

# Department of PUBLIC WORKS

2024 Spring/Summer



## NEW CITY RECYCLING CENTER OPENS APRIL 3rd!

Formerly located behind Pewaukee City Hall, the City Recycling Center will open on **Wednesday, April 3rd** for the spring/summer season at the new DPW Facility located at W225N3201 Duplainville Road.

City residents can drop-off recycling materials on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 6:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (except on holidays). Residents must obtain and display a city recycle permit tag in their vehicle when visiting the Recycling Center. City recycle tags can be picked up at no charge at the Clerk's office at City Hall during regular office hours. Proof of residency is required.

### Acceptable Drop-Off Recycling Materials

- \* **Plastic Containers:** Empty bottles, jugs, tubs, buckets and cups with caps on and only #1, 2, 4 or 5. (NO foam, utensils or hangers)
- \* **Glass Bottles & Jars:** Empty with caps and lids removed
- \* **Metal Cans:** Aluminum, tin and steel cans, empty aerosol cans (no paint or pesticide cans). NO scrap metal in recycling dumpster—use specified scrap metal bin.
- \* **Paper & Cardboard** (not bundled)

- \* **Cartons:** Juice boxes, soup cartons, milk cartons (remove caps and straws)
- \* **Batteries:** Car & boat batteries, small lead batteries, cell phone batteries
- \* **Scrap Metal:** Use specified scrap metal bin (NO electronics or appliances)
- \* **Yard Waste/Brush:** Leaves and grass clippings in recyclable paper bags (plastic bags must be emptied and bags put in barrel) **NO INVASIVE WEEDS HERE!**
- \* **Brush & Small Trees:** Wood waste should be no more than 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 6 foot sections.
- \* **Garden Debris** (NO sod)
- \* **Invasive Weeds:** DO NOT put in yard waste pile. Must be in a separate plastic bag, completely sealed. Please see attendant for disposal location.

More information about recycling in the City of Pewaukee can be found on our website at [www.cityofpewaukee.us](http://www.cityofpewaukee.us) and search Garbage and Recycling.

### PLEASE NOTE!

**Engine & Motor Oil** (including oil filters and antifreeze) **DROP-OFF TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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### RECYCLING CENTER

City Recycling Permit Required

### NEW LOCATION!

**Dept of Public Works Facility  
W225N3201 Duplainville Road**

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

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



## REMINDER: Curb-side recycling is now collected weekly by Johns Disposal

### City Lawn Watering Policy for Municipal Water Customers

With the summer watering season just around the corner, this is a reminder that the City of Pewaukee has annual lawn watering restrictions in place between May 15 and September 15.

For those with municipal water service, outdoor irrigation/sprinkling, including lawn and garden watering, is restricted to **every other day** during this time (unless granted a waiver for establishing a new lawn). Customers whose official address ends in an **even** number will only be allowed to water on **even** number calendar days, and those whose official address ends in an **odd** number will only be allowed to water on **odd** number calendar days. (Ord. Sec. 16.0202) For more information, contact our office at (262) 691-0804.



# 2024 PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

## City Road & Bridge Projects

**Joseph Road:** Water and sewer project was rejected in 2023. The project was rebid as a road reconstruction project only. Road construction will begin summer 2024.

**Shady Lane and Shady Nook:** Water and sewer project was rejected in 2023. The project was rebid as a road reconstruction project only. Road construction will begin summer 2024.

**Busse Road Bridge Replacement:** Project will be bid in May for construction in late summer 2024. Busse Road north of Nottingham Drive will be closed during this construction.

**Takoma Hills Subdivision Road Project:** Phase 1 road construction to begin in early summer 2024. Phase 1 includes Mt. Vernon Drive, Takoma Drive (between Lexington Drive and Mt. Vernon Drive), Richmond Court, and Virginia Drive.

**Spice Creek/Meadowbrook Farms Phase 4:** This project consists of Fieldhack Drive. Road construction to begin in early summer 2024.

**2024 Design Projects:** The City is currently working on design for upcoming road projects including: Watertown Road (Springdale Road to North Avenue), Rolling Ridge/Woodland Village Subdivision, Sherwood Forest Subdivision, Busse Road (Bluemound Road to termini), Westwood Drive, Corporate Court, Yench Road (Lyndale Road to termini), Greenhill Subdivision and Hickory Grove Estates Subdivision.

