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**Check Your Plumbing & Know Your Water Usage**

Pay close attention to your plumbing and water usage. In addition to being wasteful, water leaks can be very costly! Keep in mind that sewer charges are based on water use – meaning that a leak is even more expensive! Toilets and faucets are the most common sources of water leaks, but don't forget about other potential culprits such as water heater tanks, boilers, water softeners, washing machines, humidifiers, fire suppression systems, irrigation systems, outside hose bibs, sump pump systems, and dishwashers.

**Watch Your Utility Bills** – Your bill lists water usage in cubic feet (1 cubic foot = 7.48 gallons). While normal fluctuations happen—such as doing extra laundry, hosting guests or watering the lawn—large or unusual spikes should be checked out.

Your Waverly Utilities bill includes a graph comparing the current year's monthly water use with last year's. *\*\*Note graph shows water consumption for the calendar month. Your consumption period (bill cycle dates) may be different.*

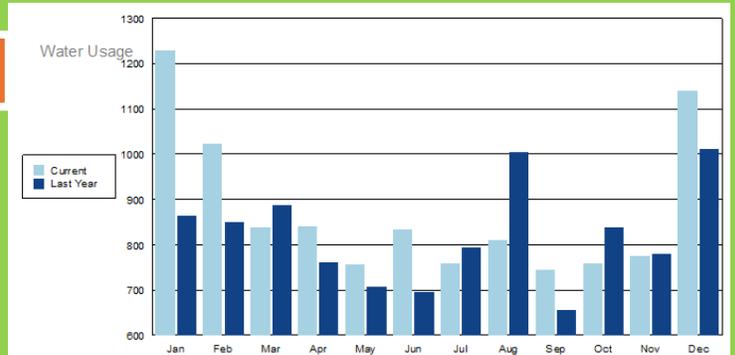
**Let your senses help you save both dollars & cents!**

**Use Your Ears**

Do you hear a toilet running? Does a toilet occasionally refill even when it hasn't been flushed? These signs often indicate a flapper that isn't sealing properly. Visit [www.waverlyia.com/flapper](http://www.waverlyia.com/flapper) for toilet tips and guidance.

**Use Your Eyes**

Your water meter (located inside your house) includes a leak detector. The leak detector is a red or blue dial. Check your water meter when no water is being used in the house. If the dial is moving, you may have a leak.



There is also a table comparing your average daily water use and the cost per day.

Current Average Cu.Ft./Day	Last Yr Average Cu.Ft./Day	Current Average Cost/Day	Last Yr Average Cost/Day
28.80	27.00	1.46	1.34

Contact Public Services by phone at (319) 352-6247 or email to [publicservices@waverlyia.com](mailto:publicservices@waverlyia.com) if you have questions about your water usage.

# Water, Sewer, & Solid Waste Rates

Starting in June 2026, the City of Waverly will implement a 3% water rate increase, and a 5% sewer rate increase due to inflationary costs and upcoming improvement projects.

There will be no changes to residential garbage rates and fees at this time. Rates for curbside recycling will increase by 75¢ per month starting in July 2026.

Visit [www.waverlyia.com/pwrates](http://www.waverlyia.com/pwrates) for more information about water, sewer, and solid waste rates.

## Example of Rate Increases for 2026

Utility Service	Typical Residential Customer Usage	Monthly Increase
Water	600 cu. ft. (4,500 gal.)	\$ 0.90
Sewer	600 cu. ft. (4,500 gal.)	\$ 2.52
Garbage	all containers	\$ -
Recycling	all containers	\$ 0.75
<b>Total Monthly Increase</b>		<b>\$ 4.17</b>

## Sewer Lines – Keep it Clean

Maintaining the sanitary sewer system is a shared responsibility between the City and property owners. The City manages a comprehensive maintenance program for sewer mains, which includes inspecting lines to identify issues, correcting problems, and making repairs as needed. Our crews also operate a sewer jet machine that uses high-pressure water and specialized root-cutting tools to clean and maintain the City's sanitary sewer mains.

Property owners are responsible for the pipeline (service line) that runs from their home to the City's sanitary sewer main. If this line becomes clogged, it can cause sewage to back up into the home—an unpleasant and costly mess to clean up. If you experience a sewer backup, contact the City first at (319) 352-6247. We will check the sewer mains in your area before you call a plumber, ensuring the issue is not on the City side of the system.

### Help to keep your sewer lines flowing with the following tips:

**Beware of FOG!** Never pour fats, oils or grease (FOG) down sinks, toilets or drains. FOG may look like liquid when drained, but it solidifies when discharged into your sewer line and the sanitary sewer system. Solidified FOG has a snowball effect, collecting other materials to form a blockage that can clog your sewer lines. Keep FOG out of the sewer lines by draining grease and cooking oil into a covered container and disposing of it in the garbage.

#### **Don't forget the potential "root" of the problem!**

Tree roots entering the sewer system can cause sewer backups. Tree roots seek out sewer lines because any crack or loose joint in the pipe will allow water vapors to escape. The roots are attracted to the water source and enter the sewer lines. Once in the sewer lines, the roots will grow down and eventually plug the lines. Contact your plumber or local hardware store for the best ways to prevent/control roots from plugging your sewer lines.



