

## Special Large Item Pick-up

The next Special Large Item Pick-up is :  
Saturday, October 22, 2015

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

and

Yard Waste—only if in Compostable Bags

- **Compostable plastic bags showing this logo**



Or

- **Kraft Paper (eco) Bags**



## What is Acceptable Yard Waste for the Large Item Pick-up?

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/  
RecyclingandWasteDisposal/  
DisposingofHouseholdHazardousWaste](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

## Lawn Irrigation Tips

### Length of grass

Keep grass at 3.5 inches in height to encourage deeper roots, shade the ground and retain more water. Aerate your lawn to help water infiltration.

### How much water is needed

Established lawns require only one inch of water per week, including rainfall. Overwatering is detrimental to the lawn, as it encourages shallow, weak roots, as well as fungal diseases. Place empty tuna cans around your yard to determine how much water your system puts out in a typical watering cycle. Adjust the time for each watering cycle to avoid excessive and wasteful watering.

### How often should I water

Infrequent, but deep watering cycles are best. Letting the upper layer of soil dry out between watering will help prevent weeds from sprouting and lead to a healthier lawn.

### Best time to water

Water in the early morning between 4:00 and 8:00 a.m. Afternoon evaporation requires more water to get the same amount of water into the soil. Early evening and night watering should be avoided. The lawn may remain wet longer, promoting lawn diseases and fungus.

### More important tips

At least once a month, observe your sprinklers while the system is running. Redirect your sprinkler heads to make sure that the sprinklers are not spraying into the street or on your driveway.

Finally, If it is raining, turn off your sprinkler system!

## Alley Trimming

Just a reminder that residents are responsible for trimming the trees and bushes on their property along the alley ways so that they are not protruding into the alley and/or obstructing the vision of drivers.

Please be a good neighbor and keep them tidy!



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## Night to Unite

Night to Unite (NTU) will be held on Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. NTU is a nation-wide effort to promote crime prevention and police-community partnerships. It is always held on the first Tuesday in August. Would you be interested in hosting a NTU event? NTU events can be simple or elaborate.

Three Simple Steps to Host a NTU event in your neighborhood:

1. Invite some neighbors, especially the ones you haven't already met!
2. Plan for food, from ice cream cones to a potluck, food always brings people!
3. Register your party with the police department by Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>. If you register your event, the Police & Fire Departments will show up at your party, and you will also receive a free party planning kit full of supplies to host a successful event! Registration forms can be picked up at the Police Department or can be found on the City website. If you would like a registration form mailed to you, contact Alicia at (320) 251-7393.



## Citizens Police Academy

Experience first-hand many areas of police training!  
Use of Force, Patrol, Firearms, Vehicle Stops, Crime Scenes, Specialized Units and much more!

Apply by August 15th!

Classes are at the St. Cloud Police Department on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. starting September 8th through October 27th.

Applications are available online or at the Waite Park Police Department.

Participating Police Agencies: Waite Park, St Cloud, St Joseph, Sartell and Sauk Rapids

## Senior Cookout

The 6th Annual Waite Park Seniors and Law Enforcement Cookout will be held on Wednesday, August 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m. at the Community Park Pavilion north of City Hall at 151 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue North. Join your local Police Officers as they serve you a free lunch! There will be a few short presentations to discuss concerns or programs affecting our senior population.

Since the meal is provided free of charge, it is restricted to only Waite Park residents age 55 or better.

RSVP by calling (320) 251-7393 and provide your name, phone number and the number of people planning to attend.

## Flowers for Waite Park

The Flowers for Waite Park volunteers would like to invite you to join them! They meet the first Tuesday of each month at 4:30 p.m. at the small covered pavilion near the north City Hall parking lot. If you enjoy gardening, don't miss the next meeting on August 2nd!

## Brush Pick-up

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be: Jul 25 - 29, Aug 22 - 26, and Sep 26 - 30. Place your tree branches and brush from bushes/hedges near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and 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. Please keep in mind, this is not a tree removal service. Large volumes of branches, or large tree limbs and tree trunks will not be picked up.

## Flushable Wipes

The disposable wipes you use for personal care, changing diapers, cleaning your home, or wet mopping may be labeled "flushable." It's true, they will usually go down your toilet when flushed, but unlike toilet paper, they don't break down.

Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe, causing sewer backups in your home's pipes, or the city sewer pipes, creating expensive and messy problems.

Wipes can also get drawn into wastewater treatment plant pumps and clog and damage them, which can be very costly!

If you must use wipes, put them in the trash!

## Cooking Grease and Oils

NEVER pour cooking grease or oil down the drain! We have recently had incidents in the city where the sewer pipes were clogged with fat. Cooking oil must be collected in a sealable container and disposed of at the Stearns County Household Hazardous Waste Site. For small amounts of grease that cannot be poured into a container, use a paper towel to wipe the pan and dispose of the towel in your garbage.

## Grass Clippings & Stormwater

With the rain that we recently received, many of us have had to mow our lawns more often. These heavy rains can also contribute to grass clippings ending up in storm water runoff. Grass clippings that are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain. When lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes, are picked up by storm water runoff, they are carried directly to our local streams and lakes. All of these materials, including grass clippings, contain phosphorus. According to the U.S. EPA, phosphorus is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff and it is considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes, ponds and streams.

Grass clippings contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae and aquatic weeds in the waterways. Increased algae growth is observed as green algae blooms or "scums" on lakes and ponds. Too much algae is harmful to a lake system. It blocks sunlight and prevents other plants from growing. When it dies and decays, it also takes much needed oxygen away from fish. Limiting phosphorus reduces algae blooms.

When mowing your yard, make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street. When mowing, make the first few passes with the lawnmower blowing the grass clippings into the lawn, not the street. If there are grass clippings on the street or sidewalk, use a broom or leaf blower to blow them back into the lawn. Do not use a hose to wash them into the street or storm drains. Keeping your leaves and lawn clippings out of the streets and gutters will have significant benefits for your local lake or stream. You can reduce the amount of phosphorus entering a lake or stream.