spring and fall. The primary objectives of hydrant flushing include verifying proper hydrant operation, checking for appropriate pressure and flow, and moving water rapidly through the system in the shortest time possible.

During hydrant flushing, the water in the distribution system moves rapidly, which helps to remove stagnant water and clean the mains. However, it's normal to see water discoloration during this process. The color of the water can range from yellow to yellow-brown, and in severe cases, brown to red. To prevent discolored water from entering your home or business, we recommend avoiding water usage during the flushing hours of 6 a.m.-2 p.m. If you notice water personnel in your area, it's safe to assume that flushing is taking place. Once flushing is complete, wait for at least an hour before using water, but keep in mind that discoloration may persist for up to four hours. Although the water is safe to use, the discoloration may not be aesthetically pleasing. If the discoloration persists, please reach out to the Water Department for assistance.



Water discoloration may occur at other times due to street construction or the opening of fire hydrants. We advise you not to use softened or hot water during these times, as rust may get into your softener and water heater, making it difficult to move.



FROZEN PIPE PREVENTION

Winterizing your home in Wisconsin is crucial to safeguard your water pipes from freezing. By following these steps and taking proactive measures, you can significantly reduce the risk of frozen pipes and the associated damage. Remember, prevention is key, and investing time and effort into winterizing your home will save you from costly repairs and unnecessary inconvenience,



- Make sure that all basement windows and doors are closed and insulated.
- Insulate water pipes that are on outside walls, especially in the basement, crawl spaces, and attic. Use pipe insulation sleeves or heat tape where necessary.
- Re-open heat vents in basements or crawl spaces.
- Keep cabinet doors open: In areas with pipes inside cabinets, such as under sinks, open the cabinet doors to allow warm air from your home to circulate and reach the pipes.
- Shut off the outdoor water supply.
- Allow faucets to drip during extremely cold weather. This keeps water flowing and reduces the likelihood of freezing.
- Vacant properties: Consider taking extra precautions and hiring a professional plumber to winterize the property properly.

The Water Department is not responsible for thawing the service after curb stops, or for any plumbing issues within the property or home. If there is a leaking service, the water will be turned off at the curb stop, and any expenses incurred will be the responsibility of the property owner.

Should the meter freeze and break due to negligence on the part of the property owner or occupant, the broken meter cost and labor charges will be billed.

PUBLIC AWARENESS - CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL

Bathrooms & Kitchens

Did you know that your water can become contaminated if connections to your plumbing system are not properly protected.

The purpose of the local Cross Connection Program, as required by the State Plumbing Code and Regulations, is to ensure everyone in the community has safe, clean drinking water.

It's Public Safety...

To avoid contamination, backflow preventers are required by state plumbing codes wherever there is an actual or potential hazard for a cross connection. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requires all public water suppliers to maintain



an ongoing Cross Connection Control Program involving public education, onsite inspections, and possible corrective actions by building owners.

WI Dept. Safety & Professional & Professional Services:

www.dsps.wi.gov/sb/

WI Dept. of Natural Resources:

www.dnr.wi.gov

Environmental Protection Agency:

www.epa.gov

WI Cross Connection Control Resources:

www.hydrodesignsinc.com/wiccc

What is Cross Connection?

A cross connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and the source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved back-flow prevention devices, assemblies, or methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

How does contamination occur?

When you turn on a faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to enter and contaminate your drinking water or even the public water supply. Water normally flows in one direction to your faucet. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause Backflow: back siphonage and back pressure.

What is Backflow?

Backflow is when the water in your pipes (the pipes that enter your home after the water meter), travels backwards. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and back pressure.

What is Back Siphonage?

Back siphonage may occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire emergency, a water main break, or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing which can draw water out of a sink or bucket.

What is Back Pressure?

