

Department News ~

Clearing Walks ~



When it's the first of July and we have temps in the 80's and 90's, the last thing we think about is clearing sidewalks because that usually means scooping snow. This time of year, keeping the sidewalk clear means keeping it clear of overhanging growth of brush and vegetation. It 's not unusual for low

hanging branches, shrubs or even flowers to block sidewalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to pass. Our sidewalks are the safe route for walking through our community, and having them blocked forces people onto the yard or street. This can be especially difficult for someone who may be pushing a stroller or be in a wheelchair. City

ordinance requires that sidewalks be kept clear to a height of 7' and for the full width of the sidewalk. Please keep the sidewalk on your property clear for the safety and enjoyment of our residents and visitors! Thank you!

WISE WORDS

“Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.”

~Robert C. Gallagher

Discharging of Fireworks ~

Remember — You can discharge fireworks only on the following dates and times and during the following hours:

- ◆ June 25th through July 3rd—8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- ◆ July 4th—8:00 a.m. to midnight

Please use caution and be safe during this 4th of July holiday!

*~Betty McGuire
City Clerk*

New City Sirens ~



The new sirens are in different locations, they are mounted a little higher, and they sound different. They rotate the sound in 360 degrees, making the loudness vary, which makes a single tone tornado siren a little more noticeable in a true emergency. They are radio controlled with battery power backup so they still work in case the power lines into Wayne go down before a tornado gets here.

Fire alarm sirens: The fire siren will still be the same high/low tone and operate in daytime hours.

Tornado siren: This will still be a single high tone siren for 3 minutes. The police dispatchers set this warning off only when a tornado is sighted within 5 miles of Wayne or if the weather service radar contacts dispatch and reports a radar sighting that close. We **never** use an all clear siren. If the tornado siren is sounded a

second time, that means a tornado is still on the way and may hit us.

Tornado Shelter: If you don't have a basement, plan ahead with a neighbor who has a basement or travel to the city auditorium at 3rd and Pearl Street which will be unlocked when the tornado sirens go off. Have a plan for shelter and don't wait till the sirens sound to decide.

CITY FIRE HYDRANTS

If you see someone besides a City of Wayne employee, drawing or taking water from a fire hydrant, please call the City of Wayne at (402) 375-5250 or Jeff Brady at (402)375-9129.



WAYNE CITY POOL HOURS

(May 26th— Aug 10th)

Monday—
Sunday
1:00 pm—8:30 pm

Closed 5-6 pm, except on weekends



Green Notes ~ Wayne Grow an Extra Row!!

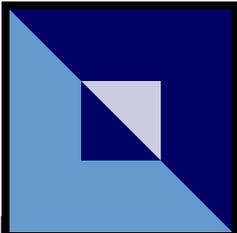


This summer, join gardeners across the nation in donating fresh produce from your garden to our local food pantries. While picking your produce, set aside a bag of beans, a few tomatoes, a bag of lettuce or spinach, cucumbers, squash,

anything fresh from the garden. Bring your garden produce to the Wayne Food Pantry at the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon, or to the First United Methodist Church Food Pantry on the 4th Saturday morning of each month. It doesn't have to be a

lot, but if everyone contributes, it will add up fast. Thanks for growing that extra garden row!

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam.



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Energy-Wise Tip - Summertime Windows



Unless you are trying to rid your home of unwanted, daytime vampires, there is not an energy-efficient reason for letting sunlight pour into your home on hot, summer days. When outdoor temperatures exceed your thermostat setting for cooling, energy savings from the sun's "free lighting" begins to be rapidly offset by air conditioning costs. How can you regulate the unwanted heat?

Shades

When properly installed, window shades can be a simple and effective window treatment for saving energy. Shades should be mounted as close to the glass as possible with the sides of the shade held close to the wall to establish a sealed air space. Quilted roller shades, some types of Roman shades, and pleated shades feature several layers of material and sealed edges. These shades act as both an insulation and an air barrier to control air infiltration more effectively than other soft window treatments. For even more efficiency, use dual-sided shades that are reflective (white) on one side and heat absorbing (dark) on the other. These can be reversed with the seasons. The reflective surface should always face the warmest side -- outward during the cooling season and inward during the heating season.

Blinds

Because of their operating slats, blinds offer flexibility in the summer. Unlike shades, you can adjust the slats to control light and ventilation. When completely closed and lowered on a sunny window, highly reflective blinds can reduce heat gain by around 45 percent. They can also be adjusted to block and reflect direct sunlight onto a light colored ceiling to provide some lighting.

Draperies

A drapery's ability to reduce heat loss and gain depends on several factors, including fabric type (closed or open weave) and color. With such a wide variety of draperies available, it is difficult to generalize about their energy performance.

During summer days, you should close draperies on windows receiving direct sunlight to prevent heat gain. Studies demonstrate that medium-colored draperies with white-plastic backings can reduce heat gains by 33 percent. To reduce heat exchange or convection, draperies should be hung as close to windows as possible.

High-Reflectivity Films

High-reflectivity window films help block summer heat gain. They are best used in climates with long cooling seasons, because they also block the sun's heat in winter. Silver, mirror-like films typically are more effective as a heat gain deterrent than colored, more transparent films. Covering east- and west-facing windows can produce the greatest benefit, while south-facing windows may benefit somewhat and north-facing windows gain no benefit from application of window films. Note that window films do have some disadvantages, too. They can significantly reduce the level of interior light or visible transmittance. They may also impair outside visibility. Some films require extra care when cleaning and exterior reflections could pose a problem.

Mesh Window Screens

Mesh window screens can diffuse solar radiation, reducing heat gain in the summer. Screens should be mounted in an exterior frame and should cover entire windows. They are particularly effective on east- and west-facing windows.

Overhangs

Properly sized and installed roof overhangs can most effectively shade south-facing windows from summer heat. If oriented properly, overhangs will allow sunlight in through the windows during winter, providing more warmth to a house. It is easy to incorporate overhangs into a home design before or while it's under construction. Adding an overhang to an existing home, however, can be quite difficult and sometimes impossible. Window awnings, louvered patio covers, or lattice-type panels can be consid-

ered as alternatives for existing homes.

Shutters

Both interior and exterior, can help reduce summertime heat gain in your home. Remember that interior shutters need a clear space to the side of the window when they are opened. They also require hardware that is fastened to the window jams or trim. Properly designed exterior shutters may provide the best possible window insulation system. They also offer advantages of weather protection, added security, and no use of interior space. Like window blinds, louvered shutters work best for summer shading. Movable or fixed louvers allow ventilation and natural daylight to enter a room while blocking some direct radiation. However, they do not provide much insulation against heat loss in the winter. If desired, combine shutters with other window treatments such as draperies for greater insulating ability.

Awnings

With their recent rise in popularity, the U.S. Department of Energy calculates that window awnings can reduce solar heat gain in the summer by up to 65 percent on south-facing windows and 77 percent on west-facing windows. Today, awnings are made from synthetic fabrics that are water-repellent and treated to resist mildew and fading. You should choose one that is opaque and tightly woven. And be aware that light-colored awning will reflect more sunlight than a darker awning. Your local utility wants to help you make the most of the energy they provide you. That includes keeping your home cool this summer!!

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

July 1st
July 15th

SUMMER HOURS AT CAC
(June 1st—Aug 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am-9 pm
Fri—5:30 am—7 pm



Sat—8 am-6 pm