

Winter Parking Restrictions

The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st through March 31st, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In accordance with City of Winsted Ordinance 502.008, parking is not permitted on any street in the City of Winsted during this time period.

Vehicles parked on the street and in violation of this ordinance will be issued a citation and may be towed at the owner's expense. This information is only posted on City entrance signs and not within the City, so be aware of this parking ban and inform renters, visitors and out-of-town guests.

Keeping the roadways free of parked vehicles will assist the Public Works Department in clearing snow and ice during winter storms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Winsted Police Department at (320) 485-2600 or City Hall at (320) 485-2366, prior to receiving a citation. Thank you for your cooperation!



ATTENTION Snow Birds!

If you plan on traveling south for the winter months, please remember to take the following steps concerning your utility bill and refuse service:

Before you leave...

- Contact Winsted City Hall at (320)485-2366 to provide a forwarding address for the months you will be gone.
- During the duration that you are gone, you must have your refuse container removed. Please contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to have your cart removed.
- You can sign up for the Automatic Payment Plan. Forms are available online or at City Hall.
- You can also pay online or by phone with a credit or debit card while you are gone.

When you return...

- Let us know when you return to Winsted.
- Contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to have a refuse container delivered to your home, and to re-activate your account.

Safe travels and enjoy the winter!



Medicine or Candy?

Can you tell the difference? Can your children or grandchildren?



- Tips:**
- Store medicines out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet
 - Dispense or sort medications over a bowl or plate to catch any that may fall or roll away if dropped
 - Take inventory. Know what you have and how much.
 - Child resistant caps are not "child proof." Experiments have found that kids as young as 4 and 5 figure out these caps quickly.
 - Properly dispose of unused or expired medications at a *Take It To The Box* location — don't stockpile.

Take It To The Box is easy and free!

The *Take It To The Box* collection boxes accept both over-the-counter and prescribed medications from households, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Leave the medicine in its original container, with the name of the medication visible.

Cross off any personal information. Needles and sharps not accepted.

Take It To The Box locations:

- ✓ McLeod County Sheriff's Office, 801 East 10th St., Glencoe
- ✓ Hutchinson Police Dept., 10 Franklin St. South, Hutchinson
- ✓ Winsted Police Dept., 201 1st St. North, Winsted

Questions? mcleodmeada@yahoo.com or 320-864-1390



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WATER CONSERVATION TIPS & FACTS



In order to preserve our water resources, it is important that everyone in our community practice water conservation by making simple changes in our daily routines. This will also ensure savings on water bills. Consider your daily activities and how you can help conserve water, and how you can make a difference!

In the Bathroom

- Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons of water per day and dripping faucets waste up to 2,000 gallons of water per year.
- Toilets should not be used as trash cans to flush tissues, gum wrappers, cigarettes, insects, diapers, etc.
- Put food coloring in your toilet tank. If it seeps into the toilet bowl without flushing, you have a leak. Fixing it can save up to 1,000 gallons a month.
- Don't turn the shower on until you're ready to step in.
- Use less water for baths. You can save 5 gallons of water for each inch of water you don't use.
- If your shower fills a 1 gallon bucket in less than 20 seconds, replace the showerhead with a water-efficient model.
- Keep a bucket in the shower to catch water as it warms up or runs. Use this water to flush toilets or water plants.
- Don't leave water running while washing your face, shaving or brushing your teeth. Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and save 25 gallons a month.
- An electric razor uses less energy than it takes to heat up the water for razor shaving.

In the Kitchen

- Instead of running hot water to defrost frozen food, defrost in the microwave or refrigerator.
- Keep a pitcher of cold water in the refrigerator. Don't run the tap until the water is cold enough to drink.
- Use the smallest amount of water possible in cooking to save both water and nutrients. Most frozen vegetables require about 1/2 to 1 cup of water, not half a saucepan.
- Rather than letting the water run while peeling vegetables, rinse them briefly at the beginning and end of the chore.
- When washing dishes by hand, fill one sink with wash water and the other with rinse water.
- Use the prewash, rinse-hold and scrub cycles of your dishwasher only when necessary.
- Use low-sudsing detergents - they require less rinsing.
- Adding ¼ to ½ cup of vinegar to your wash water cuts grease more readily than hot water alone.
- Soak pots and pans instead of letting the water run while you scrape them clean.
- Install an instant water heater near your kitchen sink so you don't have to run the water while it heats up. This also reduces energy costs.
- Designate one glass for your drinking water each day or refill a water bottle. This will cut down on the number of glasses to wash.

In the Laundry Room

- Only run clothes washers and dish washers when they are full.
- If your washer has a variable load control, always adjust water levels to fit the size of the load.
- This saves both water and the energy needed to heat the extra hot water.
- Remember that in soft water clothes get cleaner and require less detergent and less rinse water.
- When buying a new washing machine, look for models with water or energy-saving controls.
- Washing dark clothes in cold water saves both on water and energy while it helps your clothes to keep their colors.

Did You Know?

The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is 70 gallons per person, per day!

Other Areas of the House

- Insulate the hot water heater, pay special attention to the insulation qualities of the shell. Avoid buying a larger tank than is necessary for your needs.
- Collect the water you use for rinsing fruits and vegetables, and then reuse it to water houseplants.
- Know where your master water shut-off valve is located. This could save water and prevent damage to your home.
- Insulate hot water pipes for more immediate hot water at the faucet and for energy savings.
- Setting cooling systems and water softeners for a minimum number of refills saves water and chemicals, plus more on utility bills.



Conserve and Save!