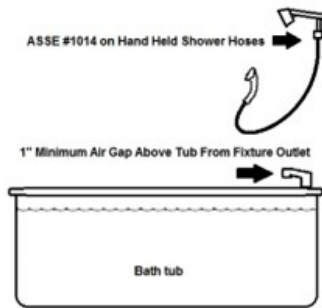
Backpressure may be created when a source of pressure, such as a boiler, creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the Public Water Supply. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower

The handheld shower fixture is compliant if:



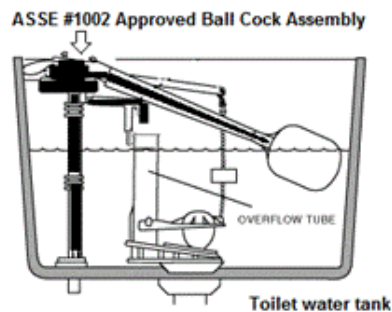
- When the shower hose head is hanging freely, it is at least 1 inch above the top of the flood-level rim of the receptor (tub).
- Complies with ASSE # 1014.
- Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle.



In the Bathroom—Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an ASSE #1002 approved anti-siphon ball-cock assembly. The average cost for this, do-it-yourself, type device available at home improvement stores is \$8 to \$22.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below the critical level (CL) marking on the device.



Do...

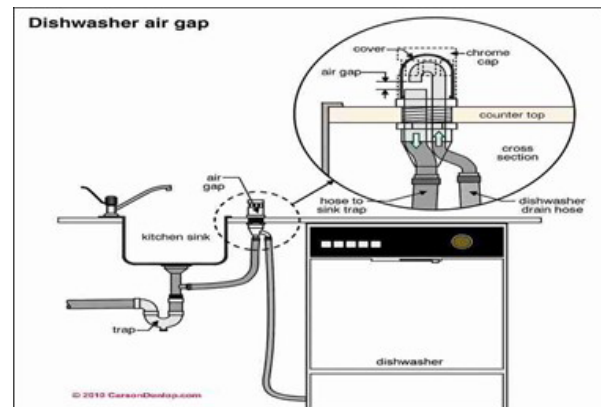
- Keep the ends of the hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with the proper “air gap” device.
- Verify the hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper “air gap”, which is a minimum of one inch above the drain.



Don't...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks, ponds, or automobile radiators.
- Use spray attachments without an approved backflow prevention device.
- Connect drain pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer drain. Always be sure there is a one-inch “air gap” separation.

Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention devices or methods.





AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Are you interested in a worry free, hassle free, with no expense on stamps kind of payment? Then you should sign up for automatic payment!

To set up an automatic withdrawal from a checking or savings account the following form can be cut out, completed, signed and sent to the Watertown Water Department at P.O. Box 477, Watertown WI 53094-0477. Please include a 'Voided' check (not required for savings account). Once automatic withdrawal is set up on your account, your bill will state "ELEC PAY!!! DO NOT PAY" and the payment will be taken on the due date listed on your bill. This service is free of charge, and you may cancel it at any time. Additional forms are available on-line on the city website, can be picked up at City Hall, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, or you may call and request that a form be sent to you.

OTHER PAYMENT METHODS

- Mail to P.O. Box 477, Watertown WI 53094-0477.
- Online by going to the city website at <http://www.ci.watertown.wi.us> and scroll through the blue circles in the center of the screen and click on the one titled "PAY CITY UTILITY BILL" Payment Service Network (PSN) site. From there you can make a payment, opt to receive e-mailed bills, and view your bill.
- Over the phone by calling toll free 1-877-885-7968.
- Pay in person at City Hall, 106 Jones St., 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Drop box located at City Hall, built into the west wall of the front entrance at the top of the steps, for payments being made after hours.

CREDIT CARDS ARE ACCEPTED FOR PAYMENT ONLINE AND OVER THE PHONE (877)-885-7968 ONLY WITH A 3% FEE.

APPLICATION FOR ELECTRONIC BILL PAYMENT

I authorize the financial institution listed below to charge my checking savings and remit payment for my monthly utility bill to the Watertown Water Department. Please PRINT all the following information:

Name (as it appears on Utility Bill) Phone Number Utility Acct Number

Property Address Billing address (if different than property address)

Name of Financial Institution Address of Financial Institution (include city & zip code)

Name of bank account holder Name of bank account holder

Please fill out ONE of the following options:

Checking acct number Bank Routing Number

Savings acct number Bank Routing Number

Account holder signature Date

Please be advised that this service may be removed from your account and charges will be assessed if your account has insufficient funds at the time of the payment transfer.





