



Waconia Wavelength

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New Utility Bill Rates Effective January 1, 2021

The City Council revisits Waconia’s utility rates each year as part of the annual budget process. Tiered rates listed below are charged per 1,000 gallons. If you have questions or concerns about your utility bill, please contact the utility billing department at 952-442-3107 or utilitybill@waconia.org. For information on rate changes to commercial, industrial, and institutional accounts, please review the City’s approved fee schedule per City Ordinance 1100 at www.waconia.org.

Utility Rates (tiered rates are charged per 1,000 gallons)

2020 Rates		2021 Rates	
Water Base Rate	\$7.30	Water Base Rate	\$7.45
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.80	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$2.85
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$3.05	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$3.10
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.30	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$3.35
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.60	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$3.65
Residential Summer Use (30,000+ gallons)	\$5.70	Residential Summer Use (30,000+ gallons)	\$5.80
Sewer Base Rate	\$11.40	Sewer Base Rate	\$13.50
Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$4.90	Tier One (0-3,000 gallons)	\$5.00
Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.40	Tier Two (3,001-6,000 gallons)	\$5.50
Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$5.96	Tier Three (6,001-12,000 gallons)	\$6.10
Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.57	Tier Four (12,001 and over gallons)	\$6.70
Streetlight Residential	\$3.20	Streetlight Residential	\$3.20
Storm Water Residential	\$14.55	Storm Water Residential	\$16.75
MN State Surcharge	\$0.81	MN State Surcharge	\$0.81

Downtown Reconstruction

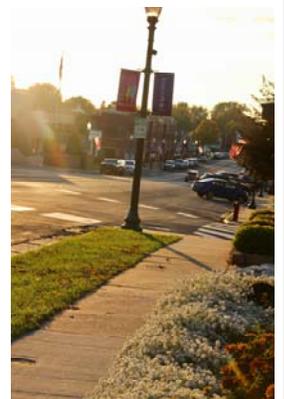
In 2014, a Downtown Master Plan was created for the City of Waconia to provide a framework that would help City leaders and other stakeholders revitalize downtown Waconia, both physically and economically.

In 2022 and 2023 the City will embark on a significant downtown reconstruction project to improve the streets, utilities, pedestrian facilities, and drainage of the downtown area. This project will include many elements identified in the Downtown Master Plan. The 2022 project will reconstruct two blocks of Main Street and one block

of Olive Street. The 2023 project will reconstruct three blocks of Main Street and one block of Elm Street, Pine Street, and Spruce Street.

Because of the size and scope of this project, there will be a significant amount of stakeholder involvement and public outreach. For more details on the project and to

provide comments, please visit www.waconia.org/downtown. If you have any questions, contact Public Services at 952-442- 4265.



Lake Waconia Regional Park

The Carver County Parks and Recreation Department is seeking community input in the design of the Waterfront Service Center at Lake Waconia Regional Park. Key services under consideration include: indoor social gathering space, outdoor pavilion, food concessions, rental equipment, and various park amenities. County residents can provide their feedback on the project website or participate in a virtual public meeting on Tuesday, January 12 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The link to participate in the meeting or leave public comment is:

<https://www.co.carver.mn.us/departments/public-works/parks-recreation/parks-trails/lake-waconia-regional-park>. Online comments will be accepted through mid-late January.

The County received \$2.5 million in state bonding for this project, which it plans to match with an equal amount. To ask questions about the project to offer additional feedback, call the Parks Department at 952-466-5250 Monday through Friday, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



Winter Reminders



One winter guarantee is that more snow is always on the way! To assist our staff in providing consistent snow removal service this winter, we ask you to:

- Make sure your mailbox can withstand the discharge of snow from plows
- Keep your mailbox area accessible for the mail carrier
- Do not blow or plow snow from your property across or into the street. This is a violation of City code

Also, please remember that our staff are not always able to complete all of the maintenance activities within 24 hours. Sometimes, weather conditions are beyond our control and require extra time. Our **Winter Maintenance Policy** is available on the City's website. This policy outlines details on how winter maintenance operations are provided to the public. If you have questions, please contact Public Services at 952-442-2615.

Christmas Tree Recycling

Monday – Friday

12-28-2020 through 1-8-2021

7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

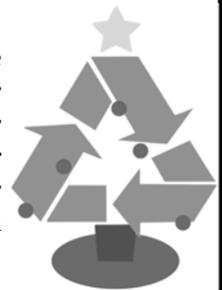
Saturday & Sunday, January 2 & 3
all day

City of Waconia Public Services
310 10th Street East

All live Christmas trees will be accepted.

Trees must be brought to the Waconia Public Services building. The drop off area will be behind the Public Services Facility in the far north east corner in the Bunker Storage Area. Residents may enter the rear of the facility near the Water Tower off 10th Street East, and proceed directly behind the facility.

All decorations, lights, stands, etc. must be removed prior to recycling. The trees will be taken at no charge.



Holiday Office Closure Reminder

City offices will be closed on Friday, January 1, 2021 in observance of New Year's Day. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and safe new year!

City offices will also be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

