



to the city of Johnston

www.cityofjohnston.com

City Hall



Various services are available at Johnston City Hall. Located at 6221 Merle Hay Road, staff is available Monday -

Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. to assist with the administrative functions of the city. Contact city hall with questions regarding city council, official records, employment matters, city budget, liquor licenses, business permits, and utility billing.

The Community Development Department, located in city hall, processes all issues related to building and planning, including building permits, zoning regulations, and code enforcement. If you are installing a fence, adding a deck, remodeling project, or have other questions, call 515-727-7778.

Newsletter



The City of Johnston distributes its

monthly newsletter in the Johnston Living Magazine. Watch for your monthly copy in the mail.

Want to Learn More?

Go to www.cityofjohnston.com

Register for regular updates on city business, including city council, city updates, police activity, and more.

Welcome to our city, located northwest of Des Moines. We offer a wealth of parks and trails, high educational standards, responsive government, new business development, and an excellent quality of life.

Come explore our wonderful community and discover what Johnston has to offer.

Utility Services

Water, sewer, solid waste and recycling services are provided by the City of Johnston. A monthly bill is mailed to your residence about the first of the month and payment is due on the 15th. Call 515-727-7772 with any billing questions.

Water Service

Johnston purchases its water from the Des Moines Water Works, where it is treated to meet all water quality standards. Water is billed in gallons used.

Sewer

Waste water leaving your home is treated at Des Moines Metropolitan Wastewater Reclamation Authority, of which Johnston is a member.

Recycling/Compost

Residents are encouraged to participate in the Metro Waste Authority Curb It! and Compost It! programs. The Curb It! recycling bin is placed at the curb every other week, following the calendar

attached to the bin. Yard waste is collected each week, April - November.

Solid Waste

Waste Management of Iowa provides solid waste collection for all single and two-family homes in Johnston. Garbage bins are due curbside by 6 a.m. on collection day.

Monday - Pick up for residents west of 86th Street

Tuesday - Pick up for residents east of 86th Street

To exchange a cart, report a missed collection, or schedule a bulky item pick up, contact Waste Management at 515-265-5267.

About Us



The City of Johnston was incorporated in 1969 and has a mayor/council form of government.

The mayor is elected at-large to a two-year term and five city council members are elected at-large to four-year, staggered terms. The city council meets on the first and third Mondays of the month. Work sessions are scheduled at 6:00 p.m. and the regular meetings are scheduled at 7:00 p.m. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the city's Web site.

Payment Options

In person - Cash and check payments are accepted at Johnston City Hall, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Dropbox - Available 24/7, inside the front door of Johnston City Hall.

Pay stations - Payment can be made at the Johnston Hy-Vee and Johnston Dahl's grocery stores.

ACH - Automatic payment initiated by Johnston Water Department. (Not to be confused with online banking offered by your financial institution.) For more information or to apply, call 515-727-7772. Or, download the form at www.cityofjohnston.com/docs.

Online credit card - Available 24/7, go to www.cityofjohnston.com. A processing fee is charged by the credit card company.



Parks and Recreation



Johnston promotes the use of its trail and park

system. With more than 30 miles of trails and 14 public parks, residents can easily find a way to enjoy nature.

Reservations for Crown Point Community Center and Simpson Barn can be made by contacting this department.

Senior Center



The senior center is located at the Crown Point

Community Center and offers activities, coordinated with Polk County. The dining center is open Monday - Friday and a daily lunch is served at noon. For more information, call 515-251-3707.

Farmers Market



The weekly Farmers Market is held at city hall on

Tuesday, 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., from the end of May through the beginning of October. Area vendors offer fresh baked goods, homegrown items, and more.

Fire



A team of full-time and part-time firefighters serve the City of Johnston and

areas of unincorporated Polk County. The response area covers approximately fifteen (15) square miles and staff members continue to improve their skills with regular, ongoing training.

Police



Johnston Police Department serves the Johnston

community through community-based policing events such as 411, child safety seat inspections, Safety Town, and KID PIX, in addition to their regular protection services for the community.

Is that Legal in Johnston?

Rules and regulations pertaining to residents of Johnston can be found in the City code, posted on the city's Web site.

For further information, contact Johnston City Hall, 515-278-2344.

Public Works



Johnston Public Works department provides many

services to the community including signal lights, street maintenance, snow plowing, utility maintenance, and summer mosquito spraying. The department also accepts lost pets in the hope of finding their owners.

Interested in serving on a city board or commission? Many opportunities are available for public participation. Download the online form from Web site. Terms begin in July 1.

Johnston City Hall

6221 Merle Hay Road
PO Box 410
278-2344 · Fax: 278-2033

Johnston Fire

6015 N.W. 62nd Avenue
276-5182 · Fax: 334-5390
Emergency: 9-1-1

Johnston Public Library

6700 Merle Hay Road
PO Box 327
278-5233 · Fax: 278-4975

Johnston Police

6221 Merle Hay Road
PO Box 410
278-2345 · Fax: 278-8239
Emergency: 9-1-1

Johnston Public Works

6400 NW Beaver Drive
278-0822 · Fax: 727-8092

Johnston Parks

and Recreation
6400 NW Beaver Drive
727-8091 · Fax: 727-8092

Crown Point

Community Center and Senior Dining Center
6300 Pioneer Parkway
Call 251-3707 for lunch reservations

Mayor

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Welcome to Johnston

My basket is full of information, gifts & gift certificates for your enjoyment. Remember Welcome Wagon when new people were visited and given lots of goodies? Now it's called Community Greetings and we love to visit our new residents & make them comfortable in their new surroundings. Some of your gifts are groceries from 3 stores, a free oil change (really) ice cream and gift cards from many local restaurants & many, many more from 61 local businesses.



I've had the honor of welcoming new people now for 20 years.

You've chosen a wonderful community. Just give me a call & I'll bring you all your gifts. (And, I'm not selling anything)

Madilyn Allender, 276-4339.

CITY OF JOHNSTON
AGREEMENT FOR PREAUTHORIZED PAYMENTS

www.cityofjohnston.com



Utility Services · 6221 Merle Hay Road · PO Box 410 · Johnston, IA 50131 · 515-278-2344

I (we) hereby authorize the City of Johnston, to initiate debit entries to my (our) checking account indicated below and the depository named below, hereinafter called Depository, to debit the same to such account.

