

Department of PUBLIC WORKS

2023 Fall/Winter

What to Do with All Those Leaves

With the changing of seasons those beautiful leaves are falling fast. Not only can those piles of leaves be an eyesore, they can actually be damaging to city infrastructure. Storm drains, sewer systems and bike lanes can get clogged up, sometimes leading to flooding on the roadways.

The City of Pewaukee does not pick up leaves piled at the street. You should not sweep or blow leaves from your yard into the street. Below are a few important reasons why.

A road with wet leaves can be just as slippery as an icy road. The water on the leaves make it difficult for vehicle, motorcycle and bicycle tires to find traction and may cause an accident. Leaves can also hide potholes, pavement markings, and other obstacles on the road.

It's harmful to the environment. When leaves are not left in the yard to decompose, they often end up in the streets where they are washed into storm drains. From the storm drains, they make their way into lakes and rivers where they continue to decompose and release the nutrient phosphorus into water-bodies. Algae then uses these nutrients to grow in higher levels than normal, turning lakes green, using up oxygen that plants and fish need, and decreasing water quality.



Most importantly, it's against City Ordinance to rake or blow leaves and grass clippings from your property into City streets.

Then what should I do with my leaves? Mow and then leave the grass clippings and leaves on the lawn, use them as mulch, try composting them in your backyard, or collect grass clippings and leaves and bring them to the City Recycling Center located behind City Hall (during Recycling Center hours of operation, permit required).

Consider adopting a storm drain and keep it clear of leaves and debris. For more information visit <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/adoptadrain> or call (262) 896-8300.

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RECYCLING CENTER

Open Saturdays Year-Round:
9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Open Wednesdays April thru Nov:
1:00 to 6:00 pm

City Recycling Permit Required

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

City Road Emergency: (262) 466-5070

City Sewer or Water: (866) 248-7555

LPSD Sanitary Sewer: (262) 366-4627

OTHER CONTACT NUMBERS

Billing City Water/Sewer (262) 691-0804

County Road Issues (262) 548-7736

Dead Deer on City Road (262) 691-0804

Dead Deer-County Road (262) 548-7736

Hydrant Water Use (262) 691-0804

Johns Disposal (262) 473-4700

Spills or Illicit Discharge (800) 943-0003

Storm Drainage Issues (262) 691-0804

Inspect Your Mailbox Before the Snow Flies

The snow and wind keeps our City snow plow drivers very busy in the winter. Every year we advise our residents to inspect their post and mailbox to make sure that it doesn't need to be repaired or replaced. Grab it and give it a good shake. If it wiggles at all, that's a good indication that it needs some maintenance. Mailboxes should be installed and maintained to withstand the snow coming off the end of the plow. Remember to clear the area around the mailbox after every snowfall.

The City of Pewaukee is compiling an inventory of mailboxes found in poor condition. You may be notified if we find that your mailbox needs to be repaired or replaced. Guidelines regarding mailbox placement is available on the USPS website: <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>. **Please Note: If you do not make necessary repairs or replacement, the City will not repair your mailbox if it is damaged during snow plow operations.**

2023-24 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT UPDATES

For more details on the projects listed below, please visit our website at www.cityofpewaukee.us/480/Road-Construction

City Road & Bridge Projects

- **Busse Road Bridge Replacement:** The project is under design with construction over the Pewaukee River anticipated in the late summer of 2024.
- **Duplainville Road and Trail:** Restoration and miscellaneous repairs continue.
- **Ridgeview Corporate Phase 1:** The project is under design with construction along Corporate Court and Westwood Drive anticipated in 2024.
- **The Highlands Subdivision Road Project:** Paving and miscellaneous touch-ups will begin in the coming weeks.
- **Joseph Road:** A Public Hearing will be held on October 16th to determine whether to move forward with the project.
- **Meadowbrook Farms Phase 3:** Reconstruction of the speed humps will begin in the coming days.
- **Meadowbrook Farms Phase 4:** The project is under design with construction along Fieldhack Drive anticipated in 2024.
- **Shady Lane and Shady Nook:** The project will be rebid later this year with construction of the road and drainage improvements anticipated in 2024.
- **Takoma Hill Subdivision Road Project:** The project is under design with construction anticipated in 2024. The City of Waukesha will also complete a utility project within the area.

