

# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## ENERGYWISE TIP ~ Electric Vehicle Charging



If you're one of the more than 4,600 Nebraskans with an electric vehicle (EV) registered in Nebraska this year, congratulations! According to [www.fueleconomy.gov](http://www.fueleconomy.gov), your vehicle converts more than 77% of the electrical energy from the grid to power at the wheels. Conventional vehicles only convert about 12% to 30% of the energy stored in gasoline and diesel-fueled vehicles only fare a little better, falling short of 40%. When you're driving an EV, you're driving the "top-of-class" for energy efficiency!

To garner even more efficiency, consider these practices for EV charging:

**Do not fully charge the battery** - To maximize battery life, daily charging should be to approximately 80% of battery capacity. For occasional use and long trips, charging to 100% is fine, but everyday charging to full capacity can lead to decreased battery life. Another issue with charging to 100% is the vehicle regenerative braking will not engage, meaning the EV is not running at maximum efficiency.

**Avoid extreme heat while charging** - If possible, avoid charging in extreme heat. Although battery packs are designed for extreme conditions, it is better to charge during the coolest times of day so the battery thermal management system doesn't

get overworked.

**Pre-heat during cold weather** - For a fully electric vehicle (not a plug-in hybrid) the battery – rather than the hot gas engine – becomes the primary source of heat. When an EV's heater is engaged in sub-freezing temperatures, the battery capacity will be greatly reduced and will not achieve full range. Pre-condition the vehicle by turning on the heater while the car is still plugged in, and wait several minutes prior to driving while the vehicle is still connected to the charger to maximize range in cold weather.

**Charge at the right time of day** - Night-time charging is best since the strain on the electric grid is often the lowest. Consequently, some local electric utilities provide special rates for off-peak charging. Many EV chargers have smartphone apps and network capabilities that allow users to program charging for certain times of day to get the most economical power.

**Use an ENERGY STAR®-certified charger** - With more than 240 unique models from more than 17 manufacturers, using a certified ENERGY STAR® EV Charger assures:

**Energy Savings** - EV chargers are typically in standby mode (i.e., not ac-

tively charging a vehicle) for about 85% of the time. During this time, certified chargers provide the same functionality as non-certified products, but use 40% less energy in standby mode.

**Safety** - Not all EV chargers are safety certified, including some from large online and storefront retailers. All ENERGY STAR-certified chargers are tested for safety by a nationally recognized testing laboratory.

**Smart Technology** - Most ENERGY STAR certified EV charger models are networked, allowing for remote power monitoring and control of the charging state of the connected vehicle. These smart grid-ready products allow some households and property managers to participate in special energy programs offered by some local electric utilities.

Your local utility wants to help you efficiently and safely get from point A to point B on the road. They may also provide EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup> or other incentives to optimize charging your EV. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWise<sup>SM</sup>, contact them, or visit [www.energywisenebraska.com](http://www.energywisenebraska.com) for more information.

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### CITY COUNCIL

#### MEETINGS

December 5th  
December 19th

### CITY HALL

#### OFFICE HOURS

City Hall Office Hours are:  
7:30 a.m.  
until 4:30 p.m.

### NOTICE

City Offices will be closed Monday, December 25th and Monday, January 1st, for the Christmas and New Year's Holidays.



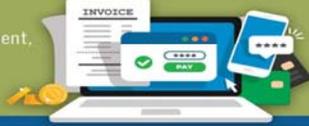
## Department News ~



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### WISE WORDS

“Nothing is impossible. The word itself says “I’m Possible!””

~Audrey Hepburn

## Winter Snow Removal ~



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 re-

strictions 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. Person(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 Courtesies

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](mailto:police@cityofwayne.org).

### Out of Town

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

## WAYNE RECYCLING & TRASH CENTER (RTC) HOURS

Monday & Friday

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 a.m.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday



## Green Notes ~ Sae your green while being green this holiday season!



Ready to save money this holiday season? Follow our 3 easy tips to help keep both your wallet and the environment green.

- 1. Shop local.** Shopping local supports our hometown businesses. You'll love all the creative gifts and services Wayne has to offer. And, you'll save time and money by not driving out of town and fighting the crowds in bigger cities. Plus, think how useful a gift certificate to a local business for a massage, haircut, car wash, or oil change would be.
- 2. Give an Experience.** Time together can be more valuable than an item that's rarely used. Make coupons for doing special things together, like taking a walk, playing a game, or cooking a meal. Try saving time for someone by offering to do chores or other time-consuming tasks.

- 3. Make it from scratch.** Think about making a card with a hand-written note, a list of 10 reasons your family member is special, or holiday ornaments from recyclable materials, like toilet paper rolls and egg cartons. Sometimes the best gift is one you can't buy.

**Recycle Strings of Lights.** Bring any old strings of holiday lights to the Wayne Recycling & Trash Center and place in the bins marked for lights. These are recycled for the copper wire inside.

**Use the City's Tree Pile.** You can dispose of your Christmas tree and greenery at the end of the holiday season at 1810 Industrial Road. Please remove all decorations or tinsel. For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit [www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam](http://www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam).

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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**YOUR CHOICE. YOUR RIGHT.**

**YOUR HOME**