DID YOU KNOW 3 OUT OF 4 CAR SEATS ARE NOT USED CORRECTLY?

Road injuries are the leading cause of preventable deaths and injuries to children in the United States. Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71 percent.

A Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician is available by appointment to inspect and help properly install seats. The Technician will work with parents, grandparents, and caregivers to properly harness children, install car seats, and teach about when to transition to the next seat free of charge!

Car seats are available free of charge to those who are eligible. Please call the Watertown Dept. of Public Health to check availability and eligibility for car seats!



SABÍAS QUE 3 DE CADA 4 SILLAS DE COCHE NO SE UTILIZAN CORRECTAMENTE?

Las lesiones viales son la principal causa de muertes y lesiones prevenibles a niños en los Estados Unidos. Los asientos de seguridad para niños utilizados correctamente pueden reducir el riesgo de muerte hasta en un 71 por ciento.

Los técnicos certificados en seguridad de pasajeros infantiles están disponibles con cita previa para inspeccionar y ayudar a instalar adecuadamente los asientos. ¡El técnico trabajará con los padres, abuelos y cuidadores para aprovechar adecuadamente a los niños, instalar asientos para el automóvil y enseñar cuándo hacer la transición al siguiente asiento de forma gratuita!

Los asientos de coche están disponibles de forma gratuita para aquellos que son elegibles.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

By appointment only prior to clinic day.
Please call 920-262-8090 for your appointment.
Held from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm on the second and fourth Thursday of each month.

Childhood vaccines, adult tetanus and flu vaccines are offered. Children may qualify to receive childhood vaccines through the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program.

Children ages 18 years or younger are eligible for free or reduced-cost vaccines if they meet at least one of the following requirements: They are Medicaid eligible, Medicaid-enrolled (BadgerCare/ForwardHealth) or they have no health insurance. Seasonal influenza vaccines for adults and children will be available at the Watertown Department of Public Health, please call for an appointment.

Flu vaccines will cost \$35.00 and high dose \$75.00
Medicare is accepted for adult flu vaccines.
BadgerCare/Forward Health insurance is accepted only for children ages 18 years or younger.
Private pay vaccine is available.

CLÍNICA DE INMUNIZACIÓN

Solo con cita previa antes del día de clínic.
Llame al 920-262-8090 para su cita.
Se lleva a cabo desde las 2:00 pm hasta las 4:00 pm el segundo y cuarto jueves de cada mes.

Se ofrecen vacunas infantiles, vacunas contra el tétanos en adultos y contra la gripe. Los niños pueden calificar para recibir vacunas infantiles a través del programa Vacunas para Niños (VFC).

Los niños de 18 años o menos son elegibles para recibir vacunas gratuitas o de costo reducido si cumplen con al menos uno de los siguientes requisitos: Son elegibles para Medicaid, están inscritos en Medicaid (BadgerCare/ForwardHealth) o no tienen seguro médico. Las vacunas contra la influenza estacional para adultos y niños estarán disponibles en el Departamento de Salud Pública de Watertown, llame para hacer una cita.

Las vacunas contra la gripe costarán \$35.00 y la dosis alta \$75.00
Medicare se acepta para las vacunas contra la influenza en adultos.
El seguro de salud BadgerCare/Forward solo se acepta para niños de 18 años o menos.
La vacuna de pago privado está disponible.

DISPOSAL OF USED HOUSEHOLD SHARPS

Used needles, syringes with needles attached, and lancets should be placed in a red bio-hazard container or a plastic laundry detergent bottle with a screw cap and brought to the Watertown Department of Public Health during normal business hours. New two-gallon red bio-hazard containers are available for a nominal fee. We accept cash or check.



ELIMINACIÓN DE OBJETOS PUNZANTES DOMÉSTICOS USADOS

Las agujas usadas, las jeringas con agujas conectadas y las lancetas deben colocarse en un recipiente rojo de riesgo biológico o en una botella de detergente para ropa de plástico con tapón de rosca y llevarse al Departamento de Salud Pública de Watertown durante el horario comercial normal. Los nuevos contenedores rojos de dos galones para riesgos biológicos están disponibles por una tarifa



Sharps will only be accepted in red bio-hazard containers or plastic laundry detergent bottles with screw cap.

