

## 2017 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2017, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

### Water Rate -



Increased from \$6.08 to **\$6.37** / 1,000 gals

### Sewer Rate -



Increased from \$6.79 to **\$7.03** / 1,000 gals

The increased rates will result in a minimum quarterly utility bill of:

\$120.60 Water & Sewer

+ \$ 1.59 MN Service Connection Fee

+ \$ 6.00 Stormwater Utility Fee

**\$128.19** Total Minimum Quarterly Bill

(A minimum bill includes up to 9,000 gals of usage)

## Brush Pick-Up Dates

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be April 24 - 28, May 22 - 26, and June 26 - 30. Place your brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and our city Public Works employees will remove the brush. They will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions.

## Splash Pad Opening Date

The Splash Pad at Rivers Edge Park is scheduled to open Memorial Day Weekend. Please check the city website to confirm the opening date.

## We are now on Facebook!



Stay up-to-date on what's happening in Waite Park!

We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofWaiteParkMinnesota>

You can also go to our city website and click on the Facebook link just to the right of our logo.

## Now Hiring

### **Seasonal Public Works Employees**

The Public Works Department is currently accepting applications for Full-time Summer Seasonal Workers. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. This position will be for no longer than six consecutive months. Starting rate of pay is \$11.00 per hour. Applications will be accepted until April 28, 2017, or until positions are filled.

Applications are available online at [www.ci.waitepark.mn.us](http://www.ci.waitepark.mn.us) or at City Hall.

## Building Permit Reminder

Building Permits are not only required for new construction, but also for reroofing, replacing windows, siding, decks, fences, and remodeling.

Building Permit Applications can be found on the website at: [www.ci.waitepark.mn.us](http://www.ci.waitepark.mn.us) or at city hall or by contacting the Building Department at (320)656-8936.



## Property Maintenance Reminder

The City Code prohibits storage of rubbish items outside including trash, furniture, appliances, old machinery, motor vehicle parts and tires, unused building materials, yard waste, and other unsightly items. Take advantage of the Special Large Item Pick-Up on May 6<sup>th</sup> to dispose of these items.



Please be good neighbors and keep yards clean and be sure to clear your yard of any animal wastes. Help us keep Waite Park looking great this spring!

## Flowers for Waite Park

Volunteers meet the first Tuesday of each month at the Pavilion at Community Park. You are always welcome to join them!

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact Lorraine at 320-529-8640.

## Yard Waste Site is Now Open

The yard waste site opened on March 15 and is available at the following times 7 days a week:

Now until May 31:	6:30 AM-8:00 PM
Jun 1 - Jul 31:	6:00 AM-9:00 PM
Aug 1 - Aug 31:	6:00 AM-8:00 PM
Sep 1 - Sep 30:	7:00 AM-8:00 PM
Oct 1 - Oct 31:	8:00 AM-6:00 PM
Nov 1 until Closing:	7:00 AM-5:00 PM

Key cards issued in previous years will need to be renewed at city hall for \$5.00 to gain access to the yard waste site during the current year.

New permits and keycards are available at city hall for the purchase price of \$10.00.

Full details are available on the website.



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## Special Large Item Pick-up

The next Special Large Item Pick-up is :  
**Saturday, May 6, 2017**  
beginning at 7:00 a.m.

This service is for Waite Park residents ONLY. Apartment tenants, businesses and members who do not receive city-provided refuse service are not entitled to this special pick-up.

### Items Accepted

Electronic equipment  
(including TVs and Computers)  
Appliances

(No more than one of each type per property)

Furniture

Carpet

Minimal Demolition Materials

Yard Waste—**only if in compostable bags**

- **Compostable plastic bags showing this logo**



Or

- **Kraft Paper (eco) Bags**



## What is Acceptable Yard Waste?

Acceptable yard waste is considered to only be **grass clippings, leaves and garden waste.**



Tree branches and brush from trees or hedges are **not** considered yard waste for the Large Item Pick-up. You need to place these items out for Brush Pick-up or bring them to the city Yard Waste Site.

### Items Not Accepted

Tires

Any Liquids

(Including: Cooking Oils, Motor Oil, Fuel, Antifreeze, Paints, Stains and Varnish)

Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Car Batteries

Button Batteries or Rechargeable Batteries

Full or Partially Full Aerosol Cans

Construction Materials

Concrete

Please go to the Stearns County website to find where these hazardous materials are accepted:

[www.co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/](http://www.co.stearns.mn.us/Environment/)

[RecyclingandWasteDisposal/](#)

[DisposingofHouseholdHazardousWaste](#)

The Stearns County Household Hazardous Waste Facility is open west of Mills Fleet Farm.

Take Co Rd 138 to 34th Ave S to:

3601 5th St S, Waite Park Phone: (320)255-6140

Hours: Mon 8-5; Tues-Fri 8-4:30;

and the third Sat of each month 8-Noon

## Tornado Safety Information

### What To Do During a Tornado Event

#### In a House With a Basement

Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Know where very heavy objects rest on the floor above (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) and do not go under them. They may fall down through a weakened floor and crush you.



#### In a House With No Basement

Avoid windows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection. Even in an interior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding (mattress, blankets, etc.), to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail.

#### In a Car or Truck

Vehicles are extremely dangerous in a tornado. If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive away from its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes. Get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars (which may roll over on you). Lie flat and face-down, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can accelerate the wind while offering little protection against flying debris.

## YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The Saint Cloud Area Planning Organization Needs YOUR HELP!

We Want YOU to Help Us Define the Vision For What Transportation Should Look Like in the Future!

We are updating the Regional Long-Range

Transportation Plan For: Saint Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, Saint Augusta, Saint Joseph

You are invited to attend one of our public open house events, or provide your thoughts to us on our on-line survey.



For More Information: Call 320.252.7568 or visit:

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