



# The Canal Post

## WINTER 2021/22 Edition

City of Waterville

December, January, February 2022

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATOR: JON GOCHENOUR  
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### WATERVILLE COUNCIL WINTER SCHEDULE

VIEW LIVE ON  
TIME WARNER CABLE  
CHANNEL 1021

MONDAY,  
DECEMBER 13TH  
JANUARY 10TH & 24TH  
FEBRUARY 14TH & 28TH  
AT 7:30 P.M.

IN THE COUNCIL  
CHAMBER OF THE  
WATERVILLE MUNICIPAL  
BUILDING



City offices will  
be closed for the  
following holidays:

December 24 - Noon  
December 27th  
December 31st  
January 17th



# The City of Waterville wishes to recognize the following individuals for their contribution to our community during 2021

**Elected Officials:** Timothy Pedro, Mayor

**City Council:** Barb Bruno | Mary Duncan | Anthony Bruno | John Rozic | Todd Borowski | Rod Frey

**Appointed Officials:**

Phillip L. Dombey - Law Director  
Katie Tharp - Prosecutor  
Steve Schult - Treasurer

**Staff**

***Jon Gochenour - Administrator***

***Mark Williams - Director of Finance & Administration***

**Administration**

Melissa Cook  
Jeni Malaczewski  
Michelle McCann

**Fire Department:**

***Doug Meyer- Fire Chief***

***Zachary Bingham-Deputy Fire Chief***

Jodi Shaneyfelt - Executive Secretary  
Capt. Robert Grogan

Alan Huber	Tanner Dodge	Tyler Wenzelman
Craig Cluley	Jake Bruce	Allison Armstrong
Nick Atamancik	Alexa Dorner	Jake Twietmeyer
Mindy Bruns	Nick Bechtel	Matt Frankforther
Jeff Hollon	Randy King	Adam Weist
Greg Robertson	Jeff Dorner	Zachary Welling
Brian Perkins	Sean Fitzpatrick	James Christian
Steven Terrell	Michael Peachman	
Zachary Bernhard	Kyle Yeager	
Rachel Keiser	Brandon Welch	
Matt Fisher	Isaiah Miller	
Angel Korotnaya	Nick Wismer	

**Police Department:**

***Joe Valvano—Police Chief***

Becky Ewing—Executive Secretary  
Lt. Todd Shelton      Sgt. Robb Canup  
Sgt. Gabe Rogers      Sgt. Steve Hallett  
Ofc. Matt Nicely      Ofc. Bobbie-Jo Newman  
Ofc. Austin Gunn      Ofc. Franklin Cigoy  
Ofc. Michael Yowler      Ofc. Kaleb Sprow  
Ofc. Andrew Glover

**Crossing Guard~** Meaghan Anderson

**Public Works Department**

***Ken Blair - Director***

Rick Meiring - Assistant Director  
Jodi Shaneyfelt—Executive Secretary  
Rick Hannum      Jim Ludwig  
Al Bruns      Wes Martin  
Doug Meeker      Mac McCann

Nick Wagener

## **COMMITTEES**

**Planning Commission:**

Doug Parrish | William Burns | David Kerscher  
John Wasserman | Dennis Birkemeier

**Board of Zoning Appeals:**

Mike Roetter | Bryan Knepper  
Pauline Glaza | Raymond Luk

**Public Safety Committee:**

John Rozic & Barb Bruno—Council Reps  
John Morse / Scott Yoder/ Nicholas Sargent/ Tim Guzman  
Mike Metzger/ David Anders/ Penn Pritchett

**Parks & Recreation Committee:**

Anthony Bruno & Barb Bruno—Council Reps  
Paul Frank / Rose Kandik/ Elaine Parrish/ Bob Kennedy/  
Bob Lineen

**Historic District Commission:**

John Pezzino/ Rob Black/ John Spilker/ Jim Stoma/Terry  
Rousseau

**Fire Dependency Board:**

John Rozic & Anthony Bruno—Council Reps

**Civil Service Commission:**

Tom Titus/ Jeff Marty/ Jeff Lohse

**Tree Commission:**

Todd Borowski—Council Rep  
Peg Ryan/ Bill Albert/ Joe Arquette/ Win Sturgeon /  
Jill Schurr/ Mary Beth DeMatteo-Ex-Officio  
Nancy Bucher—Ex-Officio

**Finance Committee:**

Tim Pedro—Mayor, Rod Frey—Council Rep  
Jon Gochenour—Municipal Administrator  
Mark Williams—Finance Director  
Steve Schult—Municipal Treasurer  
Tom Titus/ James Seiwert/ David Glaza

**Public Works Committee:**

Todd Borowski & Mary Duncan—Council Reps  
Greg Aubell/ Penn Pritchett/ Tom Shoemaker/ Brad Fox/  
Cindy Schultz

**TARTA Representative—**Kelsie Hoagland



In Memory of  
Your Loved One

Recognition of  
Mr. and Mrs.  
Jonathan Smith

In Honor of  
John & Jane Doe

The Smith  
Family

## ***ENGRAVED BRICKS & PLAQUES FOR CITY BENCHES***

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A PART OF WATERVILLE'S HISTORY WITH THE PURCHASE OF EITHER A BRICK OR A BENCH? EITHER WILL BE A PERMANENT GIFT AND THEY ARE AN EXCELLENT WAY TO COMMEMORATE ANY SPECIAL OCCASION, TO RECOGNIZE FAMILY MEMBERS, OR TO PROVIDE A LASTING MEMORIAL FOR A LOVED ONE.**

**Be the one who inspires the next generation!**



Engraved Bricks are located at the Clock Tower building at the corner of the Anthony Wayne Trail and Farnsworth Road. Engraved bricks are available in two different sizes:



4" X 8" with up to three lines of text, up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation) Cost : \$100.00

8" X 8" with up to six lines of text with up to 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation) Cost: \$225.00

The Engraved plaque will be placed on a City Bench. The plaques will be attached to benches throughout the city.

