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## Fall Leaf Collection

Bulk leaf collection will begin on or around October 1st, and will continue through November, or until it snows. Leaves must be windrowed along the terrace, but not placed in the street or gutter. Do not pile leaves around trees, posts or mailboxes. Leaves in bags or containers will NOT be collected. Leaves may be covered with a tarp or plastic.

### **LEAVES AND BRUSH MUST BE KEPT IN SEPARATE PILES**

### **Winter Garbage & Recycling Cart Placement**

With winter weather approaching, it's time to plan for the placement of garbage and recycling carts during the next few months. While many residents can continue to set their carts in their driveway apron, some will want instead to clear snow from the terrace next to the driveway to make carts accessible for the collection trucks. This will be easiest if begun with the first snowfall. When planning for your cart placement, please remember:

- Place carts with at least 4 feet of clearance on the sides so the mechanical arms can get to them.
- Do not place carts on a snowbank or more than 2 feet behind the curb, or the mechanical arm may not be able to reach the carts.
- Do not place carts in the street, as that presents a hazard to drivers and interferes with parking, gutter drainage, snow plowing and street sweeping.

Please also remember that if severe weather prohibits trash and recycling collection, the pick-up day will be delayed by one day for all residential pick-ups during the rest of that week.

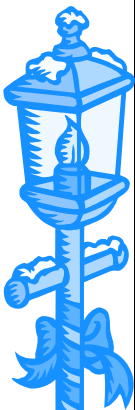
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### **Street Light Maintenance**

If you notice a problem with a street light in your neighborhood, whether it is burnt out, flickers or stays on all the time, contact MG&E at 252-7333.



## Winter Parking



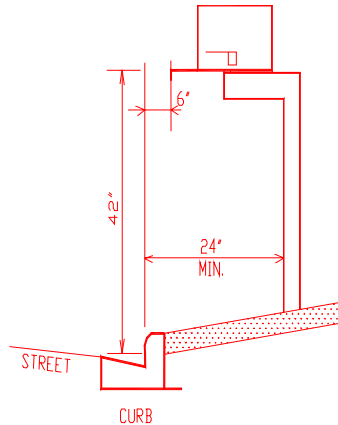
Cold weather and snow will soon be upon us. City of Middleton Ordinances require all motorists to park on the even numbered side of streets on even numbered calendar days, and on the odd numbered side on odd numbered days, between 1:00 am and 7:00 a.m., (from November 15 thru March 15). The only exception is if parking is prohibited on one side of the street.

## Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants

The Middleton Common Council adopted the following ordinance at a regular meeting held on August 21st, 2007. "The owner, occupant or person in charge of each building, structure or unoccupied lot in the City fronting or abutting a street shall remove snow and ice from the sidewalk, including handicap ramps adjacent to such building, structure or unoccupied lot as well as from any fire hydrant upon or directly adjacent to the property to a point no higher than four (4) inches below the lowest nozzle. The snow and/or ice must be removed from the entire width of the sidewalk and handicap ramps and from fire hydrants within 24 hours following the end of the snowfall. If ice cannot be removed immediately, it shall be sprinkled with salt, sand or combination thereof until it can be removed."

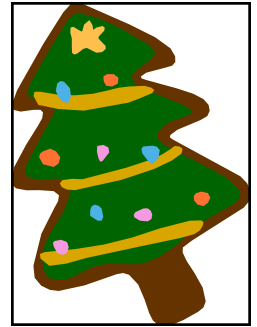
### Mailbox Placement & Damages

Please examine the sketch and place your mailbox accordingly. The face of the mailbox door when opened should be behind the back of the curb so when the door is opened it does not hang over the curb. Also, the height should be as shown, with the bottom being 42 inches above the top of pavement. If your mail-box is damaged by the blade of the City snow plow, please contact the City of Middleton, Public Works Department as soon as possible to report the incident & to obtain a Property Damage Form, (also available on our website). If your mailbox is damaged from the snow coming off the plow's blade, the City's insurance company may not cover the cost of damages.



### Christmas Tree Disposal

The City will collect and chip Christmas trees during the months of January and February on an as-needed basis. All tinsel, decorations, tree stands, etc. must be removed.