## Storm Water Utility Projects

**Springdale Estates Drainage Easement:** Bidding of Phase 1 is underway. Construction is targeted for summer 2024. Property owners adjacent to the construction will be notified prior to start of construction.

**Oak Street Shoreland Stabilization:** The City-owned Pewaukee Lake Shoreland will be stabilized in late summer 2024.

Additional information on the projects listed above, or about future road projects can be found on the City of Pewaukee website at <https://www.cityofpewaukee.us/480/Road-Construction>.

## Water & Sewer Utility Projects

**Gun Club Lift Station Replacement:** The construction of the replacement Gun Club Lift Station will start in March 2024. This lift station will replace the station that was originally installed in 1983. The new lift station will be able to handle the average 1 million gallons of sewage that is pumped through daily.

**Bluemound Water Main Loop:** This water main loop continues to be a design and construction challenge for the Utility. A redesign is currently underway due to major conflicts with other utilities. Anticipated construction is summer 2024. The project will allow for the abandonment of Well #5 with the radium contamination.

**Bluemound Road Sanitary Sewer Relay:** The Utility will be reconstructing a portion of the sanitary sewer that is north of I-94 and east of Hwy 16 this summer to correct a deficiency that was discovered.

**PFAS Treatment Well #8 and Entry Point 500:** The Utility is working with a consultant to determine the most cost-effective, long-term solution for removing the PFAS contamination that was discovered in two wells in the City water supply last summer. At this time, our goal is to be under construction of the treatment systems in 2025.

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# THE EFFECTS OF STORMWATER RUNOFF – WHEN IT RAINS, IT POURS

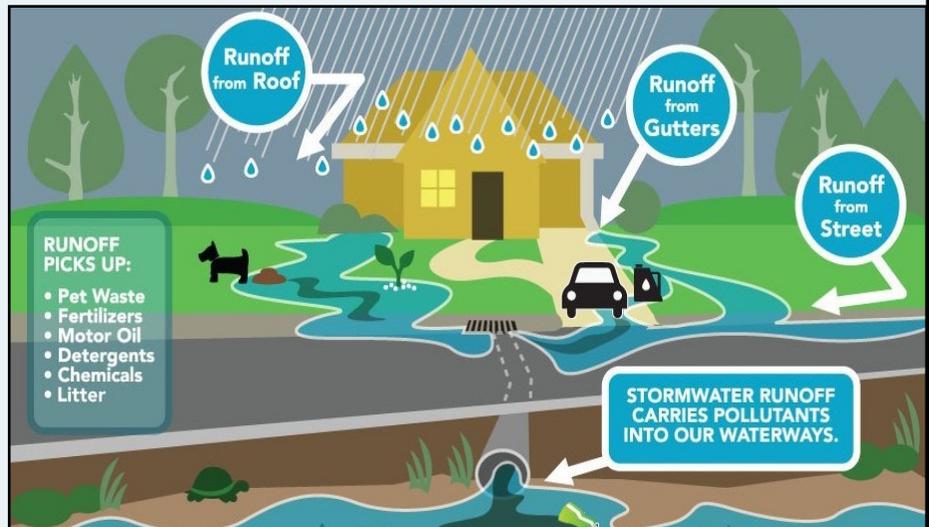
Stormwater is the water that runs off the land surface when it rains or when snow melts. It enters the City’s storm sewer system and flows directly to local lakes, streams, and wetlands. And every time it rains, all of those millions of gallons of water that tumble onto the ground need to go somewhere—and not all of it soaks into the soil below our feet. All the water that rolls off of your roof, through your yard, down your driveway, and over the street is called stormwater runoff. This runoff is incredibly good at picking up whatever it comes into contact with as it travels downward to the lowest elevation.

Stormwater from developed areas usually contains a number of pollutants, such as oil and grease from roadways and parking lots, pesticides and fertilizers from lawns, sediment from construction sites, sand and dirt from roadways, and carelessly discarded trash such as cigarette butts, wrappers, and plastic bottles. When these pollutants enter water bodies, they can harm fish and wildlife populations, kill native vegetation, contaminate drinking water supplies, and make our recreation areas unsafe and unpleasant.

When rain falls on the ground it can do one of two things, (1) absorb into the soil and become groundwater, or (2) flow on top of the ground and become runoff. As water absorbs into the ground, the soil acts as a “filter,” catching and holding onto most anything that the rain water brought with it. Trees and other plant life also capture the nutrients that the water brings along. However, when water has no way to enter the ground, like when it falls onto a driveway, it will keep travelling above ground until it hits the nearest river, lake, or stream. Since this water had no opportunity to deposit whatever it grabbed along the way, it deposits that matter into the water body, where it can begin to have negative effects on the ecosystem.