Storm Water Utility Projects

- **Hill N Dale Pond:** Restoration and miscellaneous touch-ups will continue for the coming weeks.
- **Springdale Estates Drainage Easement:** Design of Phase 1 is underway. Construction is targeted for 2024.
- **Valley Brook:** Construction will continue into November 2023.
- **Wagner Park Pond Dredging:** Construction will begin in the coming weeks and will continue into December 2023.
- **Yench Road Culvert Replacements:** Construction over Coco Creek will begin in the coming weeks and will continue into December 2023.

Water & Sewer Utility Projects

- **Bluemound Water Main Loop:** The project is under design with construction anticipated in May 2024 and continues through 2025.
- **Gun Club Lift Station:** Construction is anticipated to begin in December 2023 and continue through 2025.

City Hall will be closed for the holidays on December 25, 26, at noon on Dec 29th, and January 1st

Weekly Recycling Pick-Up Starts in 2024

Effective January 1, 2024, Johns Disposal will begin weekly recycling pick-up. This is a change from the current every-other week recycling collection. Residents will place both garbage and recycling carts out for pick-up on the same day each week as listed on a schedule provided by Johns Disposal. Watch for additional information on the City website at www.cityofpewaukee.us as we get closer to January.



Tree Trimming Etiquette

The Streets and Forestry Department is reminding property owners to trim or remove tree branches or bushes from the city right-of-way, private property and boulevard areas to avoid creating safety hazards by obstructing traffic signs at intersections and other areas in the city.

Property owners can be cited for failure to remove obstructions. It is a safety issue. In some instances, a driver approaches an intersection and they cannot see the stop sign, yield sign, school zone sign or other important traffic signs due to overhanging tree limbs laden with leaves, or bushes with overgrowth obstructing the view of the sign. We want to remind homeowners that it is their responsibility to keep trees and bushes located on private property trimmed so there is no obstruction to signage for oncoming traffic.



Also, Wisconsin recognizes the common law right of self-help to cut encroaching branches at the property line. Even though a tree may be planted by your neighbors well within their property lines, over time as the tree grows, the branches can extend beyond the property line into your yard. If limbs or branches from your neighbor's tree extend into your property line, you are legally allowed to trim the areas hanging over your property. When trimming them, however, you must stay on your own property. This means you may not go into your neighbor's yard for a better angle when cutting the tree. Please use extreme caution when trimming trees and be sure to stay aware of your surroundings. Make sure you clean up the branches and brush when you're done.

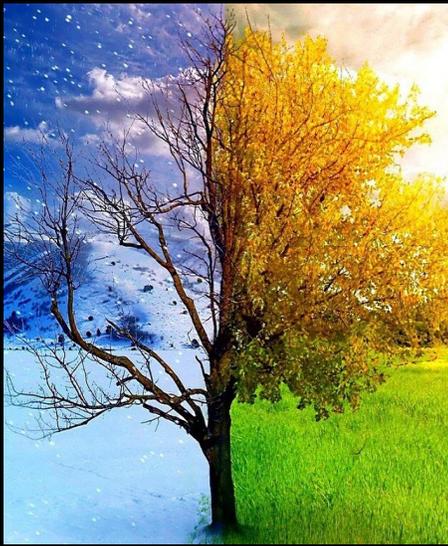
Protect Your Home's Water Pipes

With cold weather quickly approaching, it is important for home and business owners to act now to protect their water pipes from freezing or bursting. Below are ways to help protect your pipes this winter:

- Double-check outdoor hose bibs to make sure all hoses are disconnected and faucets are turned off and drained. Outdoor spigot covers can be purchased to help prevent water in the faucet from freezing.
- Make sure your basement is properly insulated, and check areas where cold air may be rushing in.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas like crawl spaces, unheated garages, and attics.
- Leave some heat on in unused areas of your home.
- If you leave home for a few days, keep your thermostat on at least 55 degrees and open any cabinets where sink plumbing is against an outside wall.
- Never try to thaw a frozen pipe with an open flame.
- Ensure your furnace vents are clear of snow and ice. A clogged furnace vent can cause a backup of toxic carbon monoxide in your home.
- Find the master shut-off valve that turns off the water to your entire home—it's usually in the basement—and make sure everyone in your home knows where it is in case a pipe does freeze and burst.