**Trees placed in plastic bags or buried in snow banks will not be collected.**

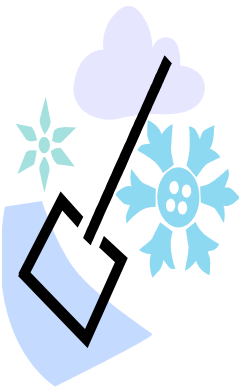
### Sidewalk Maintenance

Middleton wants to keep our sidewalks safe for everyone to use. Each year our staff reviews sidewalks in certain areas and schedules work to ensure safety and accessibility standards are being met. Each resident can help in achieving these goals by walking along their property and addressing any concrete deficiencies or obstructions, such as:

- Filling small cracks with caulk before they become wide.
- Patching small popouts in the surface of the concrete.
- Calling the Public Works Dept. (Shawn Ulsrud 821-8388) to report safety problems such as wide cracks or tripping hazards.
- Trimming vegetation (grass, flowers, bushes and trees) so that the full sidewalk width remains unobstructed to a minimum height of 10' above the sidewalk. If a City terrace tree is obstructing the sidewalk, please contact the City Forester (Mark Wegner 821-8345) so he can schedule appropriate trimming.

Working together, we can improve safety and accessibility for all pedestrians.

### Sidewalk Shoveling



The City requires that snow must be cleared from sidewalks within 24 hours following the end of the snowfall. Residents should clear the entire width of the walk, as well as the handicap ramps at street crossings. Ice should be sprinkled with sand or rock salt. You can also help by shoveling out your mailbox, and areas for your trash cans and recycling bins.

**It is unlawful for residents to plow snow, shovel or throw snow into the street.**

### Used Construction Material for Reuse

You can visit the following websites for more information.

- <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/madisonfreecycle>,
- [www.madisonstuffexchange.com](http://www.madisonstuffexchange.com) or [www.restoredane.org](http://www.restoredane.org)

**Zoning Map:** Go to the City's website: [www.cityofmiddleton.us/City/Departments/planning/documents/zoning.pdf](http://www.cityofmiddleton.us/City/Departments/planning/documents/zoning.pdf)

### Building Permits

Residents must obtain permits from the Building Inspector for construction and remodeling projects with a cost estimate over \$1000. Any project that includes improving, altering, converting, repairing, extending or demolishing of a building or structure requires a building permit. Permits are also required for land disturbing, erosion control, storm water, plumbing, heating, electrical, and signs, both temporary and permanent. Permit applications are available at City Hall and on our website. Permits must be obtained **before** construction begins. Please allow two weeks for processing permit applications. A penalty will be applied for projects started without a proper permit. If you have any questions relating to obtaining a permit, please call the City of Middleton Building Inspection Department at 821-8370.

## Refuse & Recycling Update

On January 1, 2010 the City implemented a new solid waste collection program with Pellitteri Waste Systems. Contact Pellitteri to arrange for bulk item and appliance pick up. For more information you can visit their website at [www.pellitteri.com](http://www.pellitteri.com) or call 257-4285.

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: For a full description on how to recycle or throw out miscellaneous items, check the City's updated Trash and  
: Recycling Guide. If you do not have one, please go to our homepage ([www.cityofmiddleton.us](http://www.cityofmiddleton.us)) select Depart-  
: ments --> Public Works and click on 'Garbage and Recycling'.  
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### **Appliance & Miscellaneous Item Pick-up:**

**Ron, The Guy in The Truck:** Pick-up charge of \$10 for appliances, grills, exercise equipment, electronics, lawnmowers, bikes and many other unwanted household items. Additional fee for appliances containing freon. *FREE* pick-up for computer equipment!

**Items not collected:** TVs, tires, furniture, water softeners.

**For pick-up, email: [Guyintheredtruck@hotmail.com](mailto:Guyintheredtruck@hotmail.com) or call Ron at 608-576-4426.**

**Jackson & Jackson Hauling Service:** Pick-up charge of \$10 or more for appliances, air conditioners, aluminum, copper, steel, iron, dehumidifiers, hot water tanks, junk vehicles and many other types of metal items.

**For pick-up, call Mr. Jackson @ 608-216-1271**

**\*\* It is illegal for private haulers to pick up items at the curb or terrace area, it's considered garbage picking. Please place items for private collection near resident's garage or in driveway.\*\***

## SAVE THE DATE

**WHAT: Clean & Green Middleton**

**WHEN: Saturday, October 22, from 9am - 1pm  
(lines are typically shorter after 11am)**

**WHERE: Greenway Station Parking Lot, 1600 Aspen Commons**



Stop by on October 22nd to drop off any of the following for FREE:

clothing - household goods - appliances - furniture - eyeglasses - cell phones - iPods - laptops - digital cameras - books - scrap metal - durable medical equipment (i.e. crutches and wheelchairs) - gas powered lawn mowers (must be emptied of gas and oil) - CFL light bulbs - batteries - printer cartridges - used and surplus building and construction materials, fixtures, and tools.

New this Clean & Green! File 13 will Recycle the following items for FREE:

computers - printers - servers - computer parts - LCD (thin flat panel) computer monitors, UPS units, cables, wire, adaptors and chargers

The following electronics can now be recycled with File 13 at a new, lower cost of 20¢/lb

CRT (tube) monitors - stereo equipment - all TVs - VCRs - DVD players - home thermostats - smoke detectors - carbon monoxide detectors - CDs - DVDs - diskettes - VHS tapes - household electronics (i.e. microwaves, vacuums, power tools, toaster ovens, mixers, etc.)