The plaques are 8 1/2" wide by 5 1/2 " tall. There will be 4 lines available for engraving, 13 characters in each line (including spacing and punctuation)

Cost: \$450.00 (this includes the cost of the bench, the plaque and installation of

*For more information or to find an order from, please visit our website [www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org), under the Forms/ Misc. tab at the top of the page. Forms are also available at the Municipal Building at 25 North Second*



\*The City of Waterville reserves the right to approve all copy to be engraved on the bricks or the plaques.

**Please Call the Municipal Bldg. at (419) 878-8100 for more information.**

# City of Waterville

## Curbside

# Christmas Tree Recycling

**December 27<sup>th</sup> – January 7<sup>th</sup>**

**You may also take your tree to the  
Clean Wood Recycling Facility  
6730 Anthony Wayne Trail  
during the following Hours:**

**Sat., January 8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**

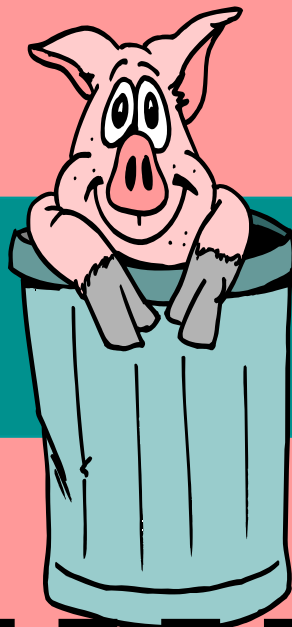
***All trees need to be free of all tinsel, garland, decorations  
& lights or they will not be accepted!***

### Trash & Recycling Holiday Collection

Pick up will be delayed by  
one day only if any of  
the following holidays fall  
on a Monday:

New Year's Day  
Memorial Day  
July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Labor Day  
Christmas Day

*Never Delayed:*  
*Martin Luther King Day*  
*Veteran's Day, Columbus Day*  
*& Presidents Day*



### CITY OF WATERVILLE UTILITY PAYMENT DROP OFF BOX

IS LOCATED ON N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
ACROSS FROM THE  
MUNICIPAL BLDG. PARKING  
LOT. IT IS FOR WATER BILL  
PAYMENTS. THE DROP  
OFF SLOT IN THE MUNICIPAL  
BLDG. IS ALSO AVAILABLE  
24 HOURS PER DAY



**CALLING ALL CITY RESIDENTS WITH GREEN THUMBS!!  
(Or anyone who would like to spend some time outside!)**

The City is looking for volunteers to help tending to the City's Flower Gardens for 2022  
So if you have a green thumb, or would just like to get some sun and help with the  
beautiful gardens in Waterville please contact:

The Public Works Department at (419)878-8108





## Waterville Historical Society

The Waterville Historical Society will be hosting four programs in the first part of 2022:  
February, March, April & May

Check the WHS website at [watervillehistory.org](http://watervillehistory.org) or visit our Facebook page for speakers, dates, times and location. Zoom will be available for those unable to attend in person.



Wakeman Archival Research Center  
401 Farnsworth Rd.

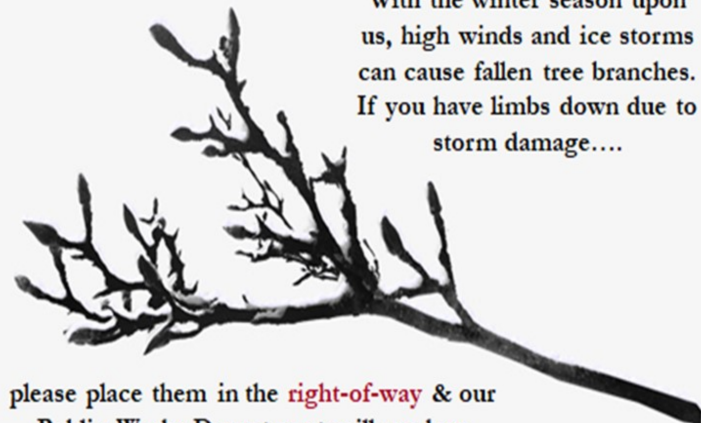
## Happy Holidays

We wish all of our residents and their families Happy Holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year!

From the  
City of Waterville  
Mayor,  
Council & Staff

### Tree Branch Disposal

With the winter season upon us, high winds and ice storms can cause fallen tree branches. If you have limbs down due to storm damage....



please place them in the **right-of-way** & our Public Works Department will work as quickly as possible to remove them.

Thank You

THE WATERVILLE AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
PRESENTS:



We are excited to announce the 2nd Annual "Let it Glow" contest. This contest is open to businesses and residents with a Waterville mailing address. Grab the lights, wreaths and lawn ornaments and register for the 'Let it Glow' of Waterville!