Depository Information

Financial Institution _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Routing Number _____ Account Number _____

John and Mary Jones 123 Main Street Anytown, IA 50000	1234
Pay to: _____ \$ _____	
VOID	
Anytown Bank Anytown, MI 48888	_____ DOLLARS
For: _____	Do Not Complete Shaded Area
: 072412345 : 0012300456 " " 1234	

Please attach a voided check or a photocopy of a check with this application.

Routing Number (9 digits)	Account Number (up to 17 digits)
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Resident Information

Name _____

Address _____ Home Phone _____

Cell phone _____ E-mail _____

I authorize the City of Johnston and the financial institution named here to initiate variable entries to my checking account. This authority will remain in effect until I notify the City of Johnston and the financial institution to cancel it in such a time as to afford the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act.

Also, I agree that I remain obligated to pay for utility services in the event that a charge to my account is dishonored, for whatever reason, and the City of Johnston retains its normal collection rights.

Signature (required) _____ Date _____

Water Account Number _____

Water bills will still be mailed to you on the first of the month, the City of Johnston will debit the account listed above on the 15th of the month.

Official IOWA Voter Registration Form

1. You are required by law to provide your current and valid Iowa driver's license or Iowa non-operator ID number. If you do not have an Iowa driver's license/non-operator ID number, provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security Number.

Valid IA Driver's License or IA Non-Operator ID Number	:	Last 4 Digits of Social Security Number
_____		_____

Check this box only if you DO NOT have a current and valid Iowa driver's license/ID OR a Social Security Number.

2. Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year) Sex Male Female Daytime Phone (optional) () E-mail (optional)

3. Name Last Name First Name Middle Name Suffix (Sr., Jr., etc.)

Street Address (include apt., lot, etc., if applicable)

City State ZIP Iowa County Where You Live

A If mail CANNOT be delivered to the address above, provide an alternate mailing address.

Alternate Mailing Address (include P.O. Box if applicable)

City State ZIP

B If you DO NOT have a street address because you use a rural route address or you are homeless, describe where you live.

Description (include Township and Section Number if known)

4. Political Affiliation

Parties:

Non-Party Political Organizations:

NOTE:
If you leave this section blank, your registration will be listed as "No Party".

<input type="checkbox"/> Check Only ONE Box	<input type="checkbox"/> Democratic <input type="checkbox"/> Republican <input type="checkbox"/> No Party	<input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian
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5. PREVIOUS REGISTRATION (If you have ever been registered to vote before, complete this section.)

Your Name Then

Your Address Then

City State ZIP County

6. Are you a citizen of the United States of America? Yes No
 Will you be 18 years of age on or before Election Day? Yes No

If you checked NO in response to either of these questions, DO NOT complete this form.

READ and SIGN

7. I swear or affirm that:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am the person named above. • I am at least 17 1/2 years old. • I am not currently judged by a court to be "incompetent to vote". • I do not claim the right to vote anywhere else. • I have not been convicted of a felony (or have received a restoration of rights). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I am a citizen of the United States. • I live at the address listed above.
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WARNING:
If you sign this form and you know it is not true, you can be convicted of perjury and fined up to \$7,500 and/or jailed for up to 5 years.

X _____
Signature Date

First-Class
Postage
Required

Jamie Fitzgerald, Polk County Commissioner of Elections
120 Second Ave., Suite A
Des Moines, IA 50309-4757

Do you have a

high water bill?

Have you noticed an increase in your water bill? Although water rates have increased to adequately fund system improvements, water storage and treatment processes, a higher-than-average water bill may indicate a leak.

- Leaks can account for 10,000 gallons of water wasted in the home every year.
- Ten percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day.
- Common types of leaks found in the home include leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. Many can be easily corrected.
- Fixing easily corrected household water leaks can save homeowners more than 10 percent on their water bills.
- In the summer months, outdoor water usage accounts for many high bills.
- One way to find out if you have a toilet leak is to place a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If the color shows up in the bowl within 15 minutes without flushing, you have a leak. Make sure to flush immediately after this experiment to avoid staining the tank



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515-278-2344

Where does the water go?

Did you know that an American home can waste more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks?

CHART YOUR LEAKS			
Rate of leak		Gallons of water wasted	
Drops/30 seconds	Drops per minute	In 1 billing cycle	In 1 year
5 drops	10 dpm	24	292
10 drops	20 dpm	48	584
15 drops	30 dpm	72	876
20 drops	40 dpm	96	1168
25 drops	50 dpm	120	1460
30 drops	60 dpm	144	1752
35 drops	70 dpm	168	2044
40 drops	80 dpm	192	2336

* Based on 30 days average per billing period; 365 days/year.

It's easy to check your home for leaks - follow these steps:



- Turn off all water faucets and water-using devices in your home.
- Locate water meter in basement.
- Find the red triangle on the face of the meter.
- If the red triangle is rotating and you are not using water, you have a leak. Check toilets and faucets - and don't forget outside faucets.
- When conducting this test remember to account for automatic icemakers and humidifiers.



City of Johnston

Guide to Solid Waste, Spring Clean Up, Recycling and Yard Waste Collection

The City of Johnston participates in a number of the metro waste collection programs. Retain this information for future reference.

Solid Waste Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa

Place waste in disposable bags or boxes and place the container at the curb for weekly collection. Placing trash in disposable bags, reduces the likelihood that items will blow out of the container or truck on windy days. Follow cart placement guidelines listed at the right.



Special collections may be provided at the same rate as curbside collection for elderly and/or disabled residents. Contact city hall for more information.



All trash must be placed inside the container with the lid closed. The following apply if you have more trash than can fit in the container.

Purchase and attach a \$1.00 sticker for each bag, box or bundle - up to 35 lbs. - placed outside the container.

A \$5 sticker is required for each large item - such as furniture, mattress; items that do not contain refrigerant gases or mercury.

Attach \$35 in stickers for each appliance. Call Waste Management of Iowa, 265-5267, to schedule pick up.

