

Streets & Recycling



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Don't Let Snow Lead To A Ticket Or A Tow

It's alternate side parking season in Madison. People who park on the street overnight must remember to park on the EVEN house numbered side of the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on even numbered days and on the ODD house numbered side of the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on odd numbered days.

These rules are in effect throughout most of the City until March 15. The exception is the Downtown-Isthmus Snow Emergency Zone (SEZ). The SEZ extends from Park and Proudfit Streets on the south and west to Thorton Avenue and the Yahara River on the north.

To help you avoid parking tickets and improve our snowplowing operations the Streets Division has a new website with lots of important winter parking tips. You can also sign up to receive e-mails, texts, and tweets whenever we declare a snow emergency. Just visit www.cityofmadison.com/winter.



Christmas Tree Collection Starts Monday, January 3, 2011

The Streets Division will begin collecting Christmas trees on January 3. Each neighborhood will receive two collections with the second round getting underway on Tuesday January 18.

Residents should place their trees at the curb on either January 3 or January 17 and they will be collected as soon as possible. Snow and ice control activities will have priority over tree collection so we may be delayed if we get a significant amount of snow.

Be sure to remove all lights, stands, ornaments and tree bags from your tree before placing it at the curb.



Calendar of Events

Alternate Side Parking.. 11/15

Christmas Tree Collection.....01/03

Christmas Tree Collection.....01/17

Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no changes to our solid waste collection schedule over the Christmas and New Year's holidays. Because our crews work a half day on Christmas Eve (Friday 12/24) and New Year's Eve (Friday 12/31), be sure to have your material out by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

There will be no refuse, recycling or large item collection on Monday, January 17 due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. If your material is normally collected on Monday, it will be collected on Tuesday, January 18. Since we are also collecting material in the Tuesday collection districts on the 18th be sure to have your material out by 7 a.m.

City of Madison Salt Use Policy

Our lakes are one of the things that make Madison a great place to live. Their natural beauty offers us scenic views and a wealth of recreational opportunities. These precious resources require a good deal of care and attention if we are to preserve them for future generations.

One big problem facing our lakes is the steady rise in chloride levels. The chloride comes largely from the salt that is applied to our streets and highways in the winter. The chloride levels in the ground water we drink are also increasing for the same reason.

In order to protect our drinking water and our lakes the City of Madison uses far less salt than most communities in Dane County and across the snow belt. The Streets Division will only use salt on main arterials, thoroughfares, main connector streets, Madison Metro bus routes, streets surrounding hospitals and schools and major hills

and curves. All other City of Madison streets receive sand to act as an abrasive on hills, intersections and curves.

This policy may mean that you will have to slow down in winter and leave a bit earlier to arrive at your destination on time. Remember when you do these things that you are just doing your part to preserve our drinking water and our beautiful lakes.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO GET MORE INFORMATION:

www.cityofmadison.com/residents/winter/SnowIce/faqs.cfm

New Drop Box For Unwanted Medications

The City of Madison has established a drop box for unwanted medication at the East Police Precinct located at 809 E. Thompson Dr. The drop box will be available to anyone looking to safely discard unwanted prescription drugs, as well as over-the-counter medicines.

Citizens will place pills and other drugs into plastic bags provided at the site, and then deposit them into the box. Empty packages or bottles should be taken back home for recycling. The service will be available Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Drugs left at the site will be disposed of in an environmentally safe manner.



If this drop box is successful we hope to expand the program to all Madison Police Precincts. There is also a drop box located inside the Middleton Police Department.

Have A Trash Free (Almost) Holiday

The holidays are a time for giving, but did you know that up to 25% more waste is generated during this season than at any other time of the year? We have put together lots of ideas on how you can cut back on holiday trash while still enjoying the season.

Visit www.cityofmadison.com/streets/refuse/holidayWaste.cfm to find out how you can have a Zero Waste holiday.



HOLIDAY WASTE REDUCTION TIPS

- Give Gift Certificates
- Make Homemade Goodies
- Wrap Gifts in Fabric
- Use LED Lighting
- Use Cloth Napkins
- Email Holiday Greetings