#### VOTING INFO:

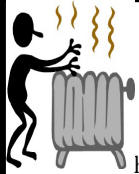
- Each entry will have a number
- Residents can vote by texting the designated number (1-99) to 517-645-5649
- Voting begins Dec. 3 to Dec. 17.
- Winner will be contacted as well as posted on social media.

REGISTRATION INFO:  
\*Deadline to Register November 26  
Homes must be decorated by Dec. 4th  
Free to Register  
Registration form at [www.watervillechamber.com](http://www.watervillechamber.com)

#### Event Sponsors:







## **SAFETY TIPS FOR USING ALTERNATIVE HEAT SOURCES**

With the cost of heating a house on the rise, many people are looking at alternative sources for heat this winter. Be sure that any alternative heating source that you are considering is properly installed and follows all manufacturers' safety procedures before operating the appliance.

Whether you use your fireplace regularly each year or not, you should have it cleaned and inspected. You should avoid using coal, charcoal, trash or paper wrappings in your fireplace. These items burn extremely hot and can cause chimney fires. Here are just a few safety tips to keep in mind this heating season:

- ♦ Your gas cooking stove and oven should not be used as a heating source. This is due to the danger of Carbon Monoxide that could build up in your home. Carbon Monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas that can be fatal when breathed.
- ♦ Kerosene heaters should be placed on level, hard and non-flammable surfaces. Store kerosene fuel in containers intended and marked as such. Never use gasoline in a kerosene heater. Even small amounts of gasoline can cause a fire when accidentally mixed with kerosene. Always refuel the heater outside and only after it has cooled.
- ♦ Generator usage also increases during the

winter months. Remember - never use a generator in your home or attached garage. It should be operated in a well-ventilated area and protected from the elements. It should only be refueled outside and after it has cooled down.

- ♦ Every home should have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors; they can save your life.



## **SIDEWALK ICE & SNOW MAINTENANCE**

With cold weather upon us we would like to remind all residents that by City Ordinance *Section 521.06*

**"Sidewalks must be clear of ice and snow at all times. Snow and/or ice should be removed within the first twelve (12) hours after daylight, following or during a fall of snow."**

Certain ice control techniques can be very harmful to concrete. Rock salt and fertilizers (commonly referred to as de-icers that contain calcium) will deteriorate sidewalks. These substances will pit the concrete surface. The abrasive effect combined with the chemical reaction will have an extremely corrosive impact. **It is best to use shovels and ice tools to maintain sidewalks along with de-icers, sand or ash.**

There are many *non-calcium* products

available to control snow and ice that contain additives minimizing the corrosive impact of the active ingredients.

**If you choose to use a calcium de-icer, *Calcium chloride* is less harmful than rock salt.**



## **FIVE STEPS TO SAFER SHOVELING**

The average shovelful of snow weighs 20 pounds, and all that lifting can lead to blisters, muscle strains, back injuries and even heart attacks.

***So be Careful!***

- ❄ **Warm up first.** - Running in place or stretching beforehand will release chemicals in the muscles that help prevent injuries.
- ❄ **Take breaks.**— Aerobically speaking, shoveling is comparable to weightlifting. Pace yourself and drink plenty of fluids.
- ❄ **Get a good grip.**— Wear gloves thick enough to protect the skin from blisters. Space your hands apart on the handle to increase your leverage and make it easier to lift the snow.
- ❄ **Lift safely.** - Squat with your legs apart, knees bent and back straight. Keep the shovel close to your body. Push the snow instead of lifting it, and throw snow forward - don't twist your body while lifting, carrying or throwing.
- ❄ **Watch for warning signs.** - Health experts advise people at risk of heart attack, such as smokers and individuals with diabetes or high blood pressure, to take it easy while shoveling. Stop and get help immediately if you experience persistent shortness of breath, chest discomfort, weakness or excessive sweating.



**If you have an elderly or disabled neighbor, please take a few minutes to help them clear their walks.**

**Your kindness will be greatly appreciated!**

“  
WHEN IT SNOWS,  
YOU HAVE  
TWO CHOICES:  
SHOVEL OR MAKE  
snow angels.  
UNKNOWN



## WATERVILLE'S SNOW EMERGENCY PARKING BAN

In order for the streets to be cleared, it is necessary to ban parking on streets during a "snow emergency".

A snow emergency exists when snow reaches an accumulation of 4" (four inches) or more.

***"From the inception of a snow emergency until 24 hours thereafter, or until such time as the snow has been removed, if such time is sooner, no owner of any vehicle shall be permitted to park or stand on any municipal street."***  
(Section 351.15)

Vehicles may be parked for a period of not longer than 15 minutes from the actual loading or unloading of passengers or property if snow removal equipment is not being operated on such street and no other ordinance restricting parking is violated.

Whenever such an emergency exists, the Municipal Administrator shall make a reasonable attempt to announce the emergency by informing at least two radio and/or television stations with a normal operating range covering the community. However, owners and operators of motor vehicles are responsible for assessing existing weather conditions

and the depth of snowfall and should comply with the parking restrictions.