Purchase stickers at Johnston City Hall, Dahl's, HyVee, or Waste Management, located at 201 S.E. 18th Street, Des Moines

The solid waste collection contractor will replace any carts that are damaged by their employees. Carts lost or damaged by the resident will be subject to a replacement fee of \$75 and a delivery charge of \$25. To change the cart size, contact Waste Management of Iowa. There is a \$25 delivery charge.

Call Johnston Police Department, 278-2345, to report a lost or stolen cart.

Cart Placement

To ensure your cart will be emptied on each collection day, follow these guidelines:

- Place cart at the curb by 6:00 a.m. on collection day.
- Place the cart within 18 inches of the edge of the street on a level surface.
- Be sure to place cart with the short metal bar facing the street, with the lid closed.
- Place the cart three to six feet away from garbage containers, yard waste bags, large items and appliances.
- Avoid placing the cart by low hanging branches.
- To avoid damage to public and private property, place cart at least six feet away from mailboxes, utility poles, and lamp posts, etc.

We suggest...

placing the cart at the end of a driveway, reducing the chance that it will be blocked by vehicles, landscaping or snow.



Compost It! Yard Waste Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa



Yard waste is collected during the months of April through November as part of the weekly collection.

Yard waste, including grass, leaves and branches, is required to be placed in a **Compost It!** bag or any plain store-brand paper yard waste bag with a \$1.15 **Compost It!** sticker attached.

Branches may also be securely tied together in bundles no longer than 48 inches or wider than 18 inches. Individual branches cannot exceed two inches in diameter. A **Compost It!** sticker must be attached to each bundle.

The weight limit for bags and bundles is 40 pounds per item.

Christmas trees require a \$1.15 **Compost It!** sticker and the January collection date will be announced in the city's newsletter, found in the *Johnston Living Magazine*.

Compost It! bags and stickers can be purchased at city hall, HyVee, Dahl's, Johnston Hardware, or Metro Waste Authority. Bags are sold in a bundle of five for \$7.75.



Compost It! Premium Service

Compost It! Premium Service is a voluntary program that allows residents with a large volume of yard waste to use one (1) 96-gallon wheeled cart for disposal.

- One-time charge of \$80 for the delivery and use of a 96-gallon wheeled collection cart.
- Annual fee of \$103 for the weekly collection and disposal of the yard waste placed in the cart. The annual fee will be collected by April 1 each year.
- **Compost It! Premium** will be collected weekly (April through November) on the same day as solid waste/garbage collection.
- If there is more yard waste than can be placed in the cart, the resident must follow the **Compost It!** guidelines noted above.
- Place cart at the street, following the guidelines listed on this flyer.

Hazardous Waste - Materials must be disposed of at the Regional Collection Center, 225 Prairie Drive, Bondurant. Call 967-5512 for hours of operation. Hazardous materials include cleaners, oil, pesticides, etc.

Recycling Guidelines

Service provided by Waste Management of Iowa
Curb It! recycling is picked up every other week on the same day as solid waste collection. The single stream collection process allows residents to place items in the cart in any order; no sorting is required. If in doubt, put items in the trash. Items that can be recycled include:

- Newspapers and magazines, mixed paper, junk mail, phone books and envelopes, broken down cardboard, shredded paper (placed in paper sack)
- Plastic containers and yogurt/margarine tubs. Rinse and remove lids.
- Glass jars and bottles. Rinse and remove lids.
- Tin and aluminum cans. Rinse.



See sticker affixed to top of recycling cart for schedule information.

Place cart at the street, following the guidelines listed on this flyer.

For more information, go to mwatoday.com

Curb It! Extra

Do you have a lot to recycle? If you would like an additional recycling cart, sign up for the **Curb It! Extra** program by calling Metro Waste Authority (MWA) at 244-0021. There is a one time delivery fee of \$25 and an annual subscription fee of \$30, which pays for service from July 1 through June 30 each year. Payments for this service are made directly to MWA.



The recycling collection contractor will repair or replace any carts that are lost or damaged. Call 24-GREEN (244-7336) for all cart questions and to order a repair, replacement or change in size. The cost for cart repair and replacement is included in the monthly fee.

Spring Clean Up Days

Spring Clean Up Days are organized for residents to dispose of large quantities of trash. Think of all the things you would like to get rid of during an intense spring cleaning...that is what Spring Clean Up Days are for.

- Typically held in April or May and occurs on the same day as solid waste collection.
- A reasonable amount, as determined by the city, of solid waste may be placed on the curb for collection.
- Items must be placed on the curb by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the clean up.
- Small material must be bagged, boxed or bundled, loose items will not be collected.
- Construction debris, banned materials, medical waste, tires, etc. will not be accepted.

City Billing Information

City residents benefit from favorable rates for solid waste collection/disposal and recycling, based on the premise that if the entire community participates, everyone benefits.

- Residents may not 'opt-out' of the program.
- Billing is based on a full month of service; prorated billings are not provided.
- If a resident moves, they will be billed for the final month they received service. Service and payment of the monthly charges will be suspended until the home is occupied.
- Residents who leave town for an extended period of time may request their service be suspended.
- Residents pay for the solid waste and recycling programs on their monthly water and/or sanitary sewer bill. Residents who do not receive water and/or sanitary sewer service will be billed directly for solid waste and recycling. The city will follow its established procedure for collecting the bill including reminder notices, fines and possible disconnection of water service and/or liens on the property.

✂ Clip and save for future reference.

Collection at a Glance

	Residents west of NW 86th Street	Residents east of NW 86th Street
Collection Day	Monday	Tuesday
Solid Waste	Weekly collection	Weekly collection
Bulky Items	Place with weekly collection. Attach \$5 sticker	
Recycling	Collected every other week. See calendar on cart.	
Yard Waste	Yard waste collected April through November on regular collection day	
Appliances	Schedule with Waste Management of Iowa	
Hazardous Waste	Items can be dropped off at the Regional Collection Center, 967-5512	
Holidays	Collection is delayed one day when a holiday falls on a regular collection day Holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day	

Who Do I Contact?