**Don't treat your toilet like a garbage can!** Only flush the three P's (Poop, Pee, and toilet Paper). Beware of products such as wipes that are labeled as flushable. Flushable **does not** mean biodegradable.

#### Do Not Flush

- Diapers
- Dental floss & whitening strips
- Cotton swabs
- Hair
- Kitty litter and pet waste
- Bandages and medications
- Dryer sheets
- Paper towels, tissues & napkins
- Wipes (baby wipes, cleaning wipes, flushable wipes)
- Personal hygiene items (including tampons, sanitary pads & condoms)



## New Home or Apartment? Check it Out!

While you're moving, take some time to check out your plumbing. It's a great time to address any possible issues before a leak or clog develops. Visit [www.waverlyia.com/homecheck](http://www.waverlyia.com/homecheck) for a checklist of items to inspect when moving into your new home or apartment.

# Spring Special Collections

To assist residents with their spring cleaning, the City of Waverly hosts special collection weeks each year.

## Bulky Item Pickup

April 20<sup>th</sup> – April 24<sup>th</sup>

Pickup must be scheduled.

Item fees apply. Trip fees are waived.

During our spring special collection, bulky items will be picked up from your curb at the regular landfill charge rate. Residents who want to take advantage of the program will need to schedule the pickup and make payment arrangements for each bulky item to be picked up.

Some of the common bulky item landfill charges are:

- Appliances (refrigerator, stove, etc.) - \$15 each
- TV - \$15 each
- Computer Monitor - \$12 each
- Furniture, Computer, Printer - \$5 each
- Gas Grill, Lawn Mower, Bike - \$3 each

Hazardous materials, demolition and construction materials cannot be picked up through this program.



Schedule your bulky item pickup by scanning the QR code, calling (319) 352-6247 or visiting <http://www.waverlyia.com/pickup>.

## Yard Waste Pickup

April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>

Pickup on your regular garbage day.

No fees apply.

During our spring special collection, yard waste (including leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, brush & sticks) will be picked up from your curb on your regular garbage collection day.

Yard waste materials must be bagged in biodegradable bags. Brush and sticks must be tied into bundles that are no larger than 4 feet in length, 1 ½ feet in diameter and weigh no more than 50 pounds.

Place yard waste materials at your curb on your regular garbage collection day.



Items that are not in biodegradable bags or bundled as described above will not be picked up.

Contact us by phone at 319-352-6247 or by email to [PublicServices@waverlyia.com](mailto:PublicServices@waverlyia.com) with any questions.

## Yard Waste Site

The Yard Waste Site will open for the 2026 season on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, weather and site conditions permitting.

The yard waste processing facility is located north of the Recycling Center at 2800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW. Leaves, grass clippings, garden waste, and kitchen scraps (no dairy or meat products) are processed into compost. Trees, branches, and woody material are shredded into wood mulch.

There is no cost for Waverly residents to drop off yard waste (no plastic bags or other materials). The finished products of compost and mulch are free for residents to pick up at the Yard Waste Site.

Delivery of mulch and compost within city limits is also available – learn more at [www.waverlyia.com/mulch](http://www.waverlyia.com/mulch) or [www.waverlyia.com/compost](http://www.waverlyia.com/compost).

Bulky items, electronics, and extra trash can also be dropped off at the Yard Waste Site (fees apply).

### Waverly Yard Waste Site Hours

	Open (excluding Holidays)	Days & Hours
Yard Waste Site	March 23 <sup>rd</sup> – October 31 <sup>st</sup>	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
		Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> – November 21 <sup>st</sup>	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 4:30 pm
		Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Recycling Center	All Year	Mon. – Fri. 7:00 am – 5:30 pm
		Saturday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Postal Customer Carrier Route Presort

### Report a Pothole

Each spring, our City Street crews work throughout Waverly to repair and fill potholes. We encourage residents to help us keep streets in good condition by reporting any potholes that need attention.



To report a pothole in your neighborhood:

- Scan the QR Code or visit [www.waverlyia.com/pothole](http://www.waverlyia.com/pothole) to complete a quick and easy report, or
- Text Pothole to 319-419-4459

Your reports help us patch things up quickly and keep Waverly rolling smoothly!

### Curbside Recycling Reminder

The City uses automated trucks to collect curbside recycling. To help keep our operators safe, all recyclable materials must fit inside your recycling cart on collection day. Do NOT bag items – plastic bags cannot go in the curbside recycling.

If you have additional recycling, you may drop it off at the Recycling Center, located at 2800 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NW.

The Recycling Center hours are:

- Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Saturday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



If you consistently have more recycling than your cart can hold, you may request a larger cart by emailing [PublicServices@waverlyia.com](mailto:PublicServices@waverlyia.com) or calling (319) 352-6247.



### Curbside Recycling & Yellow Lid Garbage Container Schedule (Yellow Highlighted Weeks)

April						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

City offices closed  
 April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Garbage &  
 Recycling picked  
 up on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

May						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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City offices closed  
 May 25<sup>th</sup>. Garbage  
 & Recycling picked  
 up on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

June						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

City offices closed  
 June 19<sup>th</sup>. Garbage  
 picked up on June  
 18<sup>th</sup>.

Place carts at the curb by 7 a.m. on your collection day. Make sure the carts are at least 3 feet apart, and 6 feet away from any permanent structures or vehicles. Reminder that carts should be removed from the curb by 8 p.m. on your collection day.