Winter Parking Ordinance—Overnight parking is not allowed in the City of Pewaukee



Recycling Center Fall/Winter Schedule Begins

The City of Pewaukee Recycling Center will be **closed on Wednesdays as of December 6, 2023** for the winter season. The Recycling Center remains open on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. year-round, except on holidays. A City recycle permit tag must be displayed in your vehicle at time of drop-off. City tags can be obtained at no charge from the City Clerk’s office at City Hall during regular business hours. For more information, or a list of acceptable items allowed in the Recycling Center, please visit our website at www.cityofpewaukee.us and search Garbage and Recycling.

Reminder: Real Christmas trees must be completely stripped of all decorations including tinsel, ornaments, lights, etc. before they are brought to the Recycling Center. Artificial trees are **not** allowed in the Recycling Center.

Correct Garbage & Recycling Cart Placement

Garbage and recycling carts should be placed at the end of your driveway, six feet from cars, trees or other obstructions with cart lids open towards the street. No materials shall be placed on top of the carts. Carts should be put out no earlier than 24 hours before regular collection time and returned as soon as possible, but no later than 24 hours after collection.

PLEASE DO NOT PLACE YOUR CARTS IN THE ROADWAY!

Putting your garbage in trash bags rather than loose in your cart helps prevent litter, avoids attracting wildlife, and keeps our neighborhoods clean.

Winter Garbage Container Placement



Do **NOT** place these items in your garbage cart for collection:

- Recyclables
- Leaves
- Grass clippings
- Branches and brush
- Appliances
- Electronics
- Hazardous waste
- Automotive items, tires

Recyclables should be kept loose in the cart—please do not put them in plastic bags. Recycling is required by State law and City Ordinance.

Proper Disposal of Used Batteries

Batteries used in many household and office products contain a variety of heavy metals and other materials that can be harmful to human health and the environment if not disposed of properly.

Lithium and Lithium-ion batteries pose a fire risk when disposed of improperly. They contain toxic chemicals that can leach into the soil and contaminate the ground. When disposing, place each individual battery in a separate clear plastic bag.

The batteries listed below **MUST** be properly disposed of as **hazardous waste**:

- Lithium and lithium-ion batteries
- Button batteries
- Rechargeable nickel-cadmium batteries
- Nickel-metal hydride batteries
- Sealed lead-acid batteries
- Mercury oxide batteries

Single-use alkaline batteries have little recycling value and may be safely thrown in the trash. For more information, visit <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov> and search “Household Battery Recycling”.



Rock salt becomes ineffective at melting ice and snow when the temperature falls below 15 degrees.

Help Keep Fire Hydrants Clear of Snow

If you have a fire hydrant in your front yard, please help by keeping it clearly visible from the road. Firefighters lose valuable time trying to locate a hydrant buried in snow when they arrive at a fire. You are performing a valuable public service and protecting yourself, your family and your neighbors by taking on the responsibility of shoveling out and clearing the fire hydrant near your home. With plenty of snow on the way, we would like to offer these suggestions:

- * Know the location of the nearest fire hydrants.
- * Make sure hydrants are shoveled after each snowfall.
- * Clear the snow at least 3 feet around the hydrant so firefighters have enough room to access the hydrant.

We appreciate your help in keeping our City safe by clearing out the hydrants near your property.

Don't Plow or Blow Snow in the Street



This is an important reminder to all City of Pewaukee residents and business owners that shoveling, pushing or blowing snow or ice into the streets or right-of-way, or across public roadways creates unsafe conditions for drivers and is punishable by law.

When plowing your private street or driveway, make sure you do not block the intersection's vision corners to ensure a clear view of traffic.

Remember to notify your snow/plow removal contractors as they must comply with these laws as well.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our streets and sidewalks safe for everyone.

