



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## WINTER SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION ~

In order for the City to provide effective and efficient service during the winter months, the following policies have been established.

### General Policies

The City of Wayne attempts to plow all streets within 12 hours of a two-inch snow fall. Business and residential streets are cleared first and alleys last. If it continues to snow, crews may be required to stay on the emergency routes until the snowfall stops. Ice control is performed whenever necessary (as per procedures).

Plow drivers push snow as close to the curb as possible (using the parking as storage for the snow), thus rolling snow into the end of driveways. Residents should not clear the end of the driveways until the entire street has been plowed. Plow drivers do not clear snow from driveways. In some areas, sidewalks are close to the curb line and even though drivers make every effort to avoid plowing snow onto them, it occasionally happens. Plow drivers do not clear sidewalks.

City-wide snow emergency parking restrictions will be implemented when snow conditions warrant. Announcements will be made on KTCH radio station, as well as the newspaper regarding parking on City streets (Ord. 78-284). Emergency parking restrictions are implemented only during major snow storms. Call 375-1300 for more information.

### Downtown Snow Removal

There is no parking in the downtown business areas from 3 a.m. to 6:30 a.m. During downtown snow pick up operations there is no parking in these locations.

### Depositing Snow on Public Property

It is unlawful to remove snow and/or ice from private premises and to deposit the same upon any public street, alley or other public property within the City limits. Per-

son(s) found guilty of depositing snow and/or ice in the street or alley may be punished by a fine up to \$500 (Ord. 78-237). Pushing snow into the street or alley not only creates a hazard for motorists, but seriously hampers snow removal operations.

**Driveway or sidewalk snow shall not be blown or shoveled into the public streets.**

In the Central Business District, where there is no snow storage, sidewalk snow may be placed in the street not less than one (1') foot from the curb. Please clean these sidewalks as soon as possible after a snowfall.

### Sidewalks

City Code requires owners or tenants of property adjacent to a public sidewalk to clear the sidewalk within 24 hours after Public Works has cleared the adjacent street (Ord. 70-44). If you wish to report an unshoveled sidewalk, call the Wayne Police Department at 375-2626.

### Common Courtesy

Once the snow plow has made one pass on your street, move your vehicle so all sections can be curbed, and driveways filled fewer times.

### Towed Vehicles

Any car parked on a public street when snow is being removed by the Public Works Department is subjected to being towed. If your car is towed during a snowstorm, please contact the Wayne Police Department at 375-2626 or police@cityofwayne.org.

### Out of Town

If you are going to be out of town during the winter, make prior arrangements for snow removal.

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

December 4th  
December 18th

### CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

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Closed Monday at  
noon  
December 24th

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From all of us at the  
City of Wayne

We wish everyone  
a Merry Christmas!!





## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~



Holiday activities are happening at the Wayne Public Library this month. Santa Story Time is scheduled for Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30 pm. Children are invited to hear a story, visit with Santa, and do a craft. Parents and grandparents are invited to come too.... this is a great opportunity to take some pictures!



The Wayne Public Library is hosting a wreath silent auction that will run through December 5th. Thirteen wreaths are on display in the building and will be awarded to the highest bidder at 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday in conjunction with the coffee and refreshments at the Senior Center. Hot cider and cookies will be available at the Library during the day. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to the Wayne Food Pantry.

The Library will be closing at noon on Christmas Eve, closed on December 25 & 26, and will also be closing at 6:00 p.m. on December 31st and closed January 1st for the New Year's Holiday. Normal hours resume Tuesday, January 2nd.

Lauran Lofgren  
Director

### WISE WORDS

“Act the way you’d like to be and soon you’ll be the way you act..”

~Dr. George Crane

### LED’s Can Help Brighten Your Christmas ~



Over the past few years, utilities have provided numerous tips on how to save energy at home during the Christmas season. But did you realize there are other energy saving opportunities out there? It is also a great time to save energy at your place of work or school!

Start with decorating. Cut down on the number of Christmas lights you use. Consider putting up LED lights. If they make your home look beautiful, why not use them at work and school, since they use less energy and last longer? Also consider using fiber optics for illuminated decorations. Fiber optics, in most cases, use a single low-wattage bulb located in the base of the unit to light the entire decoration.

Limit the time lights are on. Wait until school is in session or business hours to turn on Christmas lights. Then, turn them off before you leave at the end of the day. Turning off lights will

also inform others that the building is closed. It is also a good idea to turn these off when they’re unattended to prevent fires. Do you have trouble remembering to turn lights on and off? Then set a timer and forget about it.

The Carbon Trust, a United Kingdom-based organization helping businesses, governments and the public sector to achieve energy savings estimates that lighting the average office or large classroom overnight wastes enough energy to heat water for 1,000 cups of coffee!

Be sure to turn off or unplug any Christmas decorations that light up (including those on timers) when closing for a day or more to observe the holidays. They may look pretty, but if nobody is there to enjoy them, there is no need to pay for the energy to run them.

Be on the lookout for space heaters! Most heaters are placed under desks and make little, if any, noise. Thus, they are easy to overlook. Take an extra second to feel whether any space heaters are warm. Determine if their thermostats

have been turned down or if they were switched off entirely. To be absolutely certain they not operating, unplug them. When everyone leaves for the Christmas holidays, make sure computers, photocopiers, printers and non-essential equipment is turned off at the plug and nothing is left on standby – it could still be using up to 90% of its standing consumption. If some lights need to be on at a certain time for security reasons, use a timer.

Another interesting statistic from the Carbon Trust is that UK businesses lose around \$14.5 million over the holidays by failing to turn off lights and equipment. With the population of the United States five times larger, one would expect these types of savings to be commensurately larger.

Finally, if shutting down for Christmas and no staff will be in, turn the primary heating system to the minimum needed for frost protection.

### TRY THIS.....

**Say no to disposable.** The next time you entertain, use real plates, glasses utensils, and linens rather than disposable ones to reduce the amount of waste your party produces.

**Make your own gift wrap.** Skip buying new wrapping paper. Instead, make your own recycled gift wrap using old maps, posters, and leftover wallpaper. Even newspapers and grocery bags work!



### Green Notes ~



How can you be green this holiday season? Here are three simple ways. (1) Instead of traditional gift wrap, reuse old maps, comics section from the newspaper, children’s artwork, a scarf, dish towel, or bandana. Even better, wrap your gift in a reusable bag, whether cloth or paper, so that your gift can keep on giving. (2) Use ener-

gy saving lights, such as LEDs, to decorate your home or tree; it’ll save you money and time in the long run as you won’t have to keep replacing your holiday lights each year. (3) Shop local and be creative for your holiday gifts. Driving out of town or having items shipped to you has a greater impact on the environment. Give the gift of your time to help someone, or re-gift something you no longer need but

know someone else can use. Remember, it’s the thought that counts!

Finally, at the end of the holiday season, you can recycle your tree by taking it to the City’s Wood Recycling Center. <http://www.cityofwayne.org/index.aspx?NID=237>.

### WAYNE COMMUNITY ACTIVITY CENTER HOLIDAY HOURS

Christmas Eve—Close at Noon

Christmas—Closed  
December 26th—Opening at 8:00 a.m.

