



Nekoosa Public Record

City of Nekoosa

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Website!

Did you know that The City of Nekoosa has a website? There is a lot of useful information on it, from downloadable permit applications to upcoming meetings and events. In addition each department has a link to its own page. Future newsletters will also be found here. The website is www.cityofnekoosa.org/ Come check it out!

Spring is Here!

Spring is here and grass is growing. The vacuum truck is out at least two days a week weather permitting. There are a few things that can be done to speed up the process of picking up the grass.

- 1) Keep the grass and the sticks separated. Sticks in the grass piles either plug up the machine, or if the operator sees the sticks he has to get off the machine and pull them out of the pile.
- 2) Keep garbage and other items out of the piles. Local farmers around the area use the grass loads on their fields and don't like garbage mixed in.
- 3) Keep rocks, bricks, and other items out of the piles. These items can cause damage to the machine.
- 4) Keep piles away from telephone poles, mailboxes, and cars. If grass is too close to these items we can't get to them.

With your cooperation and by following these tips, you will save us time and maintenance on the equipment.

Chipper

Usually the chipper goes out at the beginning and end of each week. There are no two ways about it, chipping is hard work. There are a few ways you can make chipping a little easier:

- 1) Brush should be stacked uniformly. All ends should face one way and not be tangled up.
- 2) Manageable piles instead of one huge pile. Huge piles tend to get tangled up and are hard to pull apart. You can help a lot by just making a few smaller piles.
- 3) Small twigs and sawdust belong in a separate pile. Do not throw sawdust or smaller sticks on top of big piles. We carry a pitchfork on the truck and will gladly fork those little piles into the chipper.

Just stack the brush as if you are the one that is going to be doing the chipping. A little cooperation on your part can make a big difference for us.

Recycling is Mandatory

Recycling is mandatory. The recycling truck picks up every other week. If your garbage is picked up on Monday or Wednesday, your recycling day is Wednesday. If your garbage day is Tuesday, your recycling day is also Tuesday. The City of Nekoosa does not pick up recycling; it is picked up by Veolia Environmental Services out of Wisconsin Rapids. If you have any questions about recycling, their number is 421-3939.

Items that can be recycled are plastic, paper, glass, and aluminum.

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In the past, items had to be separated in the bin.

Now everything can be mixed together making it easier to recycle. People who do not recycle are going to start receiving written warnings. Failing to recycle after receiving a written warning could result in fines.

Recycling bins have been provided to the residents of Nekoosa. If another one is needed, we will provide one courtesy of Kimmie Potter and the Nekoosa Girl Scout Troop 6114. The number to call is 886-7878. The Girl scouts purchased these extra recycling bins with money earned from a Spa Day and a Father/Daughter Dance.

A special Thank You goes out to Troop 6114 for their hard work and commitment to the community. Thanks girls and great job!

Garbage Knowledge

Have you ever wondered about what you can put in your garbage can? Here are some of the items you may have questions on.

- 1) ITEMS WE DON'T TAKE: tires, car batteries, painted wood, anti-freeze, or oil based paint and stain.
- 2) WASTE OIL: We take oil so please do not hide it in your garbage. Put it in a container with a lid and we will gladly dispose of it for you. If you would like to keep your container, we have a dump station at the city garage that you can dump at yourself.
- 3) LATEX PAINT: We take latex paint but it must be dried out. Just take off the lid or mix it with sawdust. Once it is dry put it with your regular garbage.
- 4) GARBAGE CANS: Cans cannot be over 33 gallons. All cans must have handles and lids. Cans should not weigh over 60 lbs.
- 5) 24 HOURS RULE: Garbage should not be put out until 24 hours before your pick up day. Garbage pick-up starts at 6:00 am.

White Goods and Metal

The City of Nekoosa picks up metal and white goods. Usually those items are picked up towards the end of the week. Metal should not go out with your garbage, but

should be put out after the garbage truck comes through. If you are putting out a freezer or refrigerator, the doors should be removed. Children sometimes like to hide inside those items and could become trapped. If the item has more plastic than metal, just put it with your garbage. If you don't know if the item is garbage or white goods, just put it with your garbage and the garbage men will decide. We will then pick it up later in the week.

Busy Summer Ahead!

The City of Nekoosa has a tremendous amount of activity going on this summer. The new Senior/Community Center is under construction on Crestview Lane. The Wastewater Treatment Plant on Point Basse Ave. is going through a major upgrade. The old water tower was taken down on May 19th. The sewer and water lines were replaced on Patton Ave. after the sewer line collapsed. Thanks to all for your patience with the detour while these repairs were being made downtown. A special thanks goes out to all the businesses and The United Church of Christ for their understanding while these lines were out of service. There are more planned upgrades to water and sewer lines that will take place this summer.

Recreation

Pool pass expense for the Port Edwards swimming pool will be reimbursed for Nekoosa residents at the City office.