Pewaukee Ordinance Chapter 10.09. Deposit of Snow in the Streets or Right-of-Ways; Wis. State Statute 346.94(5).

KEEP THEM CLEAR

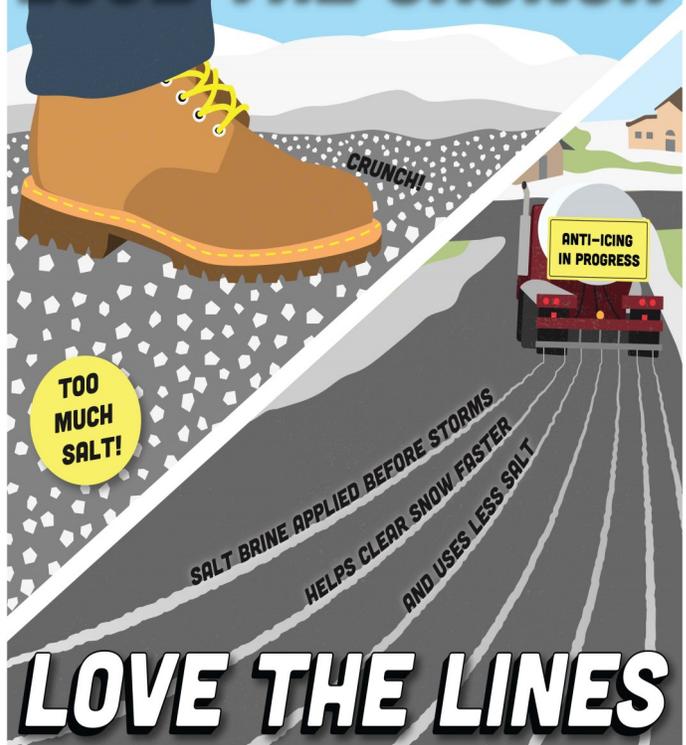
If there's a fire hydrant near your house, do your part to keep it accessible this winter:



Where to Dispose of Your Pumpkins

City residents can dispose of pumpkins, gourds and similar organic materials at the Recycling Center. All pumpkins must be free of decorations, including candles. Residents are also allowed to put pumpkins in their garbage cart. A good alternative is to chop the pumpkin into pieces and put it in a compost area or garden. Cover it with leaves so those nutrients stay in the soil. Composting is a more sustainable option rather than throwing them in the trash, and it reduces solid waste disposal costs.

LOSE THE CRUNCH



LOVE THE LINES

A 12-ounce cup or mug full of salt is enough to melt ice on a 20-foot driveway

Trail Etiquette - Who Has the Right of Way?

There are a number of trails in the City, and although we're sure most walkers out there enjoy their fair share of peace and solitude on the trail, odds are you'll eventually end up sharing the trail with others.

But don't worry—whether you are sharing the outdoors with fellow walkers/runners (hikers), or bikers, there are general guidelines for *how* to share that tiny trail space with others.

Hikers vs. Bikers: Since bikes are considered more maneuverable than hikers' legs, bikers are generally expected to yield to hikers on the trail. However, because those bikes are often moving considerably faster than said legs, it is usually easier for hikers to yield the right of way—especially if the biker is huffing and puffing up a tough incline. A biker should never *expect* a hiker to yield, though.

Hikers vs. Hikers: If you're about to pass another hiker from behind, a simple "hello" is often the best way to announce your presence. Always hike single file, never taking up more than half the trail space and when a group meets a single hiker, it's generally preferable for the single hiker to yield and step safely to the side. Remember, when in doubt, just treat hikers and bikers the same way you would treat the trail itself—with respect. Then get back to enjoying that solitude!



Waukesha County
Park System

TRAIL ETIQUETTE

- Be courteous and respectful of others along the trail
- Stay on the designated trail
- Don't block the trail - pull off on shoulder to stop
- Keep the trail clean - don't litter
- Keep right - announce yourself and pass on the left
- Keep dogs under control and leashed
- Pick up all animal waste
- Travel at a safe and controlled speed

To report hazardous trail conditions

Call:
(262) 548-7801

Download Mobile App:
YourGOV 

For emergencies 

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