***"No person shall cause or permit snow to be moved, placed, or stored over or on any portion of the paved right-of-way of any street from any location on private property."***

**Please help us keep your streets safe and free of ice & snow.**



## Pre-Storm Parking Ban!!!!!!!!!!!!

**When 4" or more of snow is *forecasted*, we ask that residents remove their cars from the street prior to the storm. This will allow our crews to begin clearing the roads as quickly and as thoroughly as possible.**



## SAFETY TIPS FOR BLIZZARD CONDITIONS

### Avoid Overexertion & Exposure

Exertion from attempting to push your car, shoveling heavy drifts, and performing other difficult chores during the strong winds and bitter cold of a blizzard may cause a heart attack even for people who are in good physical condition.

### Stay Inside Your Vehicle

Do not attempt to walk out of a blizzard. Disorientation comes quickly in blowing and drifting snow. Being lost in the

open country in a blizzard is almost always certain death. You are more likely to be found in your vehicle.

**Carbon Monoxide and Oxygen Starvation** Run the engine and heater sparingly, and only use the downwind window for ventilation. Freezing wet snow and wind driven snow can completely seal a vehicle, make sure you have access to fresh air at all times.

**Exercise** by clapping hands and mov-

ing arms and legs vigorously from time to time to keep your body warm.

**Turn on Your Dome Lights at Night** to make sure your vehicle is visible. Do not permit all occupants to sleep at one time and keep good watch.



## Winter Driving Tips from the Ohio Department of Public Safety

- \* When driving in the snow, accelerate, turn and brake slowly and gently. Always leave plenty of distance between you and other vehicles.



- \* On slippery roads allow at least three times the normal dis-

tance to reach a full stop and avoid skidding. This means your safe distance behind a vehicle in front of you should be three times as far. And you must begin braking three times as far away from the stoplight or corner where you turn.

- \* In heavy snow, keep your lights on.

- \* Clean the snow off your windshield, headlights and taillights before driving. Stop and clean your windshield and lights if necessary.

- \* Keep your vehicle in top mechanical shape.

- \* Listen to the weather forecast.



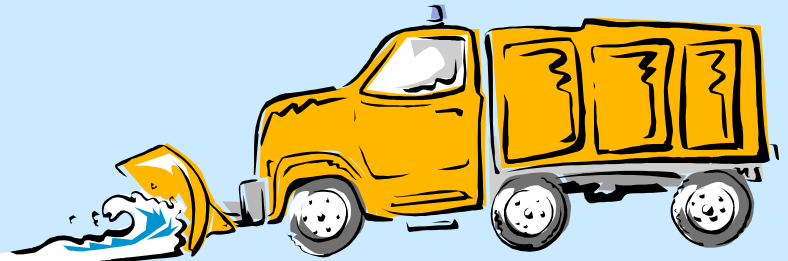
# Let it snow, Let it snow, Let it snow

## WHY IS SNOW ALWAYS LEFT AT THE END OF MY DRIVEWAY?

Unfortunately, this is one of the consequences of owning a home in NW Ohio. Despite popular opinion, crews do not place snow in driveways on purpose. There is no practical way for the snow plow operator to cut off the window of snow when crossing a driveway. This problem is especially acute in cul-de-sacs because this is a very confined space. Cul-de-sacs require that all of the snow that is on the roadway within that confined space be placed along the outside of the circle. The problem is compounded by the fact that each homeowner then must clear their driveway, which places large piles on the corners of the drives.

In a cul-de-sac, it is extremely difficult to have the truck push snow onto a center island. Trucks are not built to be articulated into an angle that would allow placing a portion of the snow on the island, and centrifugal force causes the snow to move off of the plow toward the outside of the circle. The Public Works Department's goal in clearing all streets is to maintain as much of the normal pavement width as possible, while at the same time, allowing acceptable access to the mailboxes by the postal carriers.

One thing you can do to reduce the amount of snow that is plowed in front of your driveway is to place as much of the snow as possible to the right side of your drive, as you face the street. This reduces the chance of snow previously removed from the driveway being pushed back onto your drive. This suggestion, however, may not work in cul-de-sacs that have driveway openings placed close together.



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## **HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS**

*This holiday season, don't let the spirit of giving lull you into giving burglars, muggers, and pickpockets a better chance to do their dirty work. Crooks love the holidays as much as everyone else, but mainly because it's*



### **IF YOU ARE TRAVELING**

- \* Get an automatic timer for your lights.
- \* Ask a neighbor to watch your home, shovel snow & park in the driveway from time to time
- \* Don't forget to have mail & newspaper deliveries stopped.
- \* Fill out a "request for a security check" form at the Waterville Police Department

### **IF YOU ARE OUT FOR THE EVENING**

- Turn on lights and a radio or TV so it looks like someone is home.
- Be extra cautious about locking doors & windows when you leave, even if it is just for a few minutes.
- Don't display gifts where they can be seen from outside.



### **IF YOU ARE SHOPPING**



- ♦ Stay alert & be aware of what's going on around you.
- ♦ Park in a well-lit area & be sure to lock the car & hide shopping bags & gifts.
- ♦ Avoid carrying large amounts of cash; pay with a credit card
- Deter pickpockets & purse snatchers—Don't overburden yourself with packages. Be extra careful with purses & wallets. Carry a purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps. Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants

### **IF A STRANGER COMES TO THE DOOR...BEWARE**



Criminals sometimes pose as couriers delivering gifts & it's not uncommon for people to try to take advantage of other's generosity during the holidays by going door-to-door for charitable donations when there's no charity involved. Ask for identification & find out how the funds will be used. If You aren't satisfied, don't give! Help a charitable organization you know!