NEVER place used sharps in the garbage or recycle bins.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month, which is an observance each September to raise awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies that could happen at any time. Everyone can be more prepared in their homes by creating emergency go-kits both inside the home and in their cars.

1. Home Go-Kit

After an emergency, a person might need to survive on their own for several days. This means having water, food, and other supplies. To assemble your kit, store items in airtight plastic bags. Place it in an easy to reach area in the event you need to leave the house right away. After assembling your kit remember to maintain it so it's ready when needed.



2. Car Go-Kit

In case you are stranded or run into car troubles due to weather or malfunction, it is important to keep an emergency supply kit in your car. Things to keep in your car can include the following:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jumper cables | First Aid-Kit |
| Flares or reflective triangle | Water Bottles and Snacks |
| Ice scraper | Toilet Paper |
| Car cell phone charger | Flat tire inflation canister (non-explosive), Spare tire, and jack |
| Blankets and Extra Clothing | Medication |
| Map | Flashlight |
| Cat litter/sand (for tire traction) | Small Amount of Cash |

Remember that for both the car and home go-kit to think of different people in the family and their special needs, such as babies, kids, seniors, pets, different medications people take, and those with physical or mental limitations.

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Los objetos punzantes solo se aceptarán en recipientes rojos de riesgo biológico o botellas de detergente de plástico para la ropa con tapón de rosca.

NUNCA coloque objetos punzantes usados en la basura o en los contenedores de reciclaje.

SEPTIEMBRE ES EL MES NACIONAL DE LA PREPARACIÓN

Septiembre es el Mes Nacional de la Preparación, que se celebra cada septiembre para crear conciencia sobre la importancia de prepararse para desastres y emergencias que podrían ocurrir en cualquier momento. Todo el mundo puede estar más preparado en sus hogares creando equipos de emergencia tanto dentro de casa como en sus coches.

1. Kit(equipo) de inicio

Después de una emergencia, es posible que una persona necesite sobrevivir por sí misma durante varios días. Esto significa tener agua, alimentos y otros suministros. Para armar su kit(equipo), guarde los artículos en bolsas de plástico herméticas. Colóquelos en un área de fácil acceso en caso de que necesites salir de la casa de inmediato. Después de armar su kit(equipo) recuerde mantenerlo para que esté listo cuando lo necesite.

2. Kit(equipo) de acompañamiento para el coche

En caso de que se quede varado o tenga problemas con el automóvil debido al clima o al mal funcionamiento, es importante mantener un kit(equipo) de suministros de emergencia en su automóvil. Las cosas que debe guardar en su automóvil pueden incluir lo siguiente:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Cables Saltador | Papel higiénico |
| Raspador de hielo | Medicamentos |
| Cargador de teléfono celular para automóvil | Linterna |
| Mantas y ropa extra | Pequeña cantidad de dinero en efectivo |
| Mapa | Botellas de agua y bocadillos |
| Botiquín de primeros auxilios | |

Recuerde que tanto para el automóvil como para el kit(equipo) de viaje para el hogar debe pensar en diferentes personas de la familia y sus necesidades especiales, como bebés, niños, personas mayores, mascotas, diferentes medicamentos que toman las personas y personas con limitaciones físicas o mentales.

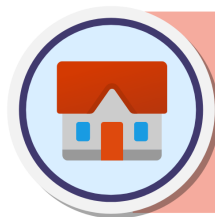


Radon in Your Home

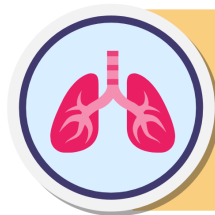
Radon comes naturally from the ground and gets trapped in our homes. 21,000 lung cancer deaths are attributed to Radon each year in the US. What is Radon?



Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless gas that causes lung cancer.



About 1 out of 10 homes in Wisconsin has high Radon levels.



Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

The only way to know your Radon levels is to test your home. Pick up a free test kit at the Watertown Department of Public Health **while supplies last!**

Radón en su hogar

El radón viene naturalmente del suelo y queda atrapado en nuestros hogares. 21,000 muertes por cáncer de pulmón se atribuyen al radón cada año en los Estados Unidos. ¿Qué es el radón?



El radón es un gas incoloro, inodoro e insípido que causa cáncer de pulmón.



Aproximadamente 1 de cada 10 hogares en Wisconsin tiene altos niveles de radón



El radón es la principal causa de cáncer de pulmón en los no fumadores.

La única manera de conocer sus niveles de radón es probar su hogar. ¡Recoja el gratis kit (Botiquín) de prueba en el Departamento de Salud Pública de Watertown **hasta agotar existencias!**

Get information and referrals for thousands of services across Wisconsin. Anyone can call 211 at any time, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, to talk with someone. Assistance finding help with housing, utilities, food, employment, addiction recovery options, and more is available in over 180 languages. Call 211 or 877-947-2211 or <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

Language assistance is available in Spanish, Hmong, Chinese Mandarin, Hindi, and Somali.



Obtenga información y referencias para miles de servicios en todo Wisconsin. Cualquier persona puede llamar al 211 en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 365 días del año, para hablar con alguien. La asistencia para encontrar ayuda con vivienda, servicios públicos, alimentos, empleo, opciones de recuperación de adicciones y más está disponible en más de 180 idiomas.

Llame al 211 o al 877-947-2211 o <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>

La asistencia lingüística está disponible en Español, Hmong, Chino Mandarín, Hindi y Somalí.

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



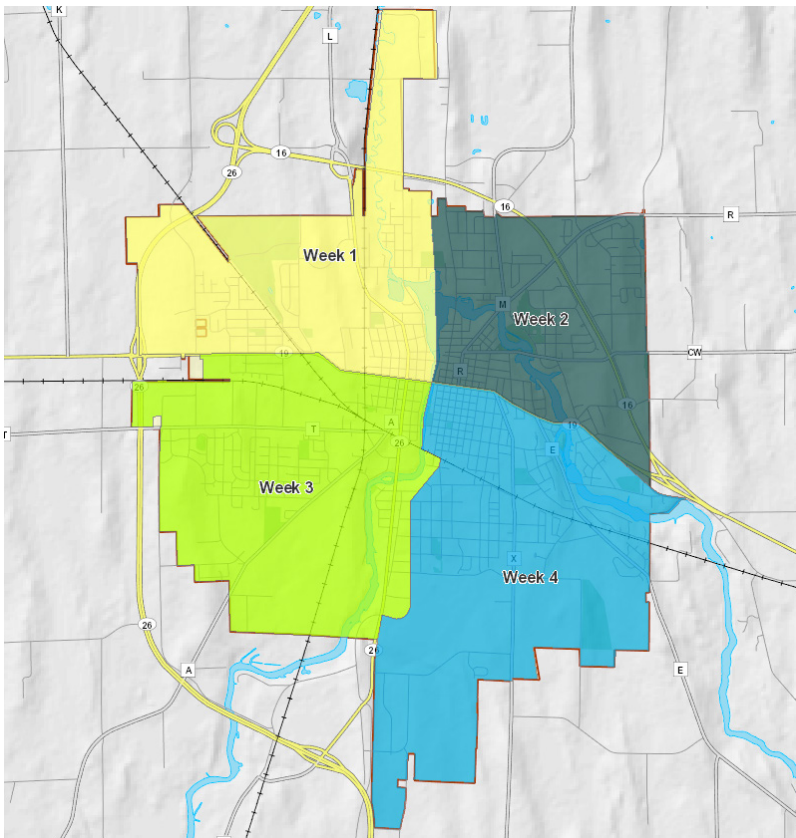
CITY NUMBERS

Police Non-Emergency	(920) 261-6660
Fire Non-Emergency	(920) 261-3610
Water Division	(920) 262-4085
Streets and Solid Waste Division	(920) 262-4080
City Hall	(920) 262-4000
Parks and Recreation	(920)-262-8080
Senior and Community Center	(920)-262-8099
Watertown Public Library	(920) 262-4090
Health Department	(920) 262-8090
Watertown Municipal Airport	(920) 261-4567
Municipal Court	(920) 206-4203
Watertown TV	(920) 262-4021
Building, Safety, and Zoning	(920) 262-4060
Engineering	(920) 262-4060

