



# City of New Germany

DECEMBER 2023

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

### New Germany Minnesota

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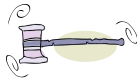
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**CITY OFFICE CLOSED**

January 15, 2024 is observed  
Martin Luther King Day. Office  
closures are always posted on  
office door.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

Christmas Tree Recycling is at Mayer recycling center located on County Rd 30 by Mayer. Take County Rd 30 to the east, over the bridge and it is the second gate on north side (left side). Winter hours are Saturday 8 AM—12 PM. You can drop trees off, Saturdays 8am-noon. Be sure to remove all ornaments, lights and bags.



### Protecting Water through the Winter December 2022

**Carver County Water Management Org. Water Column**  
Although, we have some snow, the ponds and other water bodies are beginning to freeze. It is important not to forget about water protection during winter. Even when it is cold, pollutants from our lawns and driveways can still run down through storm drains and into lakes and rivers.

Here are four things you can do to protect waters in winter.

#### **Don't let winter waste make spring messes**

Cold temperatures and frozen water don't slow down a pup's digestive system. Continue to pick up pet waste through the winter to prevent bacteria and pathogens from getting into lakes and rivers. It's easy to let it pile up, come spring those frozen piles will melt and make a real mess!

#### **Be a good fisherman**

Whether you visit a lake once or set up a second (fishing) home for the season, please remember the "leave no trace" motto and take everything you bring onto the lake back out with you when you leave. Everything that's left on lakes' frozen surfaces ends up in the water below when ice-out occurs leading to safety and public health issues.

#### **Shovel before salt**

Shovel first and shovel often during snowstorms. If you get the pavement clear, there is no snow to become compacted and turn to ice. This is the most effective method for safe walkways. Lastly, pay attention to temperature. Rock salt doesn't work well when the temperature is below 15°F. Keeping areas clear through shoveling and scraping is your best bet in cold temperatures.

#### **Ponds with unpredictable ice**

Keep yourself and your family safe. It's never safe to skate or walk on a frozen pond. Ice thickness on small stormwater ponds is not as certain as ice that forms on natural lakes. It's constantly changing as runoff and drainage water flow through the ponds all year long. With the unpredictability of water movement and impacts of road salt, it's best just to stay off ponds.

### 12 Ways To Save Energy This Heating Season

1. Get an energy audit, advanced home energy audit
2. Lower your thermostat— when you go away or at night lower your thermostat 10 degrees
3. Take advantage of heat from the sun, open your curtains during the day, close at night to reduce the chill
4. Cover drafty windows, will reduce air leakage
5. Weather strip and caulk windows and doors eliminate air infiltration
6. Seal air leaks, prevent air leaks around chimneys, vents, pipes & wires, plug the leaks
7. Close your fire place damper when a fire is not in use and install air tight doors to prevent warm air from escaping, if no longer in use, seal the flute with an inflatable plug
8. Maintain your heating system furnace or boiler inspected annually to ensure maximum efficiency
9. Turn down the temperature of your water heater to 120 degrees, not only save energy, it will reduce the danger of scalding
10. Use light-emitting diode or LED-holiday light strings will reduce the expense to decorate your home for the holidays
11. Upgrade to LED lights for your entire home lighting. LEDs are the most efficient and longest lasting bulbs
12. Look for the Energy Star label when making purchases for new household products. Energy Star signifies strict energy efficiency & reliability guidelines set by Environmental Protection Agency and the US Department of Energy.

### **YOUR MAILBOX IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY.**

Please be sure to shovel around your own mailbox, or your shared mailbox station. The delivery person cannot get to your mailbox if the snow is piled high from the snow plow. It is not the responsibility of the City to shovel around the mailbox.



### Garbage & Recycling Updates

Reminder garbage is not delayed during the Holiday season. Christmas and New Years lands on a weekday, garbage is delayed one day.

**Recycling**—there has been some changes in the recycling industry. Remember during the holiday season bubble wrap, cellophane, holiday ribbons, bows, batteries, food waste, clothing, shoes, holiday lights, electronics, foam packaging are not recyclable and belong in the waste container.