City Services	Solid Waste	Compost It! • Curb It!
City of Johnston	Waste Management of Iowa	Metro Waste Authority
727-7772/278-2344	265-5267	244-0021
www.cityofjohnston.com	www.wm.com	www.mwatoday.com
Set up or suspend services, questions on billing and register for the Compost It! Premium .	Report a missed collection, report cart damage by the contractor, order a smaller or larger cart	Report a missed collection, report cart damage by the contractor

Call 278-2345 to report a lost or stolen cart.

Recycling and Garbage Guide

curb it![®] Recycle and Roll

Curb It![®] Curbside Recycling

MWA's Curb It! program has helped residents recycle more than 233,000 tons of materials (that's 29,000 garbage trucks)! Recycle & Roll is the latest innovation in Metro Waste Authority's Curb It![®], program, which celebrates its 15th year in 2009. 2009 also marks Metro Waste Authority's 40th year of being "your partner in environmental solutions."

What can I recycle in my cart?

- Below is a brief list of items that can be recycled:
- Cardboard (cut to fit inside your cart)
- Newspaper
- Mixed paper (put shredded paper in a paper sack)
- Necked plastic bottles and their lids (bottles have openings smaller than the base)
- Empty aerosol cans
- Wire hangers
- Aluminum and tin cans
- Plastic margarine and yogurt tubs and their lids
- Glass food jars - all colors

Trash It!

- Below is a brief list of the items that are not accepted in the Curb It! recycling cart
- Tissues and napkins
- Styrofoam*
- Pizza boxes
- Aluminum foil
- Spray nozzles or pumps
- Toilet paper or paper towels
- Lids from glass jars
- Paper contaminated with food
- Containers that once held motor oil or antifreeze
- Any plastic item that is not a bottle or a yogurt or margarine tub or their lids.
- Plastic bags

* Check with packing/mailling stores for Styrofoam recycling information.

Reminder!

If you have questions about a specific item, call our customer service staff at (515) 244-0021 or visit our web site at www.mwatoday.com.



Collection

Recycling collection is every other week. Please refer to the calendar sticker on the lid of your cart to find your recycling pick-up day.

Recycling Hauler

Waste Management of Iowa is the company that Metro Waste Authority has hired to collect the recyclables. If your recyclables are not collected on your regular collection day or if you have issues/problems with your cart, please contact Waste Management at 515-24-GREEN (47336).

Where Do I Get a Green Cart?

Carts are property of Metro Waste Authority and are for use in residential recycling, so please use them as intended. To request a cart please contact Waste Management at 515-24-GREEN (47336).

Recycling Tips

- Please rinse out containers, but there is no need to remove labels from containers.
- Crush plastic bottles and tin/ aluminum to save space.
- Check the neck! A bottle is a container that has an opening smaller than its base.
- Write down your serial number that is on your recycling cart. Then in case of a windy day, you will easily identify it if wild weather carries it away from your curb.

Place these items in your cart

Missed pick up?
Cart issues?
Call: (515) 24-GREEN

curb it!
Recycle and Roll



Plastic containers

“necked” bottles and
yogurt/margarine tubs
NO LIDS

Cardboard
break down and cut
to fit into container



Mixed paper

including junk mail, phone
books, magazines, shredded
paper needs to be in a paper
sack or paper box

Tin/aluminum cans



Glass Jars & Bottles

ALL colors



Newspaper
including inserts

DO NOT place these items in the cart: garbage, yard debris, styrofoam, plastic bags, containers which previously contained hazardous materials (such as motor oil or paint), electronics, or anything not listed above. **WHEN IN DOUBT, THROW IT OUT!**



Metro Waste Authority

(515) 244-0021 www.mwatoday.com

Recycling and Garbage Guide



Your Yardwaste Recycling Choice

Yard Waste Recycling and Compost

Purchasing

Don't trash yard waste, recycle it with Compost It!. State law bans yard waste from Iowa landfills, which means you should not place it in your garbage container or throw it out with your regular garbage. Compost It! gives Central Iowa residents* an option for yard waste disposal in compliance with the state law. Material collected through the Compost It! program is turned into a usable soil amendment (see "Compost Purchasing").

*Participating Communities

Altoona, Bondurant, Carlisle,
Clive, Des Moines, Grimes,
Johnston, Norwalk, Pleasant Hill,
Urbandale, West Des Moines,
Windsor Heights



How to Use Compost It!®

1. Use the Compost It! bags - no need to affix a sticker to them.
2. Use store-brand bags (from home improvement stores, for example) and attach a Compost It! sticker to each bag.
3. Attach Compost It! stickers to brush bundles.

Brush Bundles

Brush bundles must be no more than 18 inches in diameter and no more than four (4) feet long. Bundles cannot weigh more than 40 pounds. Des Moines and Urbandale have additional restrictions - residents should call the numbers under "Who to call for collection or missed pickups" for more information. Each bundle must have a Compost It! sticker attached.

Where to Buy Bags and Stickers

Bags and stickers are available at area grocery, hardware and home improvement stores.

Who to Call for Collection or Missed

Pick-ups - For collection days or missed pickups, contact your hauler:

Des Moines residents, call Public Works' 24-hour customer service line at (515) 283-4950.

Urbandale residents, call Urbandale Engineering and Public Works at (515) 278-3950.

Residents of other participating communities, call Artistic Waste Services at (515) 262-4040.

Compost Sales/Buying Compost

Yard waste isn't "waste" at all! Your use of Compost It! bags and stickers to dispose of yard debris not only helps Central Iowa comply with state law, it also pays for a portion of the costs to convert it into valuable compost. The sale of compost, in turn, helps MWA keep the price of Compost It! bags and stickers low for residents. Turf Gold Premium, MWA's compost, is available for sale.

For more information on compost purchasing, visit www.mwatoday.com or call (515) 244-0021.

The Compost It!® Premium Service

Is an optional subscription service that offers residents the convenience of a wheeled container for the weekly collection of yard waste. It is available in addition to the Compost It! bags and stickers. Residents purchase an annual sticker which covers the use of the container for a one-year yard waste collection season. The annual sticker price covers the cost of collection and processing of all the yard waste at Metro Waste Authority's Metro Compost Center. Residents may also be required to pay a start up fee to defray initial costs for the wheeled container, and its delivery and certain administration costs.

