

2022 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2022, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:

Water



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 45.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.33 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.02 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.30 / 1,000 gals

Sewer



Service Fee/Quarter:	\$ 48.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.12 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 7.88 / 1,000 gals
+ \$ 2.43 MN Service Connection Fee	
+ \$ 6.75 Stormwater Utility 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 2021. The new rates will be applicable on the bill issued in April, for usage during January, February and March 2022.

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 Thefts Increasing

During the months of November and December, the Waite Park Police Department has been taking numerous reports of items being taken from vehicles. Most people are admitting that they don't lock their vehicle. Some people are stating their vehicle was locked; however, we are not finding any damage to the vehicle to indicate a forced entry into the vehicle. The items taken from vehicles include cash, checks, wallets, backpacks, laptops, iPads, and guns. The thefts are happening at all times of the day, many of them during the daylight hours.

**PROTECT YOUR CAR
FROM 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.



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Waite Park Library New Hours

The library is opening two hours earlier on Thursdays. If you need to contact the library, they can be reached at (320) 253-9359.

Monday	12 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10 - 1 p.m.
Wednesday	12 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	10 - 7 p.m.
Friday	12 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 - 1 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

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 - rate increased for 2022.

If you don't already have a card for the yard waste site, you may purchase them at City Hall for \$20.00 - rate increased for 2022.

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.

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're 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 2022 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 Tuesday, February 15, 2022. 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.

Refuse/Recycling Calendars

The Refuse and Recycling Calendar is enclosed! Put it in a safe place so you can refer to it throughout the year! Taped inside a kitchen cabinet door would be a great place to keep it handy!

Picture Puzzle:



Answer:

Stop throwing away your Refuse/Recycling Calendar!

City-Wide Clean Up Days

(Formerly known as: Large Item Pickup Days)

There are two dates marked on your 2022 Refuse/Recycling calendars as City-Wide Clean Up Days.

West Central Sanitation will no longer be picking up your large items curbside.

Instead, there will be a collection site at a central location that you may bring your large and bulky items to.

All of the details are still being worked out, so a separate flyer to be included with the next billing in April 2022.

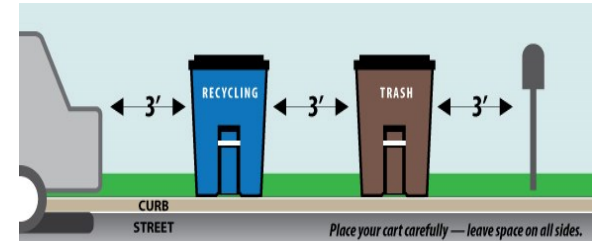
Please watch for it and do not throw it away!



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.