**Recyclable items** -Make sure you are washing your plastic water, soda, juice, dish soap, lotion, detergent jugs before placing in recycle bin (lids can be on). Plastic cups, pudding, fruit cups, clear disposable cups (no straws) margarine/whip cream tubs, cottage cheese & similar containers, clear produce, deli & take out containers (empty& rinse; lids on). All cardboard boxes, cereal, cracker, pasta, tissue, shoe, gift, electronic boxes, toothpaste & other toiletry boxes, flatten all boxes. Milk cartons, juice cartons, juice boxes, soup, broth & wine cartons (empty& clean/rinse and dry; caps on). Mail, office & school papers, magazines, catalogs, newspaper, inserts, phone books (clean; staples ok). Food cans, beverage cans (empty; labels ok). Brown, green, clear bottles, jars (empty/rinse; no lids).

#### **Non Recyclable items**—

Foil pouches, bags, wrappers, dishes, vases, mirrors, plastic straws, utensils, refrigerator, freezer boxes, polystyrene foam (Styrofoam), shredded paper, pizza boxes.

**Damage or entangle equipment list**—plastic bags, ropes, hoses, chains, scrap metal, bulky items, shredded paper.

**Harm workers**— medical sharps, diapers, batteries, hazardous products.



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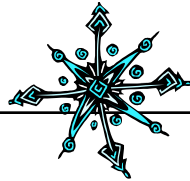
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**OFFICE HOURS**

MON thru THURS 8:30-4:30  
Closed on Fridays  
www.cityofnewgermany.com

Meeting Schedules:  
Council - 7:00 pm  
1st & 3rd Tuesday  
  
Commercial Club  
7:00 pm 4th Monday  
  
Fire Department  
7:00 pm 1st Monday  
  
Planning Commission is  
the 4th Tuesday at 6 PM.



**2022 MEETING SCHEDULES**

Council Meetings

- January 2
- January 16
- February 6
- February 20
- March 6 (Wed)
- March 19
- April 2
- April 16
- May 7
- May 21
- June 4
- June 18
- July 2
- July 16

Fire Department Mtg

- January 8
- February 5
- March 4
- April 31
- May 6
- June 3
- July 1
- August 12
- September 9
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2



CITY EVENTS

- August 6 (8 pm) March 23—Easter Egg Hunt
- August 20 May 13—Spring Clean up
- September 3 Aug 2-4 Softball Tournament
- September 17 August 6—National Night Out
- October 1 October 26—Halloween Party
- October 15 November 26—Turkey Bingo
- November 6 (Wed) December 7—Breakfast w/Santa
- November 19
- December 3
- December 17

**Commercial Club meets monthly on the 4th Monday @ 7 PM when needed.**

**Planning Commission meets as needed on the 4th Tuesday @ 6 PM.**

QUARUM OF COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT

Election year—2024—March %, August 13, November 5, 2024

**Winter Safety Rules**



**SIDEWALKS**—As a property or business owner, it is your responsibility to keep the sidewalk in front of your home or business shoveled & free from ice and snow. Please take care of any snow or ice within 24 hours of a snowfall or ice storm.

**GAS METERS**—Keep the screen on your outside meter clear of snow to keep it working properly.

**ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT**—Please adopt the fire hydrant closest to your home. Keep it clear of snow. In case of a fire, this protects both you and your neighbors.

**SNOW PARKING RULES**

**NO Parking** on city streets following a snowfall of 1” or more.  
**NO Parking** on city streets between 2am and 7am beginning Nov. 1 thru March 31

**PENALTY**—If your car is parked illegally during snow plowing, the Sheriff Dept. will be called and you will receive a ticket.

**January 2024**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Fire Dept Mtg	2 Council	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Recycle	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day-closed	16 Council mtg	17	18	19	20
21	22 Commercial Club if needed	23	24	25 Recycle	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3



The City of New Germany wishes everyone a safe and Happy Holiday!