There are clear and easy steps that anyone with a yard or garden can take to help. Rain gardens can trap and use most or all of the water your yard captures from an average storm. An easy way to create a plan of attack is to look at your yard during and after the next big rain storm. See where in the yard a lot of water seems to flow and where the grass and soil is the wettest. This is a prime location for a rain garden. It can also help to limit or eliminate the use of fertilizers, pesticides, or manures in your lawns, farms, and gardens. In fact, by some measures, the average suburban lawn is sprayed with 10 times more pesticide per acre than farmland. So right off the bat, you can decrease the amount of pesticide and it will still have the same effect.

By working together to preserve plant life that filters stormwater and taking steps in our everyday lives to slow runoff and instead use it for something beautiful like a rain garden, we can begin to tackle the problem of stormwater pollution together.



## That Pond Could Be Expensive!

Do you have ownership of a stormwater pond in your subdivision? If so, we encourage you to attend a free Stormwater Maintenance Workshop and learn how to extend the life of your pond and save you money down the road. Maintaining stormwater practices is a requirement for the Homeowners Associations that have them. This workshop will cover different stormwater practices and how they work, as well as maintenance that should be done on a regular basis to extend their life. Restoration and repairs can be quite expensive, so regular maintenance is very important.



The Stormwater Maintenance Workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. on **Thursday, September 12, 2024**, in the lower level in City Hall Common Council Chambers located at W240N3065 Pewaukee Road. This one-hour workshop includes time for questions at the end. Learn best practice maintenance now to save headaches and money in the future. No registration is necessary.

## 2024 Waukesha County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Schedule

Waukesha County Parks & Land Use reminds residents to visit a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection site to safely dispose of chemicals and dangerous materials. Waukesha County has two free sites and four one-time collection events for residents.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) includes any household product that is flammable, corrosive, toxic, or explosive under certain conditions. Products considered HHW contain hazardous ingredients that make them a potential danger to people, animals, and the environment. View schedules at [www.WaukeshaCounty.gov/HazardousWaste](http://www.WaukeshaCounty.gov/HazardousWaste).

Household Hazardous Waste **ongoing collection sites** are free to Waukesha County residents with proof of residency.

- **Menomonee Falls:** Veolia Environmental Services, W124N9451 Boundary Road (January thru December)
- **Waukesha:** UWM-Waukesha, 1500 North University Drive (March thru November)

All Waukesha County residents are welcome at **one-time collection events** with proof of residency.

- **Mukwonago, May 18:** Village Public Works Garage, 630 Hwy NN (8:00 a.m. to Noon)
- **Brookfield, June 1:** City Public Works Yard, 19700 Riverview Drive (8:00 a.m. to Noon)
- **Delafield, June 15:** City Dept. of Public Works, 111 Main Street (8:00 a.m. to Noon)
- **Oconomowoc, Sept 14:** City Public Works Garage, 630 S. Worthington St. (8:00 a.m. to Noon)

## The Truth Amid the Tree Myths

In the world of community trees, there are many myths. Below are just a few of those myths, along with the facts you need to know about the trees in our city.