HOLIDAY GARBAGE AND RECYCLING ROUTES

HOLIDAY	DATE	ROUTE DAY	RESCHEDULED DAY
Veteran's Day	11/11/24	Monday	Tuesday, 11/12/24
Thanksgiving Day	11/28/24	Thursday	Wednesday, 11/27/24
Day after Thanksgiving	11/29/24	Friday	Monday, 12/2/24
Christmas Eve	12/24/24	Tuesday	Monday, 12/23/24
Christmas Day	12/25/24	Wednesday	Thursday, 12/26/24
New Year's Eve	12/31/24	Tuesday	Monday, 12/30/24
2025 - New Year's Day	1/1/25	Wednesday	Thursday, 1/2/25
Good Friday	4/18/25	Friday	Monday, 4/21/25

LEAF COLLECTION ROUTE MAP



Section 1: Northwest Portion - North side of West Main Street north to city limit West of River and/or East Spaulding to city limit

Section 2: Northeast Portion - North side of East Main Street/ Summit Avenue/East Gate Drive to the city limit and east of Rock River and/or Schiller Street to Schuman Drive and/or Kuckkan Lane

Section 3: Southwest Portion - South side of West Main Street to city limits Rock River/Railroad/River Drive west to city limits

Section 4: Southeast Portion - South side of East Main Street/ Summit Avenue, East Gate Drive to city limits. Rock River/ Railroad/River Drive east to city limits

Connect with the City of Watertown!



UPCOMING EVENTS, SAVE THE DATE!




October 1	Watertown Concert Series presents Alliance Brass, WHS, 7pm
October 5	Downtown Falling for Sweets Stroll, 1-4pm
October 12	Watertown Trunk-or-Treat, Ad-Tech Coating Solutions (6-7pm sensory friendly, registration required. 7-8pm general public)
October 19	1st Brigade Band Harvest Ball, Turner Hall, 7-10pm
October 24	Witch's Brew BINGO, Turner Hall
October 26	Main Street Halloween Happenings, 10-3
October 26	Boo Bash, Bentzin Family Town Square, 12-3pm
October 26	Citywide Trick-or-Treating, 4-7pm
Nov. 1	Marquardt Annual Holiday Craft Fair, 9-4
Nov. 4	Watertown Concert Series presents Letters From Home, WHS, 7pm
November 9	Music BINGO benefitting the Watertown Humane Society, Turner Hall, 6pm
November 22-24	Women's Only Weekend, Downtown
Nov. 28	Run Turkey Run 5k
Nov. 30	Small Business Saturday
December 7	Immanuel's Mistletoe Market Craft Fair & Cookie Sale, 9-2:30
December 14	Countdown to Christmas Downtown Retail Event
January 26	Watertown Bridal Fair, Turner Hall, 10-1
Feb. 10	Watertown Concert Series presents The String Showdown, WHS, 7pm



Holiday Happenings

- ★ **Nov. 16 Watertown Holiday Tree Lighting**
- ★ **Nov. 30 - Dec. 1 Octagon House Holiday Play**
- ★ **Nov. 30 Christmas Parade of Lights**
- ★ **Nov. - Dec. Visits with Santa at Santa House**
- ★ **Dec. 1-31 Watertown Window Wonderland**
- ★ **Dec. 7 Jingle Bell on the Rock, Town Square**

SANTA HOUSE HOURS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sat., Nov. 30, 7-8 pm Tue., Dec. 3, 5-8 pm Fri., Dec. 6, 5-8 pm Sat., Dec. 7, Jingle Bell on the Rock (TBD) Tue., Dec. 10, 5-8 pm Fri., Dec 13, 5-8 pm Sat., Dec. 14, 10 am - 2 pm Tue., Dec. 17, 5-8 pm Fri., Dec. 20, 5-8 pm Sat., Dec. 21, 10 am - 2 pm 	 <p>BENTZIN FAMILY TOWN SQUARE 1 W. MAIN ST. WATERTOWN, WI</p> 
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