## ESTIMATED INCOME TAX DUE

City of Waterville Estimated Tax Payments are due Quarterly. Payments should be sent to the Regional Income Tax Agency (R.I.T.A.) When completing your tax return if you complete the Estimated Tax Section Line #20 on an Individual Tax Return (Form 37) R.I.T.A. will send you quarterly invoices. If you did not fill in the form, or if you were not aware that you were going to be submitting Estimated Payments, you can complete A Declaration of Estimated Tax (Form 32). Every person who anticipates any taxable income (City Ordinance 171.07) must file a declaration of Estimated Taxes if you anti-

QUARTER	ESTIMATED PAYMENT DUE
1ST	APRIL 15
2ND	JUNE 15
3RD	SEPTEMBER 15
4TH	JANUARY 15

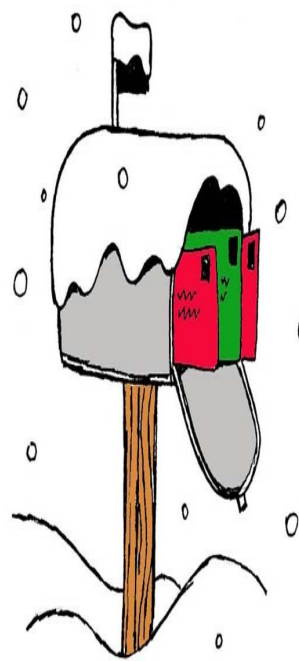
**ATTENTION: Landlords**, don't forget to update any changes in tenant status in the properties that you own in Waterville. You can find the forms on our website [www.waterville.org](http://www.waterville.org) under the Income Tax Link. *Chapter 171.18 Ord. 34-11*

**ATTENTION: All Tenants**, as a tenant in the City of Waterville you are required to pay municipal income tax to the City. If you have not already done so, please contact R.I.T.A. to set up an account. \*

*\*Chapter 171.02 (bb)*



If you need further information please visit the R.I.T.A. website [www.ritaohio.com](http://www.ritaohio.com), or call their toll free phone # 800-860-7482 for assistance.



## Mailbox Check

**Now is the time to check your mailbox to ensure that it will withstand the winter snows!!!**

**The City of Waterville will not repair any mailboxes which are damaged as a result of snow and/or ice or any other object dispersed by the snowplow.**

**It is the homeowners responsibility to maintain their mailbox to withstand the rigors of a winter snow. Mailboxes should not overhang any curb nor pavement surfaces used as part of the travel lanes. The City will only replace or repair mailboxes that are actually hit by the snowplow, but will not repair mailboxes which overhang the curb or edge of pavement.**

## MED RETURN DRUG COLLECTION UNIT



THE MED RETURN BOX IS LOCATED IN THE REAR ENTRANCE OF TOWNHALL. IT IS AVAILABLE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS

8:00 AM – 4:30 PM MON-FRI.

ANYONE MAY DEPOSIT UNUSED PRESCRIPTION AND OTC MEDICATIONS IN THE BOX. THE MED RETURN BOX WILL NOT ACCEPT PILL BOTTLES OR PACKAGING. SO RESIDENTS WILL NEED TO EMPTY THE PILLS INTO THE DROP CHUTE, THEN DISPOSE OF THE CONTAINERS THEMSELVES.

LIQUIDS AND CREAMS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.



## Slow Walk Season is Here

Most areas are starting to feel the full force of winter's cold temperatures, combined with ice and snow and all the dangers that these conditions bring with them. Please remember to take special precautions when walking and driving. Slips, trips and falls are some of the leading causes of injuries at work & home. Many people are seriously injured each year from slips, trips and falls. *Please take extra precautions when: Walking on snow & ice. Make sure your foot wear has good soles. Entering & exiting vehicles are also a major cause of serious injury. Take the time to insure firm footing when entering and exiting a vehicle. Be cautious when first going outside from a warm building or vehicle. Warm shoe soles and ice can be a real head ache....or back ache :-)* Winter driving & walking presents many challenges, but we can all make it through winter safely by taking a few extra precautions.

# HANDY TIPS FROM THE WATER DEPARTMENT



## DID YOU KNOW?

The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is 70 gallons per person per day!!!!



## Water Saving Tips

### H2o 101

Did you know there are plenty of simple ways to minimize your water usage and water bill?



#### TIP 02 Faucet Aerators

Did you know household sinks account for nearly 50% of water usage at home? By replacing your faucet, you can save up to 2 gallons a minute

#### TIP 04 Check for Leaks!

A leaky faucet or old washer can cost you up to 25 gallons of water a day.

#### TIP 05 Take Shorter Showers!

A four minute shower can use up to 40 gallons of water



#### TIP 01 Showerheads

Replacing your showerhead could save you 2 gallons per minute!

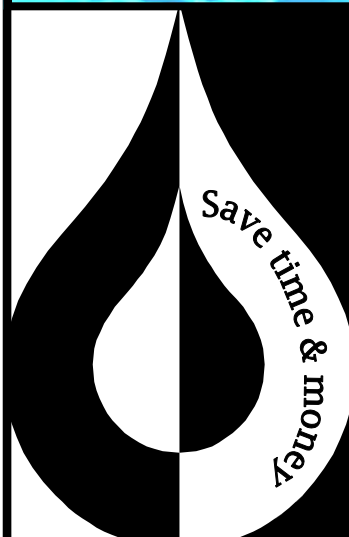


#### TIP 03 Toilets



Did you know that changing your home toilet to a low-tank model can save you 2 gallons a flush? That's 14,000 gallons of water a year!