Using Compost It!® Premium Service

Residents are provided a 64-gallon or 96-gallon wheeled container and a yearly program sticker to attach to the container. Yard waste is collected weekly on the regular Compost It! collection day. Yard waste containers are placed at the curb, six feet away from permanent structures such as mail boxes and 3 to 6 feet away from Curb It! bins and trash containers. The Compost It! premium yard waste containers are only to be used for grass clippings, leaves, branches, yard and garden trimmings and brush. Excess yard waste can be put in Compost It! bags or stickered bundles and placed with the wheeled container at the curb. For information on participating communities, call (515) 244-0021 or visit www.mwatoday.com.

Metro Waste Authority's
Regional Collection Center
for Household Hazardous Waste
1105 Prairie Drive SW • Bondurant, IA 50035 515-967-5512

Facility Hours

Tuesday - Friday

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.*

Businesses are by appointment only and must call ahead.

*Residents can be serviced 8 a.m. to noon for a \$10 fee, unless an appointment is made ahead of time.

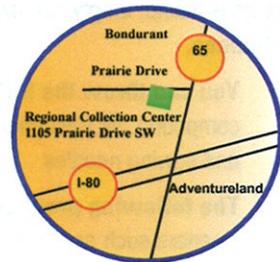
Saturday

Open the first and third Saturday of each month 8:00 a.m. to noon.

June through August, every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to noon

Directions

Take I-80 to the Adventureland and Prairie Meadows Exit and turn north on US-65 for one-half mile. The RCC is on your left; look for a bright green roof.



Limits and Fees

- There is a 75 pound limit per resident, per visit. Any amount over 75 pounds is assessed a fee of \$1.00 per pound.
- E-waste (computers and televisions) are accepted for a fee of \$.50 per pound.
- Latex paint is non-hazardous but is accepted at \$1.00 per gallon container or smaller, \$5.00 for five-gallon buckets.
- Car and pick up truck tires are accepted for \$2 per tire with a **four** tire maximum.

Metro Waste Authority Facilities

Metro Park East Landfill

12181 NE University Ave (Hwy. 163), Mitchellville, IA 50169

515.967.2076

Metro Park West Landfill

2499 337th St, Perry, IA 50220

515.436.8252

www.mwatoday.com

Accepted materials:

aerosols, acids/bases, antifreeze, batteries (alkaline and rechargeable), cellular phones, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL)s, cleaners, fluorescent light bulbs, e-waste* (computers and televisions), fertilizers, floor care products, glues, gasoline and kerosene, mercury thermometers, mercury thermostats, motor oil**/oil filters, oven cleaner, oil-based paint, paint thinner and remover, petroleum-based adhesives, pesticides, poison, pool chemicals, roofing tar, rust removers, sharps, shellac, stain, tires***, and windshield washer fluid

*for a fee of \$.50 per pound

**a \$10 handling fee will be charged for containers larger than five gallons

*** there is a fee of \$2/tire, 4 tire maximum (car and pick up truck tires only)

Latex paint is accepted for \$1/can, \$5/5 gallon bucket

Non accepted materials:

ammunition/explosives, asbestos, radioactive materials, fire extinguishers, non-hazardous waste, empty containers, propane tanks, incandescent light bulbs, and **no appliances.**

- **You can throw the following in your trash:** dry cement mix, joint compound, air fresheners, non-fluorescent (incandescent) light bulbs, potting soil and sewing needles.
- **The following products can be safely disposed of down the drain:** liquid cleaners such as Lysol, soap, drain cleaners, laundry products, shampoo, and enzymatic drain cleaners. To use this disposal method, pour one cup of material down the drain and let the water run for one minute. Do NOT pour multiple products down the drain at once!

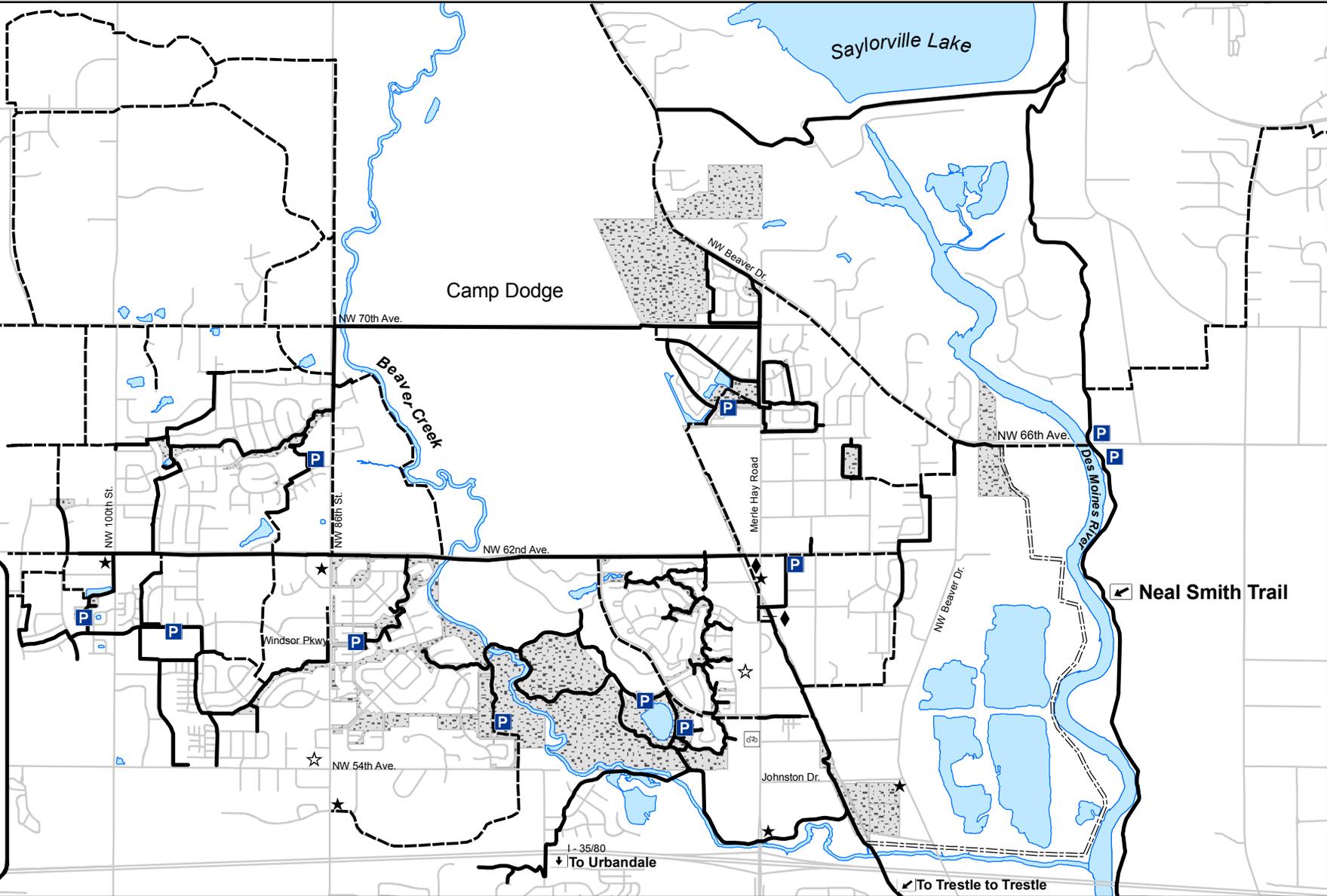
How do I get rid of ...?

