

2023 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2023, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 46.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.36 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.05 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.35 / 1,000 gals

Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 50.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.15 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 7.94 / 1,000 gals

- + \$ 2.43 MN Service Connection Fee
- + \$ 7.00 Stormwater Utility Fee
- + \$ 0.75 Wellhead Protection Fee

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 rates do not apply to the current bill, which is for usage during October, November and December of 2022. The new rates will be applicable on the bill issued in April, for usage during January, February and March 2023.

Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any city street beginning November 1st to April 1st.



This allows the snowplows the ability to plow the entire street, curb to curb, without any obstacles.

Parking is never allowed in alleys or on boulevards.

Any vehicle parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed.

Sidewalk Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice by noon of each day. If the owner fails to do so, the City will remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service.

It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.

Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your sidewalks of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

Vehicle Theft

During the months of November and December, the Waite Park Police Department generally receives more reports of items being taken from vehicles and vehicle theft.



- ◆ Always lock your vehicle and double check it is locked.
- ◆ Do not leave valuables inside your vehicle.
- ◆ Keep valuables with you, leave them at home/work, or lock them in a trunk when possible.
- ◆ If you see someone acting suspiciously near vehicles and/or checking door handles, report it to police immediately.
- ◆ Obtain a description or a photo of the suspicious person, if you can do so safely.
- ◆ Lock your vehicle if you start it to warm up, even in your own driveway.
- ◆ Record the serial numbers of property, especially electronics.

Now Hiring

Paid On-Response Firefighters

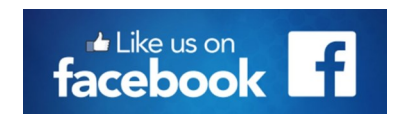
The Waite Park Fire Department is severely understaffed and are accepting applications for several Paid On-Response Firefighter positions.

No experience is necessary. All training will be provided.

Applications are available online at www.ci.waitepark.mn.us or at City Hall.



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(320)252-6822

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Yard Waste Site Permit & Keycard Renewals

If you already have purchased a permit for the City Yard Waste Site and have a keycard, you may renew your card now at City Hall for \$10.00.

If you do not already have a card for the yard waste site, you may purchase them at City Hall for \$20.00.

Be sure to have the Year, Make & Model and the License Plate Number of your vehicle(s) you will be using when you come in to either renew or obtain your key card.

When the site opens in the Spring, you will be ready to go! Watch for the opening date on our website, on channel 181, and on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Planning Commission Opening

The Planning Commission is a 5-member advisory board that makes recommendations to the City Council on planning and development in the City of Waite Park. We currently have one position open on the board that needs to be filled.

The board meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Members must reside within the city of Waite Park and are appointed to a 3-year term. They are paid on a quarterly basis.

If you have any interest in applying, please visit our website: www.ci.waitepark.mn.us

Snowbirds



Are you a Snowbird heading south for the winter?

Please call City Hall at 252-6822 so we are not paying for garbage/recycling service that is not being used. We can suspend your garbage/recycling service while you're gone. It can be reinstated immediately upon your return—just let us know when you are back.

Animal License Renewal

All dogs and cats owned or harbored within the City of Waite Park must be licensed with the City.



The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2023 are available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

Current rabies vaccination records must be presented at the time of purchase.

License renewals are due no later than Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

Each licensed cat or dog is required to wear the issued license tag on a collar. Please remember, it is unlawful for animals to be permitted to run at large.

PFAS Update

The end of September 2022, the City of Waite Park announced that forever chemicals, known as PFAS, were detected in our municipal drinking water supply wells.

Since then, the MN Dept of Health has continued to test and monitor the level of PFAS in our wells. The test results continue to indicate the level of PFAS has remained just slightly above the Health Risk Index (HRI) of 1.0, as determined by MDH.

The MN Pollution Control Agency has an active and on-going investigation to determine the source of the PFAS contamination. An announcement will be made when/if the source is identified.

The City is continuing to work with the MN Dept of Health to determine the most highly efficient and cost-effective update to our water treatment facility to remove, or reduce the level of PFAS in the water.

Until the water treatment plant is updated, you can do the following to treat your drinking water at home:

- ◆ Install a reverse osmosis system
- ◆ Purchase a faucet mounted granular activated carbon filter
- ◆ Drink bottled water

More information can be found here:

health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/hazardous/topics/pfashometreat.html

pca.state.mn.us/pollutants-and-contaminants/pfas

Garbage & Recycling Cart Placement for Pickup

West Central Sanitation's trucks use a mechanical arm to pick up and empty your garbage and recycling carts.

It is necessary that you leave space of **AT LEAST THREE FEET AROUND & BETWEEN YOUR CARTS**



DO NOT BLOCK any travel lanes, including: streets, alleys and sidewalks.

Always place your carts with the handles and wheels facing towards your house with the lids opening towards the street.

All your garbage and recycling wastes must fit in the carts and the lids must close. Remember to recycle as much as you can!

IF THERE IS NO SIDEWALK:

Place carts at the end of your driveway.

BOULEVARD WITH GRASSY AREA BETWEEN SIDEWALK & CURB:

Place carts on the grassy area, close to the curb.

SIDEWALK IS BORDERED BY THE CURB:

Place carts on your property as close to the sidewalk as possible.

DO NOT PLACE YOUR CARTS ON THE SIDEWALK or STREET or ALLEY.