**Make sure that you read the "Customer Message" section on your monthly water bill for important information and upcoming events!**



Have your monthly water bill deducted directly from your checking or savings account! Sign-up form is now available on the back of monthly water bill, at Townhall or on the City's website

Contact the  
Water Department  
at **419.878.8101**  
for more information

## Please don't wait!! UPDATE



### YOUR HOME PHONE OR CELL PHONE

Accurate contact information allows the Water Department to contact you if there is any issue with your water service or your consumption. If you have recently cancelled your landline phone and are now only using your cell phone or changed your home phone number.....please call the city of Waterville Water Department at **(419) 878-8101** and update this information.





# WATERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**"FLASH POINTS"**

## Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide is a product of the combustion, or burning, of fossil fuels such as natural gas, propane, wood-burning stoves, or internal combustion engines – such as an automobile. You cannot see, smell or taste carbon monoxide – it is a deadly, poisonous gas that leads to injury and deaths each year across the country. Carbon monoxide, the gas that is a little heavier than the air we breathe, can cause you to become sick, or can be fatal, within a short time period, depending upon different factors.

Young children and older adults (especially with a history of chronic illnesses) are more susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning than young adults. Carbon monoxide however, does not discriminate – it can be fatal to humans and animals.

Carbon monoxide is given off in various ways within homes. Fireplaces not vented properly, or forced air furnaces with old or damaged heat exchangers or flues, natural or propane gas kitchen stoves that are old or not maintained, water heaters that have plugged flues or are not maintained properly. If not installed or maintained properly, these heat-producing appliances have the habit of giving off this deadly gas named carbon monoxide. In addition, people that run their cars or other vehicles with internal combustion engines inside their closed garage doors are in danger of being asphyxiated with the gas.

If you start to have symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning, such as a headache, excessive drowsiness for no explanation, nausea and or vomiting (flu-like symptoms), contact the Waterville Fire Department – by calling 911 - for immediate assistance.

So basically: have your home's furnace maintained by a licensed heating contractor; your wood-burning fireplace examined by a professional chimney sweep; and have problems with such appliances as water heaters or other natural gas fueled appliances serviced or repaired by professionals – such as licensed plumbers. Another important device that will add to your safety is a carbon monoxide detector, which can be available at local home improvement stores. These devices need to be installed in the correct location(s) in your home – so follow the manufacturer's directions or contact the fire department or your gas com-

## "HELP YOURSELF TO HEALTH"

Many times throughout the year, your fire department is called out to residences for medical emergencies that could possibly have been avoided. What is evident to us when we arrive may times to these types of incidents are a cornucopia of things people didn't do correctly; such as following the proper or safe steps to completing a household task, were in too big a hurry, didn't have the right tools or equipment, or were performing the task in bad weather. Hopefully, we can spotlight some of the problems we see, and develop methods or ideas to help reduce the need to call the fire department in an emergency. **However, if you do have to contact the fire or police department, please don't hesitate and CALL 911.**

In this winter edition, we are looking at:

- Obtaining flu shots
- Snow shoveling and,
- Hanging holiday lights or displays

The vote is still out on whether flu shots are for everyone. Many persons obtain flu shots every year, before the flu season hits us. Other individuals may go on for long periods of time, and never or rarely get the flu... but then there are those persons who didn't get a flu shot and catch it each year! In all, it's a personal decision to have a flu vaccination. Check with your family physician as to the best route for you to go. Our department responds to "ill person" calls frequently each winter season, an probably 25% of the time, the person has the flu. Responses to ill person calls that turn out to be flu cases increases the risk of our first responders catching the flu while administering to your illness. We protect ourselves on these types of runs with the use of simple surgical masks to keep us from inhaling germs.

If you do come down with the flu or a respiratory illness we recommend that you use the same type mask, just *as a precaution from spreading the germs to others in your family or friends*. Wash your hands frequently to avoid spreading germs, and cover your mouth and nose if you're going to cough or sneeze.

Shoveling Snow...this can be a daunting task for elder persons. To prevent having health problems from over-exerting, you should have younger persons shovel your snow. Persons have been known to become short of breath, get chest pain, and cardiac problems while trying to move snow. Avoid the exertion!

Holiday lights are a beautiful thing to observe during the winter season, however, hanging holiday decorations can be dangerous if not done safely. Use a safe, sturdy ladder to work from if you are ascending up off the ground. When hanging lights, use caution when around electrical systems, and always use the proper water-proof/outdoor lights and extension cords. Avoid going onto the roof, as they can have unseen ice, or even just water laying that you may slip on causing a fall.

Above all, ask for help from other family members, neighbors, or relatives to get your winter season tasks done.



# WATERVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

**"FLASH POINTS"**

## Fire Hydrants & Snow Falls!

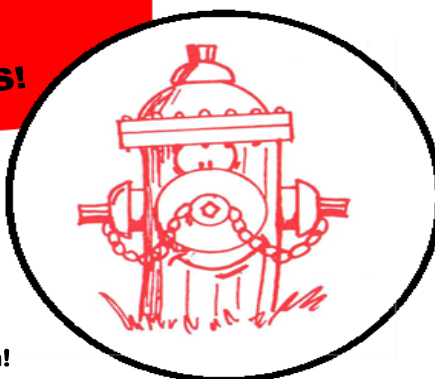
An important part of the City's water system in the fire hydrants. Most of the fire hydrants throughout the city are city-owned and maintained; others on the outskirts of town or into Waterville Township are owned and maintained by Lucas County government. Fire hydrants are an important piece of the fire department's fight against fire. Fire apparatus on the average only carry about 700 gallons of water, and for some "working fires" would be used up in a matter of minutes. Thus, it is important for fire-fighters to be able to locate and have full access to fire hydrants. This is where you fit in!

You can assist the fire department in the winter months by keeping a fire hydrant in front of your home clear of snow, especially large accumulations that can pile up around hydrants located closer to street curbs than others. If you can, please shovel snow away from hydrants by at least 3 feet in all directions. It takes firefighters time and effort to clear accumulations of snow and be able to connect fire hoses. In addition, some fire hydrants are lower to the ground than others, and are difficult to see if covered with snow. The fire department staff has been working on applying markers or flags to certain hydrants that appear to be in this type of situation. However, not all hydrants receive markers or flags for visibility. By helping the department with removal of snow around hydrants, you are part of an important team that keeps Waterville safe.

### The City of Waterville **ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT PROGRAM AFTER IT SNOWS!**

**Claim responsibility for shoveling  
out a fire hydrant after it snows.  
This will ensure that they are  
visible in case of an emergency!**

**Call the Municipal Bldg. at  
419-878-8100 for more information!**



**NO MATTER  
HOW LONG  
WINTER IS  
SPRING IS  
SURE TO  
FOLLOW**



## ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT IN THE SPRING

When the snow melts away from the fire hydrant in the Spring consider "adopting" a fire hydrant in your front yard during the warm weather months by regularly clearing vegetation and painting it, if necessary, with paint and supplies provided by the City! If interested, contact the City offices at (419) 878-8100 or go to [towhall@waterville.org](mailto:towhall@waterville.org) for more details.

# Waterville Recycling & Waste Service Guide

## Waste Collection Guidelines

- If you have any questions regarding the handling or acceptability of an item, please contact Republic Services at 800.234.3429 or the City Office at 419.878.8100.
- Households may purchase extra bag tags at the **Municipal Office at 25 N. Second St. Hours are 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.**
- Large, bulky items, such as furniture and appliances, are collected the same day as regular trash. *\*Residents must purchase a bulk item sticker for each item. Large item tags are available at the Municipal office.*
- Appliances: Residents are responsible for the removal of all Freon® refrigerants from applicable appliances prior to collection by the contractor. A **certification label must be affixed to the appliance. This requirement is mandatory by federal law.**
- **Bi-Annual Unlimited Collections: The City of Waterville** will have a one-day unlimited cleanup twice per year for residents to dispose of unwanted items. Collections will be curbside and items will not require tags. Residents **will be notified on the website and electronic sign prior** to the collection of the exact date and time.

All waste will be collected on Mondays. All recyclables will be collected every other week on the same day as waste collection.

## Recycling Collection Guidelines

Residential curbside recycling is provided through the City's contract with Republic Services.

Recycling will be picked up every other week from your Republic Services provided cart. Please refer to the recycling calendar and map for details on collection weeks.

- Recyclables do not need to be sorted.
- Place your recycling cart at the curb away from your waste cart.

**The City of Waterville has one of Lucas County's recycling drop-off stations. The Lucas County station is located at the Waterville Kroger at 8730 Waterville-Swanton Road, and is free and open to all residents 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.**



### Acceptable Materials



Glossy magazines & bundled newspaper



Steel (tin) cans & aluminum beverage cans



#1 & #2 frosted plastic milk jugs & bottles



Liter plastic bottles & #1 & #2 plastic bottles



Clear, brown, & green glass bottles & jars

### Unacceptable Materials

Food waste  
Yard waste  
Ceramics or dishes  
Plastic grocery bags  
Motor oil containers  
Electronics

Clothing  
Polystyrene foam  
Light bulbs  
Window glass or mirrors  
Hazardous waste containers  
Construction waste



We'll handle it from here.

## Waste Guidelines

### Not Acceptable for Waste:

- Dirt, sod, rocks or paving stones
- Heavy construction debris such as shingles, brick or concrete
- **Hot ashes, coals, solvents or flammable materials**
- Liquids, including paint
- Hazardous wastes such as oils, poisons, corrosives, batteries, etc.
- Heavy items including carpet, furniture or auto parts
- Electronics

## Automated Service Guidelines

1. Place carts curbside by 7 a.m.
2. Please contain all waste within the cart. Extra material will require an extra bag tag. Extra bag tags can be purchased at the Municipal office.
3. Face the cart toward the street (wheels away from the street).
4. Position the cart within two feet of the curb.
5. Avoid placing the cart near parked cars, mailboxes or other objects.

