

Special Large Item Pick-up

The next Special Large Item Pick-up is :
Saturday, October 13, 2018
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

Brush Pick-up

The Brush Pick-Up dates for the next three months will be: Jul 23 - 27, Aug 27 - 31, and Sep 24 - 28. Place your branches and brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of these weeks and city 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.

Recreational Fires

Burning Permits are NOT required for recreational fires defined as “An outdoor fire burning materials other than rubbish where the fuel being burned is not contained in an incinerator, outdoor fireplace, portable outdoor fireplace, BBQ grill or BBQ pit and has a total fuel area of three feet or less in diameter and two feet or less in height for pleasure, religious, ceremonial, cooking, warmth or similar purposes.”

- ◆ Burn materials are limited to dry, clean wood.
- ◆ Prohibited burn materials are: oils, rubber, plastics, treated, painted, stained or varnished wood, garbage, or construction waste.
- ◆ Recreational fires cannot be left unattended until the fire is completely extinguished.
- ◆ Extinguishing equipment must be on-site: a fire extinguisher w/a minimum 4-A rating, or dirt, sand, water barrel, garden hose, or water truck.

Recreational fires must be located a minimum of twenty-five feet from buildings or other combustible structures or materials.

Portable Outdoor Fireplaces, which are screened in, need to be located a minimum of fifteen feet from buildings or other combustible structures or materials.



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Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning July 1, 2018, the water and sewer utility rate structure has changed.

The DNR regulates our water usage and they have demanded that public water suppliers institute water conservation methods. One of the approved conservation methods is to have a tiered rate structure. The more water you use, the more you may pay per gallon. Our previous method of charging a minimum 9,000 gallons per quarter, did not promote conservation. It also was not fair to the utility customer who used under 9,000 gallons per quarter. The new rate structure meets the demands of the DNR and is a much fairer means to calculate charges for those who conserve water. The new rate structure is as follows:

Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$42.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 1.96 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 6.62 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 6.79 / 1,000 gals

Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$48.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 1.91 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 7.55 / 1,000 gals

- + \$ 1.59 MN Service Connection Fee
- + \$ 6.00 Stormwater Utility Fee

With this new utility rate structure, customers who use less than 9,000 gallons per quarter will see a reduction in their quarterly bill. Those utility customers who use more than 9,000 gallons will see a slight increase to their quarterly utility bill, especially those in the top water tier.

Single-family homes or rented single-family homes will continue to be eligible for the sewer winter consumption averaging - where each quarter's sewer usage shall be based on and equal to the lesser of the current year's first quarter water usage, or the current quarter's water usage.

The new rate structure is not applicable to the enclosed utility bill. It will be effective with the bill issued in October, for usage during July, August and September 2018.

Conservation Tips

Here are some useful tips on how you can conserve water:

- Repair leaky faucets, indoors and out.
- Use the dishwasher, instead of washing dishes by hand, and then only run the dishwasher when it is full.
- Take short showers instead of baths.
- Turn off the water when brushing your teeth and when shaving.
- Repair leaky toilets! We have FREE dye tablets available at city hall for you to check your toilets for leaks. Drop one tablet in the toilet tank. If colored water appears in the toilet bowl within 30 minutes, your toilet is leaking.
- Run only full loads of laundry.
- Update old toilets, showerheads, dishwashers and washing machines.

Night to Unite

Night to Unite (NTU) will be held on Tuesday, August 7th. 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 Friday, July 27th. 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 have any questions, 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 6th!

Classes are held at various departments and locations throughout the academy on Thursday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

September 6th - October 25th.

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

Participating Police Agencies:

Waite Park, St Cloud, St Joseph, Sartell, Sauk Rapids

Senior Cookout

The 8th Annual Waite Park Seniors and Law Enforcement Cookout will be held on Wednesday, August 1st at 11:00 a.m. at the Community Park Pavilion north of City Hall at 151 13th 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 on the city website or by calling (320) 251-7393 and provide your name, phone number and the number of people planning to attend.

Flowers for Waite Park

Volunteers meet the last Thursday of each month at the old Public Works Facility at 602 3rd St S. You are always welcome to join them!

Contact Lorraine at 320-529-8640 if you would like to volunteer or want more information.