- **Medications** – Mix medications with trash items, such as kitty litter or coffee grounds, and either double bag this material or place it loose in the trash. Empty medication bottles and vials can be recycled in the Curb It! recycling program. Medicine can also be taken to participating pharmacies in the TakeAway program. For more information go to www.iarx.org/TakeAway.
- **Latex paint is not a hazardous material.** You can dispose of latex paint by mixing it with kitty litter, oil dry or newspaper. Once the paint is dry, take the lid off and throw it in the trash. You can do the same with water-based products such as shellacs, varnishes, thinners, glues, or joint compounds.





Johnston Recreational Trails System



Legend

Trails

- Existing
- - - Future
- == Off-Road Trail

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- P** PARKING
- Bike Shop
- Convenience Store
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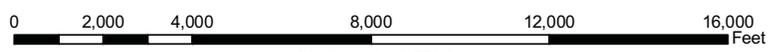
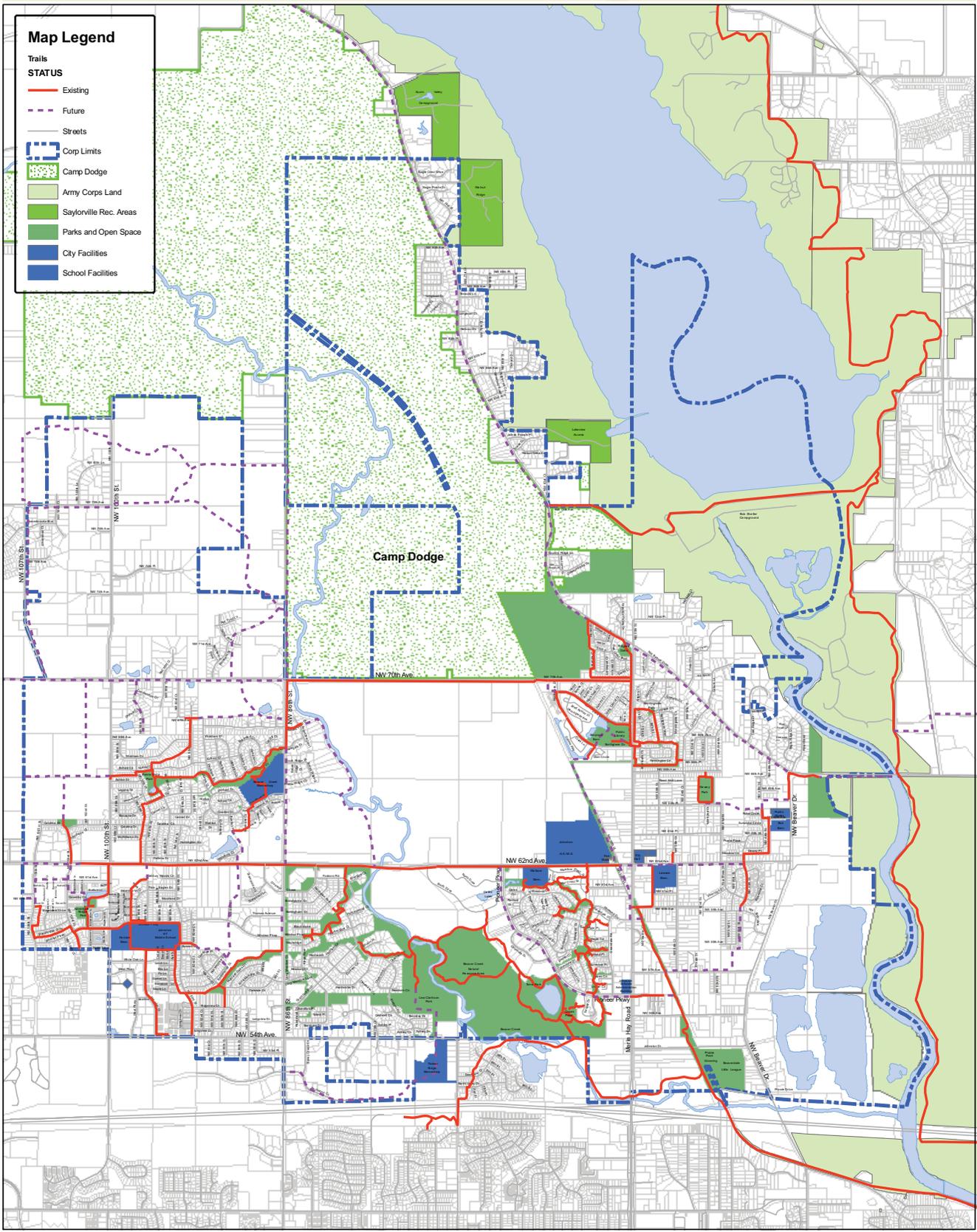
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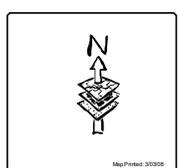
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WE CAN HELP YOU

SERVICES:

The Johnston Public Library provides a wide variety of services and materials, including:

- books, large print books, audio books, downloadable audio and eBooks , DVDs, videos, video games, magazines, newspapers, music CDs, CD-roms, puppets, audio-visual equipment, specialty cake pans, local history materials
- online access to the library's collection and online reference databases
- reference and interlibrary loan services
- conference and study rooms, large meeting rooms
- photocopier, public computers, color printer
- internet access and wireless connectivity
- summer reading program, story times, book clubs, special programs
- test proctoring
- homebound delivery
- book sale nook
- tax forms and publications

LIBRARY BOARD:

The library is a semi-autonomous administrative agency of the City of Johnston. Five trustees appointed by the mayor and city council set library policy. The trustees employ a director and staff who are responsible for the library's day-to-day operation. The board periodically reviews every policy. This brochure points out some of the library's most important policies. The policies in their entirety are available at the reference desk.

