

City Newsletter



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TIPPER CARTS AND RECYCLING BINS

Are you interested in having a 96-gallon tipper cart or curbside recycling service from R&S Waste?

Tipper carts cost an extra \$1.50 per month. For that price you receive a sturdy 96-gallon waste container from R&S Waste. If the container is lost, stolen, or broken R&S Waste will replace the tipper.

Curbside recycling is \$5.00 per month and the container is provided.

Please contact City Hall for more information at 343-2424.

RENT THE AVOCA COUNTRYVIEW GOLF CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY EVENT:

The facility rents for \$200 and outside catering, as well as beer and wine brought in for a \$50 fee.

The Avoca City Burn Site will accept discarded Christmas trees the first two weeks in January.



PLEASE: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic materials. (This includes tree stands.)

Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire.



HOLIDAY PICKUP SCHEDULE

Anytime there is a National Holiday on, or before the normal pick up day — all trash pick ups will be delayed by one day.

For example: July 4 falls on a Tuesday; therefore, your trash would be picked up on Saturday and so on.

R&S WASTE OBSERVES NEW YEAR'S DAY—

Trash Pick ups for Avoca will be the following :
Sat., JANUARY 5

Remember, weather can play a factor also,
call R&S Waste with any questions:
Phone: 712-748-3471 or 800-730-3471

Utility Billing & Newsletter Mailing to Change in 2019

Beginning January 2019 monthly utility bills will be sent in a postcard form - there will be no change to the due date or penalty dates. As before, Avoca residents should receive their postcard bills the first of the month.

Visit the City Webpage or find it on our City Facebook page

Pet Owners will need to take notice, as the licensing form can be found in this edition of the newsletter.

**With the New Year of 2019 here, don't forget to check out
the City of Avoca webpage:**

<http://www.cityofavoca.com/index.php>

There are several links with important and interesting information. A Community calendar link can also be found as you scroll down the page. The "City Forms" link contains a list of City Services and links to most City of Avoca forms and applications. Also provided are the current City Codes.

Winter Sidewalk Nuisance Notice:

Remember, the City Code has long required that residents, landlords, etc scoop their walks as soon as possible after a snow event ends.

The City will give ample time for this to be completed and will give out reminder notices to citizens as needed. If a Citizen has a concern, please call City Hall 343-2424.

The fee to have the city clean sidewalks is a minimum of \$85 or \$85 per hour.



Enjoy all the celebrations of the season:

FOR EXAMPLE: Boxing Day, Christmas, Fiesta of Our Lady Gaudalupe, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Omnisoka and HAPPY NEW!

TO ALL PET OWNERS:

The City of Avoca would like to remind you that it is time once again to license your cat or dog for the 2019 year. If a completed application form and up-to-date rabies vaccination is mailed-in or dropped off in drop box **before March 1st you can deduct a \$1 off each pet you license.** The City of Avoca will then mail your dog/cat tags back to you.



After March 1st there will be a \$3 fee placed on each pet for each month that it is not licensed on time. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call City Hall 343-2424.

If your pet is no longer living with you or you have suffered the loss of your pet, please notify us and we will remove you from our records.

City of Avoca – Dog/Cat Tag Application

Owner Information (Please Print & Fill out completely)		Veterinarian Information	
Full Name		Clinic name and address:	
Address	Apt #		
City	State		
IMPORTANT: The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found.		Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet (For New Applicants Only)	
Home Phone	Cell Phone	I, _____, (print veterinarian's name)	
Email Address		verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered.	
Affirmation of Owner: Each pet listed below has a current rabies inoculation according to state law. Please enter the rabies tag number in the appropriate box below.		Vet or City Employee may verify (please refer to Vaccination Sheet from Veterinarian's Office).	
Signature of Owner	Date	City Employee	Date

Pet Information

Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species (Circle One)	Gender (Circle One)	Sterile Fertile		Rabies Tag #	Vacc. Expires	City Tag #
					\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			

Please make check payable to:
"City of Avoca"

\$_____ + \$_____
Sterile + Fertile

= Total Paid: \$_____

Questions: Please call 1-712-343-2424 or visit our website at www.cityofavoca.com

“It is better to GIVE, than Receive . . .”



