



# City of Wayne Newsletter

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## PROTECT YOUR SEWER—DON'T FLUSH THAT!

What to flush and what not to flush:

Sewers are designed to take our wastewater and carry it safely to a treatment plant. But other items often get flushed and can create problems. We all need to keep things flowing through the sewer. Poop, pee and toilet paper? Okay. Everything else? Put it in the trash or recycle!

Here's a quick quiz:

- Do you want to keep raw sewage from backing up into your home?
- Would you like to keep sewage from bubbling out of the manhole in the street outside?
- When you flush your toilet, would you rather see the water go down instead of overflowing?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then don't use your toilet as a trash can!

### NOT CONVINCED? TRY THIS SIMPLE TEST

Take a square of toilet paper, put it in a jar of water and swish it gently with a stick. The toilet paper quickly disintegrates, just as it would in a sewer.

Now, try the same thing with a baby wipe. It doesn't break apart and, in fact, the things are nearly indestructible in a sewer system! Try the same thing with a paper towel.

Remember, just because it goes down when you flush, that doesn't mean it's not going to cause a problem. Below is a picture of baby wipes from the sewer:



Shop rags and paper:



### WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

Sewer blockages can cause all of these:

- Plugged and overflowing toilets
- Poorly draining sinks and showers
- Raw sewage backing up through your drain
- Manholes overflowing onto the ground or into nearby surface waters
- Health hazards and nuisance odors
- Increases in the City's maintenance costs
- Costly maintenance and repair bills for you

Below is a section of pipe plugged with grease. The hole is from the auger when they tried to clear the blockages.



The cord between these 2 ear plugs is wrapped around rags. Dental floss does the same thing.



Even things that are labeled "flushable" can cause problems in sewer systems. Flushable toilet brushes and mop heads? Put them in the trash!

### DON'T FLUSH THESE:

- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Wipes (even flushable ones)
- ◆ Cloth or paper rags
- ◆ Condoms
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Diapers
- ◆ Kitty litter
- ◆ Cigarette butts
- ◆ Dental floss
- ◆ Latex gloves
- ◆ Hypodermic needles
- ◆ Facial tissues
- ◆ Grease fats
- ◆ Gas
- ◆ Oil
- ◆ Solvents
- ◆ Anti-freeze
- ◆ Paints
- ◆ Dirty water from washing cars
- ◆ Sewage from septic tanks
- ◆ Pesticides
- ◆ Herbicides
- ◆ Food wrappers
- ◆ Cleaning sponges
- ◆ Toys

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**CITY COUNCIL**  
**MEETINGS**

March 6th  
March 20th

**Cross-Connection Control Survey Form**

In the upcoming months, City of Wayne customers will receive a "Cross-Connection Control Survey Form" in the mail that needs to be completed and returned to the City Offices. This form will help prevent the accidental contamination of the City's drinking water.

The City of Wayne is required to do this not less than once every five years, and will greatly appreciate your cooperation.



## Department News ~

### Wayne Public Library ~



Tax forms have come in and are available at the library-1040, 1040A & 1040EZ forms and instruction booklets. For other forms required, library staff can assist with the download from IRS.gov and printing (cost is \$.10 a side).

Wayne State College Department of Education students will continue to be here on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. to offer after-school tutoring and homework help for grades K-8. Stop in during this time, no registration required. This is the last month of this program for this school year. Just a reminder that there will be no tutors on March 5 and 7 due to WSC Spring Break.

Monday March 12th at 6:00 p.m. the Library will host Smart Phone 101.5.-Beyond the Basics. You've learned to answer your phone, text and email, but you want to know more such as apps that you will use, how to use maps and the importance of your search engines. Wanna learn how to Facebook? What the heck is Snapchat or Instagram? We can teach that! Registration is required. Call 402-375-3135 or stop in to sign up today.

Coloring Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Library. All color pages, crayons, markers and pens, plus a light snack will be available at this FREE event sponsored by Pac-N-Save.

Coloring Nights are open to men and women high school grads and older.

Winter Story Time continues with Mother Goose on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and Story Time on Saturday mornings at 10:30. This month the themes are Trees & Siblings.

Get in the Irish spirit on St. Patrick's Day and join us for a classic family movie at 1:00 p.m. on March 17th. This tale is about a wily Irishman and his battle of wits with leprechauns, and is sure to be a fun-filled afternoon of magic, mirth, and nonstop shenanigans! (Movie will run 1 hour and 30 minutes)

Get your Easter baskets ready and join us for a fun-filled fifteen minutes at our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th at 10:30. Hunters of elementary school age welcome.

Join in the March 27, 6:30 p.m. Book Club discussion of The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible by A.J. Jacobs. This selection is a fascinating and timely exploration of religion and the Bible. The author chronicles his hilarious and thoughtful year spent obeying as literally as possible the tenets of the Bible. Raised in a secular family but increasingly interested in the relevance of faith in our

modern world, A.J. Jacobs decides to dive in headfirst and attempt to obey the Bible as literally as possible for one full year. He vows to follow the Ten Commandments. To be fruitful and multiply. To love his neighbor. But also to obey the hundreds of less publicized rules: to avoid wearing clothes made of mixed fibers; to play a ten-string harp; to stone adulterers. The resulting spiritual journey is at once funny and profound, reverent and irreverent, personal and universal and will make you see one most influential book with new eyes.



The Friends of the Library are gearing up for their annual book sale, scheduled this year for April 12-13-14 at the city auditorium. Donations of books in good condition are still being accepted at the library. Please call ahead if you have more than one or two boxes or sacks to donate. See you at the sale!

Ask at our circulation desk to learn more about our databases available to you 24/7 online. If you have a recommendation for a program or book purchase, let us know!

#### WISE WORDS

*"The problem with stealing quotes off the internet is you never know if they are genuine."*

— Abraham Lincoln

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS

Monday & Friday

9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Saturday

8:00 am.—Noon

Or by appointment  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Thursday

## Green Notes ~ Household Hazardous Waste Collection Coming!



Mark your calendars for a special Household Hazardous Waste Collection event on **Friday, April 13th, 2-4 p.m.** at the Wayne Transfer Station, 110 S. Windom Street. A drop-off fee includes HHW items such as paint, pesticides, herbicides, oil, yard & garden chemicals, anti-freeze, car batteries, household batteries, lightbulbs, and mercury & mercury containing devices. We thank the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development for selecting Wayne to host this special collection event.

**HOW TO RECYCLE GLASS IN WAYNE.** Bring your clean and

rinsed glass bottles (including glass food and beverage containers and glassware such as wine and pint glasses, but NO windshields, ceramic, porcelain, or laminated glass) to the metal bins inside the Wayne Transfer Station. For your safety and to prevent contamination, do not place glass directly into the concrete bunker outside. Also, remove any plastic bags as these cannot be recycled with glass. Thank you!

For more tips on the Green Path to the Good Life, like the Wayne Green Team on Facebook or visit [www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam](http://www.cityofwayne.org/greenteam).

#### YOUR RIGHT:

The Fair Housing Act protects people from discrimination when they are renting, buying, or securing financing for any housing. The prohibitions specifically cover discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability and the presence of children.

If you believe you may be a victim of housing discrimination, contact HUD 1-800-669-9777 or your local Fair Housing representative:

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**YOUR CHOICE. YOUR RIGHT. YOUR HOME.**