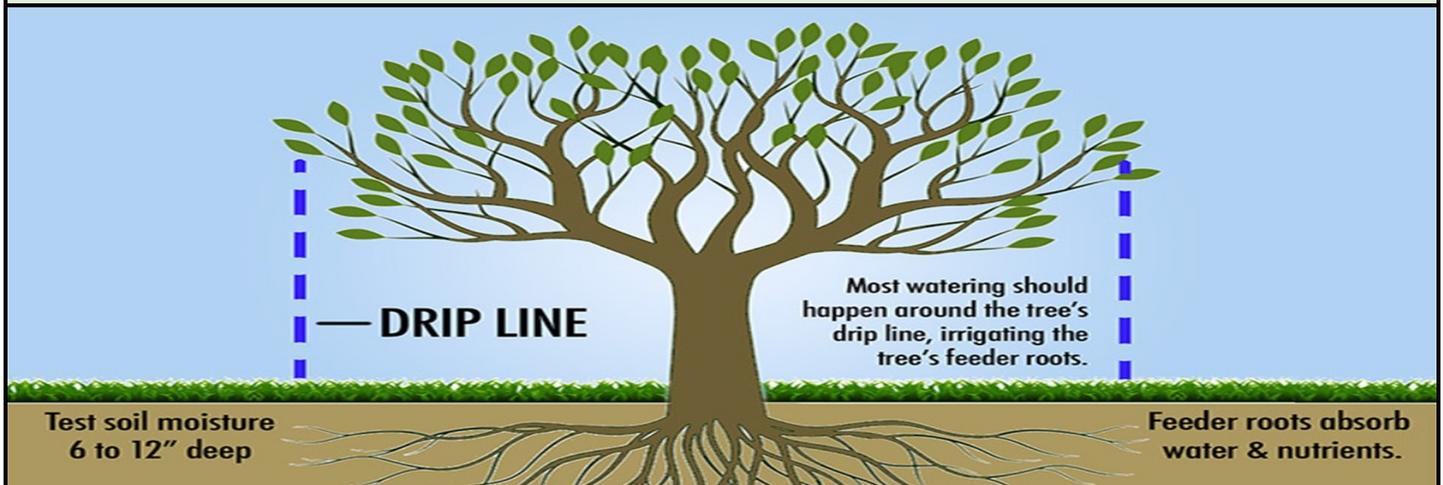
### **X MYTH: IF IT'S BY MY HOUSE, IT'S MY TREE**

There is often confusion about who owns streetside trees and who is responsible for their care. Although the answer may sometimes vary depending the community ordinance, typically the trees on the street easement or right-of-way belong to the city. This is true regardless of who may have planted the tree. Knowing who has responsibility for street trees in our community is important for determining who should prune and care for the trees, who is likely to be liable if lack of care causes an accident, and who pays for tree work or removal.

### **X MYTH: TREE ROOTS BREAK SEWER LINES**

In favorable soil conditions, including moisture, texture and oxygen, most roots are found in the top 24 inches of soil—well away from sewer lines. A few, however, may grow deeply enough to be near a properly buried sewer line. Even so, nothing happens until the sewer pipe breaks or leaks. Nearby roots then begin to thrive and grow rapidly. They can enter the defective pipe and eventually block the flowage of sewage.

Knowing the facts about our community's trees can make you better prepared to care for those on your own property.



## Growing a Recycled Garden With Your Kids

Recycling in the garden with kids is all about finding ways to reuse ordinary household materials that might otherwise end up in a landfill. From milk cartons to yogurt cups to old clothes, this project can show kids how to grow a garden—and recycle and reuse at the same time.

Here are a few items that can be made into recycled planters for kids to decorate and use:

☀ **Toilet paper tubes:** Make a biodegradable pot for seedlings by cutting 1-inch slots in one end of a toilet paper tube. Fold this end under to make the bottom of the pot. No need to remove the seedling at transplant time, simply plant the tube and all.

☀ **Plastic food containers:** From fruit cups to milk jugs, plastic containers make wonderful reusable planters for flower and vegetable seedlings. Have an adult make several drainage holes in the bottom before use.

Besides disposable items, many everyday items children have outgrown or worn out can find a second life among the flowers and vegetables.

☀ **Boots:** Use a drill to make holes in the soles for whimsical boot planters.

☀ **Shirts and Pants:** Stuff outgrown clothes with plastic grocery bags to make child-sized scarecrows.

☀ **Compact Discs:** Hang old CDs around the garden to scare birds away from ripe fruits and vegetables.

☀ **Toys:** From trucks to cradles, repurpose broken or unused toys into interesting patio planters.

Kids love to be helpful. Recycling and repurposing is a great way to encourage your child's love for gardening, and helps them develop ownership of the food and flowers your family grows. It also teaches them how a small project can help make a big difference in taking care of our planet.