CAN YOU HELP US?

GIFTS/MEMORIALS:

The Johnston Public Library Foundation would be pleased to accept monetary donations or memorial contributions to further enhance our library.

TO ALL PARENTS

PARENTS WILL WANT TO KNOW:

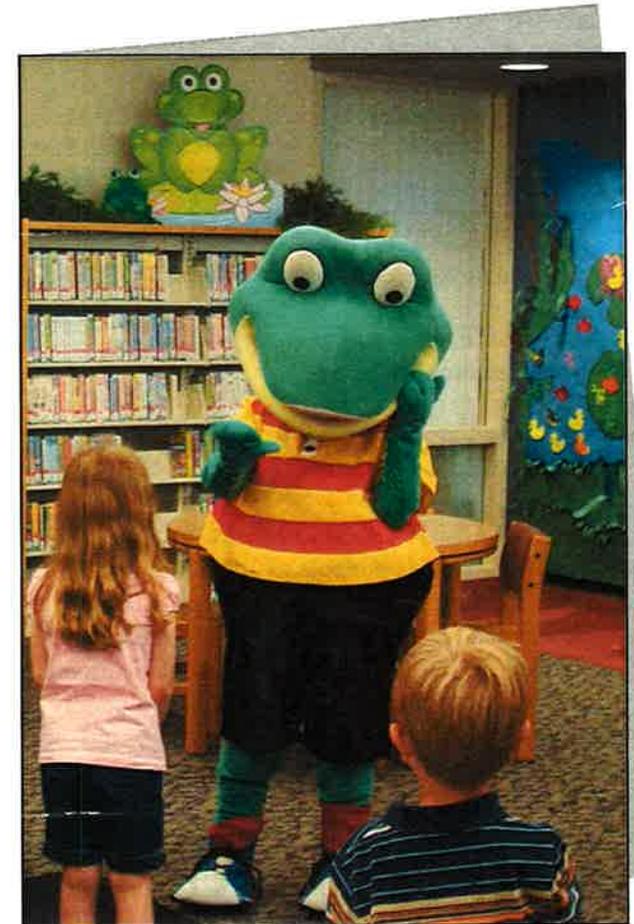
Open Borrowing Privileges

The library maintains collections of materials for all ages, interests and viewpoints. Anyone, regardless of age, may select from the entire collection. It is the responsibility of the parents to monitor their own children's use of library materials.

Unattended Child Policy

To protect your child while using the library, the Johnston Public Library has an unattended child policy. Children age 4 and under must be accompanied by a parent at all times. Children under age 9 should not be left in the library by themselves. Disruptive young people age nine and older may, if necessary, be asked to leave. Parents should attend programs with their young children. In the case of the older children, parents should arrive at the conclusion of a program and before the library's closing.

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WELCOME to the Johnston Public Library. This brochure introduces our materials, programs and some of our policies. For more information please ask your Library Staff.

HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 10 A.M. – 8 P.M.
Friday – Saturday 10 A.M. – 5:30 P.M.
Sunday 1 P.M. – 5 P.M.

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

Circulation/Reference/Youth Services:(515) 278-5233

WEBSITE:

www.johnstonlibrary.com

WANT TO JOIN?

BECOMING A CARD HOLDER:

Those who are residents of Johnston, rural Polk County, or participating Open Access towns, and are age 5 or older may become borrowers by presenting photo identification and proof of current address. Children under age 14 must have a parent or guardian sign their application form. Your library card is free and is renewable if there are no outstanding fines or fees. There is a \$1.00 fee to replace a card, and identification is required.



CHECK IT OUT!

CHECKING OUT:

All print materials, are checked out for 3 weeks and may be renewed twice, in person or by telephone, provided that no other borrower has reserved them. You must have a valid library card to check out materials. When you check out, the staff will remind you of any outstanding delinquencies. You must be at least 18 years of age to check out audio-visual equipment.

CHECK OUT PERIODS AND LIMITS:

- Books..... 3 weeks
- Books on CD (limit 10)..... 3 weeks
- Books on cassette.(limit 10)..... 3 weeks
- Downloadable Audio (limit 3)...7 days
- Downloadable eBooks (limit 3).. 14 days
- Porta Books..... (limit 2)..... 3 weeks
- Music CDs (limit 10)..... 3 weeks
- Cake pans..... 3 weeks
- DVDs..... (limit 5)..... 7 days
- Videos..... (limit 10)..... 7 days
- Video Games (limit 2)..... 7 days
- Magazines..... 3 weeks
- CD-roms 3 weeks
- Internet in library use..... 1 hour
- Audio visual equipment..... 1 day

Depending upon the waiting list for popular titles, the borrowing period may be shortened.

FINES:

Fines are 15 cents per day per item for library materials. Fines for Audio/Visual equipment are \$5.00 per day per piece of equipment.

RETURNING MATERIALS:

During library hours please return items to the inside return. Outside return slots are provided for after hour returns. You are responsible for all items placed in the drops.

IF THERE IS A PROBLEM:

Please report any problems but do not attempt to repair any broken or damaged materials. If library materials are lost or destroyed, the borrower must pay the replacement price of the item. A fee will be charged for any damage to materials. Library privileges will be revoked if any fines, damage fees or replacement charges are not paid.

WHAT DO YOU NEED?

Holds

If we own an item but it is checked out, you may place a hold on it. You will be contacted when the item is in. Your card is necessary to check out the hold.