Pellitteri Bulk Item Collection - FREE (for City of Middleton residents only)

For any items that can't be donated for reuse or don't fit into your new trash cart, Pellitteri will have a dumpster on site for collection of bulk item trash, appliances & recyclable metal without the pick-up fee.

We WILL NOT collect: cardboard (this can be stacked beside your blue recycle cart and picked up at the curb), tires, hazardous household materials/paint (hazardous materials can be dropped off at Clean Sweep at 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd. through October 29, 2011. Please see <http://www.danecountycleansweep.com> for hours and more information).

Please check the City website closer to the event for updated information:  
<http://www.cityofmiddleton.us>

### Med Drop

**24 hour** drop box available in the lobby of the Middleton Police Dept, 7341 Donna Dr.

Please empty pills into plastic sealed bags & recycle the pill bottles at home. If you are dropping off liquids or creams, they may remain in the original container, but placed in a sealed bag to avoid spillage.

For more information, please visit the City's website at

[www.cityofmiddleton.us/police/meddrop.htm](http://www.cityofmiddleton.us/police/meddrop.htm)

### Disposing Household

#### Hazardous Items

**Dane County Clean Sweep** accepts many household hazardous items, including paint.

**Hours:** Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday; 7:30 am - 2:00 pm  
*May 1 through October 29*

**Location:** 2302 Fish Hatchery Rd (north end)

For more information call 608-294-5366 or visit their website at [www.danecountycleansweep.com](http://www.danecountycleansweep.com)

## Recycle Your Holiday Lights!

You may drop off your indoor & outdoor holiday lights for recycling at no cost during the months of November & December 2011 & January 2012.

*Two Available Locations:*

### Ace Hardware Middleton Springs

2540 Allen Blvd  
608-831-2535

### Wolff Kubly Ace Hardware

6305 University Ave  
608-238-0251

Questions? Contact Abby Attoun at 608-821-8343 or [aattoun@ci.middleton.wi.us](mailto:aattoun@ci.middleton.wi.us)

## Middleton Plastic Bag Recycling Ordinance (In Effect Beginning December 1, 2011)

Beginning December 1, 2011, all “non-contaminated” plastic bags in the City of Middleton must be recycled. The City of Middleton will set up plastic bag recycling sites conveniently located throughout the City beginning December 1, 2011.

**Ace Hardware Middleton Springs**      **Middleton Library**  
2540 Allen Blvd                                      7425 Hubbard Ave

**Willy Street Co-op (West)**                      **Wolff Kubly Ace Hardware**  
6825 University Ave                                      6305 University Ave

**In Greenway Station at:**                      **There is an existing site at:**  
**Erehwon Mountain Outfitter**                      **Copp’s Grocery Store**  
1661 Deming Way Unit 110                                      6800 Century Avenue

## Brush Collection Schedule

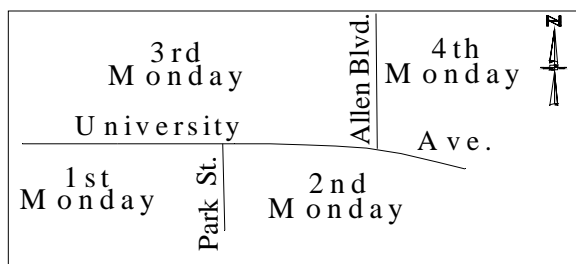
### Background Information:

Curbside brush collection service is provided to residents as a convenience for the maintenance of their property. Service is not provided for land clearing activities nor will brush be collected from commercial contractors. Collection will be provided **once per month from April through November**. Special collections may be made in response to storm events.

### Brush Collection Rules:

- Limbs or branches must not exceed 6 inches in diameter
- Remove all metal, roots and dirt
- Keep brush segregated from garbage and refuse
- Place brush at the curb in an orderly fashion with all butt ends pointing in the direction of traffic and avoid conflicts with poles, mailboxes, parked cars, hydrants, and other obstructions

If you live:	Place your brush at curb by 7:00 AM On:
West of Park St./N. Gammon Rd & South of University Ave.	<b>1st Monday of the month <u>for collection during that week</u></b>
East of Park St./N. Gammon Rd & South of University Ave.	<b>2nd Monday of the month <u>for collection during that week</u></b>
West of Allen Blvd. & North of University Ave.	<b>3rd Monday of the month <u>for collection during that week</u></b>
East of Allen Blvd. & North of University Ave.	<b>4th Monday of the month <u>for collection during that week</u></b>



**Note: If Monday is a holiday, place brush at curb by 7:00 AM Tuesday morning.**