Carts are property of Republic Services® and contain a serial number that coincides with your residence. **DO NOT remove carts. If you plan to move or if your cart is damaged, call Republic Services.**

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## Recycling Guidelines

### Recycling:

- **Newspaper, inserts & junk mail**
- Magazines, catalogs & envelopes
- Paperback books & phone books
- Cardboard & clean pizza boxes
- **Office & school papers, box board (cereal, cake & cracker boxes)**
- Paper egg cartons
- Aluminum cans & clean foil
- **Tin & steel aerosol cans (empty)**
- Glass jars & bottles (empty)
- All plastic containers labeled 1 through 7

Prepare your recycling properly; please remember all containers should be **empty, clean and dry**. All of the items listed can be mixed together and placed in your cart; no sorting needed!



## Do NOT recycle:

- Plastic bags
- Feed waste
- Food-tainted items
- Polystyrene cups or plates
- Motor oil bottles
- Plastic toys or sporting goods
- Electronics
- Compact discs or DVDs
- Foam egg cartons
- Ice cream cartons
- Light bulbs
- Hangers
- Yard waste or garden tools



**Please Do NOT place these items in your recycling cart. Instead, utilize your waste cart for these items.**





# City of Waterville Recycle Calendar

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= Collection Days = Recognized Holiday - Collection Service May Be Delayed By 1 Day

**A WEEK = AREA A COLLECTION DAY**

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\*Recycling is collected every other week as listed above on your designated collection day. Refer to your collection area map to determine which area you live in.

\*Collection will be delayed by one day for all collections that fall on or after a holiday as listed above.



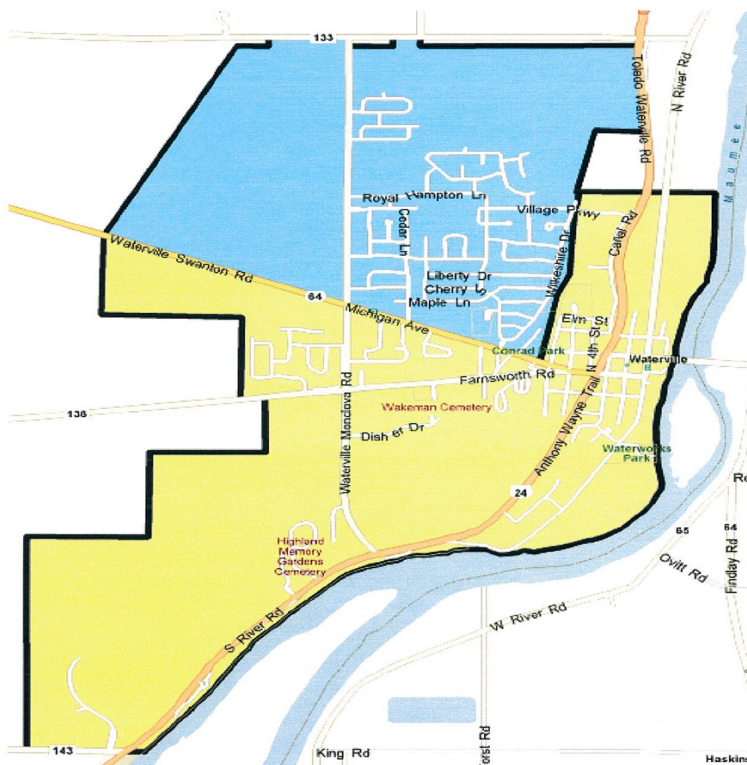
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## City of Waterville Every Other Week Recycling Collection Area Map



### Collection Areas

- Area A
- Area B

Check the Recycling Calendar for collection dates for each specific area

Recycling is collected every other week on your designated collection week and on the same day as your trash. See the Recycling Calendar for your designated collection dates.



# Waterville Police Department



## Snow Emergency Levels in the City of Waterville, Lucas County Ohio

### Level I

A Level I Snow Emergency is for all roads and streets in Lucas County, including state, county and township roads and all city streets. This means that roadways are hazardous with blowing and drifting snow. Roads are also icy. Drive very cautiously.

### Level II

A Level II Snow Emergency is for all roads and streets in Lucas County, including state, county and township roads and all city streets. This means that only people with a real and important need to be out on the roads and streets should do so.

All persons, including news media reporters, support and production personnel and all health care and other emergency personnel should contact their employers to determine whether they are to report to work during the snow emergency. All public safety employees must report as scheduled.

### Level III

A Level III Snow Emergency is for all roads and streets in Lucas County, including state, county and township roads and all city streets. This declaration does not apply to traffic on the Ohio Turnpike but does apply to all other roads and streets in Lucas County.

This means that no person may drive on the roads and streets of Lucas County except for on-duty operators of public safety vehicles or those otherwise responding to an emergency; essential news media personnel, including reporters, support and production employees; health care and other emergency personnel; and essential employees of critical infrastructure facilities. All others traveling on the roadways might be subject to arrest. All public safety employees must report to work as scheduled.

**Keeping our Community Safe!**

# Waterville Police Department



**If you would like to speak to a Waterville Police Officer concerning the following issues:**

- Down Wires
- Water Line Breaks/Sewage Back-Ups
- Loose/Found Dogs
- Vehicle Lockouts
- Downed Trees
- Animals Left in Hot Cars
- Towed Vehicle Questions
- Solicitor Complaints
- Citizen Questions/Return Calls to Citizens
- Wildlife Complaints
- Found Property
- Private Property Accidents
- Loss of Power/Electricity
- Traffic Flow Problems

**Call the New Non-Emergency Phone  
Number at 419-255-8443**