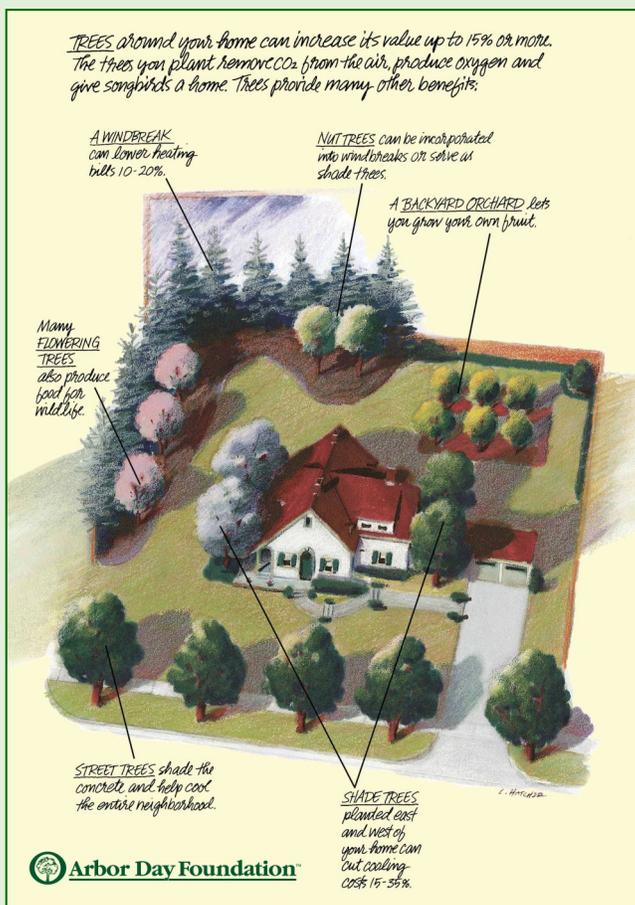


## Celebrate Arbor Day by Planting a Tree

It's important to remember that proper tree care starts when you select a tree. And what you do in its first few years of life will affect its shape, strength, and even its lifespan. Proper tree care begins with choosing the right tree and planting it in the right place. To make sure your tree will thrive, here are some important things to consider:

- **The Tree's Purpose.** Are you planting it for aesthetics, privacy, shade/energy reduction, windbreak, or as a street tree? Your end goal will determine the suitability of different types of trees.
- **Planting Site Limitations.** The City of Pewaukee's **hardiness zone is 5-6**. Is the tree suitable for our region? What is the maximum height and spread for a tree in the space? What are the sun exposure and soil conditions?
- **Right Tree, Right Place.** Short flowering trees don't clash with overhead utility lines. Large deciduous trees on the southeast, southwest, and west provide cooling shade in the summer but don't obstruct the warming winter sunlight. An evergreen windbreak to the north blocks cold winds in winter.

To learn more about choosing the right tree, planting it in the right place, and so much more - visit the Arbor Day Foundation's website at [www.arborday.org/trees/tips](http://www.arborday.org/trees/tips). It's important to remember when considering where to plant, that you plant on your own property and avoid putting anything in the city easements. Should the City need access to the easement, it has no responsibility to replace your plants or trees.



## City Fire Hydrants

Fire hydrants may only be operated by City of Pewaukee Water & Sewer Utility or Fire Department staff, unless a hydrant permit is obtained from the Utility office.

Landscapers or other contractors may NOT obtain water from a fire hydrant. If you see someone using a hydrant, please contact the Utility office at (262) 691-0804.

Taking water from a fire hydrant without a permit is illegal and costs everybody money!



## Driveway Permits

Did you know that the City requires you to obtain a driveway permit before you install or replace your driveway?

Applications are available online at <https://www.cityofpewaukee.us/DocumentCenter/View/3095/Driveway-Permit-rev-Dec-2019>.

An inspection must be completed by City staff at the time the driveway is graded and formed, prior to concrete or asphalt being installed.

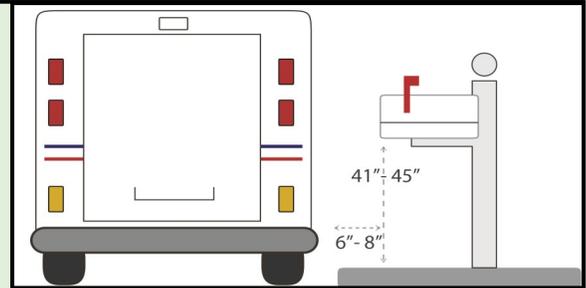
Please allow 48 hours prior to the requested inspection time.



## Springtime Mailbox Maintenance

It is important for residents and business owners to conduct periodic mailbox inspections and perform routine maintenance on your mailbox. Check for adequate construction of materials and the condition of the mailbox and support post. The mailbox should be installed and maintained to withstand snow coming off the end of the plow.

Summer is the perfect time to get this work done. Remember, the mailbox must be approximately 3'6" above ground grade. Additionally, guidelines such as post installation, mailbox size, etc. are available on the USPS website at <https://www.usps.com/manage/mailboxes.htm>.



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