



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## Energy-Wise Tip

### “Winter Heat!”

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful.* That is, unless your festivities and habits are driving your heating bills through the roof. Then, it's not so pleasant when you get your utility bills after the holidays.

It's common to blame holiday lighting for an increase in your electric bill during the winter months, but many other factors, including heating your home, affect your monthly bill. As you probably intend to keep toasty this holiday season, you should keep energy efficiency in mind. Here are a few efficiency tips during the holidays and throughout the winter season:

#### Sun Heat – It's Free!

Open curtains on south-facing windows during sunny days to allow sunlight to heat your home naturally. Be sure to close them at night to reduce heat loss back through the windows.

#### Drafty Windows + Plastic Film = Comfort

Ensure windows are tightly closed, locked, and then secure clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the winter. Be

sure the plastic is tightly sealed around the entire perimeter of frame to help reduce infiltration. Most hardware stores carry inexpensive kits for this purpose.

#### Blankets for Windows

Install insulating drapes or shades on all windows to further reduce heat loss.

#### Dial Up the Right Number

Set your thermostat as low as is comfortable, when you are home and awake. At most, 68° F is recommended. When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat down. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to adjust your home's temperature to its most efficient range.

#### Furnace Tune Up

Schedule service for your heating system, if necessary. Find out what maintenance is required to keep your heating system operating efficiently. Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.

#### Old Flames

If you have a wood or pellet stove, or fireplace, clean the flue regularly to ensure your home is heated safely

and efficiently. After holiday festivities, do not burn used wrapping paper as it produces little heat but may possibly release toxic fumes. Close the flue tightly when not in use.

#### Cold Duct

Un-insulated and leaky ducts in unconditioned spaces such as attics and crawl spaces can lose 10-30% of the energy used to heat your home. Fortunately, sealing and insulating is fairly easy and does not require any special carpentry skills.

The City of Wayne wishes you and yours the very best during the holidays. Part of our commitment to providing you outstanding customer service includes helping you make the most of the energy you use throughout the year. For more ideas on how you can make your home or business EnergyWise, contact the City of Wayne at 402-375-2866.



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#### CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

January 6th  
January 20th

#### CITY HALL HOLIDAY HOURS

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Closed Monday,  
January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Day

**CHRISTMAS  
TREE DISPOSAL**  
Christmas trees can be disposed of at the brush pile down by the Softball Complex.



## Department News ~

### Free Payment Option now Available Online ~



We hear it in social media, on the phones and in email: You don't want to pay a fee to pay your bill. We want to make sure your customer experience is top notch, so we are now offering online payments with no fee. Just log on to the City of

Wayne website and go to the "Online Bill Pay" option located on the left hand side of the screen.

### Library News ~

The holidays are over for another year, and the staff at Wayne Public Library is settling down for a cozy winter. We start 2015 off with Cuddle Up with a Good Book week, running January 5-11. All through the week the comfortable arm chairs at the library will be draped with cozy blankets. You can curl up and read by the fireplace, or just register once a day at the front desk to take home one of these cuddly blankets at the end of the week. You might even find a cookie and some hot cocoa waiting for you.

Mother Goose Lapsit on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 and the Children's Program with stories and activities on Saturday mornings at 10:30.

The adult book club is reading *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty during January, and will meet to discuss the book on Tuesday, January 28 at 6:30 p.m. Reading a new book every month, the book club meets the Tuesday of the month. Some of the titles selected for 2015 include *The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline, *Handle With Care* by Jodi Picoult, *The Dinner* by Herman Koch, and *Unwind* by Neal Shusterman. New members are always welcome!

Christmas, and to help you figure out how to use yours, Wayne Public Library is hosting Media Mondays throughout January. Call ahead to book time with one of our staff members every Monday between 10-2 PM and 4-8 PM. We can help with tablets, Nooks, Kindles, etc. If you know how to use your electronic device, stop in any time and learn about Overdrive (downloadable books) and Freegal (downloadable and streaming music).

See you at the Library!

 Children's programming begins again after the holiday break on January 7 with

Many of us will have received new electronic gadgets for

### Green Notes ~ Reduce your waste free!

Did you know you it's free to recycle in Wayne? You can take recyclable materials to the Wayne Transfer Station & Recycling Center for **free** three days a week. The Transfer Station accepts cardboard, plastics #1-7, aluminum cans, scrap metal, and glass. There is also a trailer for Boy Scout Troop

#174 that collects newspapers, magazines, and mixed paper all for free. Why pay to throw these resources away with your trash when they can be easily recycled and reused. The Transfer Station is located at 110 South Windom St. and is open Monday and Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., and

Saturday, 8:00 a.m. – noon.

To see a complete list of all the free recycling options in Wayne, visit our website [www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam](http://www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam). For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook.

### WISE WORDS

"To a great extent, the people with whom you choose to associate influence the direction of your life."

~Anonymous

### REMEMBER RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS!!

The water you use for the next month will be what your sewer average will be on 3/1/15!! Please monitor your usage wisely!!



### HOURS AT CAC (September 1st— May 31st)

Mon-Thu—5:30 am—10 pm  
 Fri—5:30 am—9 pm  
 Sat—8 am—8 pm  
 Sun—1 pm - 8 pm