Request for Purchase

If you know of an item you think we ought to own, you may make a recommendation. We try to purchase most requests and will reserve the item for you when it arrives.

Interlibrary Loan

Ordering library materials from other libraries usually takes a week or two. This service is limited to print materials only.

E-Mail Notification

We provide e-mail date due reminders and hold available notifications for customers who provide us with a current email address. Since so many e-mail accounts use spam blockers, it is important to add circstaff@urbandale.org to your approved e-mail list to prevent the messages from being filtered as junk mail.

AWARENESS & RESPONSIBILITY

Daily activities can impact water quality. Most rainfall drains untreated to streams and lakes through storm drains in neighborhoods. There are many ways you can prevent storm water pollution:

1. Wash your car at a carwash or on the lawn, not the driveway,
2. Re-direct roof drains to gardens or other vegetated areas,
3. Properly dispose of all hazardous household waste,
4. Minimize use of fertilizers, and
5. Clean up after your pets.



This brochure is part of the public education campaign for our city's storm water program. The City of Johnston is a member of the Iowa Stormwater Education Program.

The Iowa Stormwater Education Program provides educational resources and guidance to member communities about storm water management.

For additional information:

www.iowastormwater.org

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Managing Storm Water in Our Community



Photo by Clay Smith, Iowa DNR

Storm water can pose a risk to our water resources. Pollutants in storm water can impact lakes, streams and rivers. New programs to control storm water pollution are being adopted by our community.



WHAT IS STORM WATER RUNOFF?

Storm water runoff is rainfall or snowmelt that runs off impervious surfaces like roads, driveways, parking lots, buildings, and compacted soils. Storm water runoff is collected and conveyed through storm sewers directly into streams, rivers, and lakes without being treated.

THE PROBLEM

Pollutants accumulate on impervious surfaces between rainfall events. Frequent, small rains wash pollutants into streams, rivers, and lakes. These pollutants negatively impact water quality.

As communities grow, impervious areas increase. Larger amounts of impervious surfaces cause the volume and rate of storm water runoff to increase. This can result in flooding, stream channel degradation, and increased water pollution in our surface waters.

STORM WATER POLLUTANTS

- Sediment from construction sites
- Pesticides and nutrients from lawns, parks, and roadsides
- Bacteria from pet waste
- Oil and grease from car leaks, gas stations, and industrial areas
- Trash such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers, and plastic bottles
- Illegally dumped pollutants
- Thermal impacts from sun-heated impervious surfaces
- Salt and sand from snow and ice control applications
- Illicit connections to storm sewers

STORM WATER MANAGEMENT

The traditional approach to storm water management focuses primarily on flood control. Today, our city is required to manage for both water quality and quantity by using practices that infiltrate more rainfall and reduce the volume of storm water runoff.

STORM WATER REGULATIONS IN OUR CITY

To comply with new federal regulations, our city is required to implement a new storm water management program. Some requirements include:

1. Managing storm water runoff for water quality protection,
2. Reducing sediment loss from construction sites,
3. Developing ordinances to meet program goals,
4. Inspecting storm drain outlets for unwanted discharges, and
5. Providing public education and involvement.



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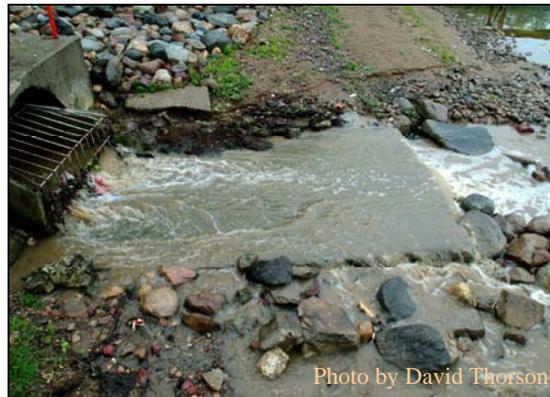


Photo by David Thorson

Storm water flows through storm drains that outlet into Iowa streams, rivers, and lakes.



Photo by David Thorson

Storm water runoff plume discharging pollutants into an Iowa lake.



USING YOUR WATER WISELY

Are you a **Wise User** of the water supplied to your home or business?

The Central Iowa Regional Drinking Water Commission has developed an awareness program aimed at educating all water customers on how to use water wisely. The program offers tips on detecting and repairing leaking faucets and toilets and how to more efficiently water your lawn. These tips can be found at www.dmww.com/usingwaterwisely.asp or through a link on your local city or utility Web site.

Following these water saving tips can reduce the peak water consumption on hot summer days and aid your water system in operating more cost effectively.



Tips for Using Water Wisely

During summer months, more water is used for lawn and turf grass irrigation than for any other purpose.

Whether you use an automated system or a garden hose, follow these tips to use water wisely:

- Test the irrigation system each spring for leaks and to make sure sprinkler heads are aimed at lawn.
- The CIRDWC suggests avoiding lawn irrigation of any kind during the daytime hours of 10 am-5 pm. Evaporation is highest during this period and more water is needed for the same effect.
- Watering every other day is sufficient for most soils in the Des Moines area. Even in extremely dry and drought conditions, Kentucky Bluegrass will become dormant to withstand the heat. Continue to water in drought conditions, but infrequently and only enough to wet the soil to a 6-inch depth. Typical grasses may require up to 1.5 inches of water per week, applying no more than 0.25-0.50 inches per irrigation cycle. Johnston residents with “sandy” soil may need to apply more water during each cycle.
- Water customers are encouraged to alternate watering days with their neighbors. One suggestion would be for residents whose house number ends with an ODD number water their lawn on ODD days of the month. Those whose house numbers end in EVEN numbers water on EVEN days.
- For customers who use programmable, in-ground systems, moisture sensors can be installed to notify and shut off the system when the ground has sufficient water and/or rainfall.
- When possible, avoid laying sod in July and the first three weeks of August. Since new sod does not have an established root system, more water is needed to sustain the turf. Beginning the last week of August and through the fall months is the best time for laying sod and planting grass seed.

Please consult your preferred Garden Center, Lawn and Landscape Professional, or ISU Extension horticulturalist for tips and consultation on your specific lawn and landscape care and watering needs.