After two months of receiving face cloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, shaving cream and razors, the cooperative Holiday Hygiene Kit drive accumulated 240 completed kits. Officer Mike Porter reported the kits were delivered and gratefully accepted by the staff at the mission. Members of the Viking Christian Fellowship youth group and their sponsors met with Officer Porter at the Avoca

Fire Hall to bundle all the items. The group was surprised with pizza as well! Sponsor, Rob Sampson referred to the kits as “Blessing Bags” for the homeless and thankful his group could be involved in such a project.

***THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE WHO GRACIOUSLY
CONTRIBUTED TO THIS MUCH NEEDED CAUSE !***

This drive is coordinated with the Open Door Mission of Omaha.



Adult Crafters Meet-Up

**Make new friends at Avoca Public Library
Fridays 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**



We will demonstrate a simple craft, or bring your own knitting, crochet, needlepoint, color book, or work on a puzzle.

**Get out of the house and
GET SOCIAL the old-fashioned way.**

PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE FOLLOWING:
Avoca City Codes related to Winter Snow and Ice



City Code 4.27 Dumping of Snow:

It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; however, it is lawful for a person to redeposit into the street any snow accumulation that snow plows have pushed onto private driveways or sidewalks.

City Code 5.6 P Snow Emergency Parking:

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned or leased off-street parking area during any snow emergency for a forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm. The fine for this violation shall be \$25.

City Code 6.8 J Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations:

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after being deposited, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.



City Code 4.8 Operation of Snowmobiles:

The following regulations shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles within the City:

A. Operation of Snowmobiles Restricted. Unless a street, highway, or area is specifically restricted below, snowmobiles may be operated on public ways

within the incorporated limits of the City as follows:

1. By any person authorized to operate snowmobiles by the laws of the State of Iowa; and
2. In a single-file manner in the proper lane of traffic, but as close to the curb as possible under existing circumstances; and
3. Snowmobiles traveling on permitted public streets, highways and areas shall not exceed the posted speed limits; and
4. Snowmobiles must be operated in conformance with all traffic controls which would otherwise apply to automobiles; and
5. All snowmobiles operated in permitted areas or streets shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive and unusual noise; and
6. Snowmobiles may not be operated upon the following public streets, highways or areas within the municipal limits of the city:
 - a. Public parks and recreation areas, or
 - b. Graceland Cemetery, or
 - c. Highway 59, or
 - d. Highway 83, or
 - e. Crocker Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
 - f. Lyon Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
 - g. Maple Street from Lyon Street north to Crocker Street, or
 - h. Elm Street from Lyon Street north to Wool Street, or
 - i. Any public sidewalk or any area between a street and the sidewalk.

2019 Utility Billing Postcard

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Please Make Checks Payable to

CITY OF AVOCA
P.O. BOX 246
AVOCA, IA 51521
PHONE (712) 343-2424

Code Explanation

WT - WATER	PN - PENALTY
ST - TAX	AR - ARREARS
SR - SEWER	TC - TIPPER CART
MC - MISC	RC - RECYCLING
SW - STORM SEWER	ET - EXCISE TAX

RETAIN THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

PAYMENT DROP BOX
IN FRONT OF CITY HALL

CITY OF AVOCA
P.O. BOX 246
AVOCA, IOWA 51521
www.cityofavoca.com

RETURN THIS STUB WITH PAYMENT

Please detach the PAYMENT STUB & include with your check or money order.

Customers may sign up for auto withdrawal from a checking or savings account OR debit/credit card ACH payment.

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You may request your email be added to an Email distribution list.