

Utility News - www.lodiutilities.org

After-Hours Emergency Number

Call (608) 258-0027 for after-hours emergencies only.

Energy Services

If you need assistance with your utility bills, please call Energy Services at 1-800-506-5596. Choose option 1 and leave a message for someone to return your call.

Avoid Late Fees

The United States Postal Service announced that as of October 1, 2021, mail delivery for many Americans will slow down. There are several ways to make sure your utility payment arrives on time and you are not charged a late fee.

- **Sign Up for Auto Pay:** Customers may sign up for auto pay through Lodi Utilities. There are no fees for this service. Payments are pulled on the due date. Over 500 of our customers already take advantage of this free service. Visit the utility website or call the utility office for more information at 608-592-3246.
- **Enroll in Paperless Billing:** Customers can enroll in paperless billing through MyAccount, allowing bills to be available several days earlier than getting them in the mail.
- **Drop Box:** Payments can be put in the drop box outside City Hall. Please do not deposit cash.
- **Mail Payments Earlier:** Customers should make sure enough time is allowed for slower mail delivery. If using on-line banking, allow at least a week for delivery.

Electric & Sewer Rate Increase

The Public Service Commission has approved an electric rate increase for Lodi Utilities' customers to cover increased costs to operate the local utility and distribute reliable, local power. The last increase was approved in 2018.

The average residential customer using 665 kWh per month will see a monthly increase of approximately \$2.66, or 3.28%. The increase will be effective on January 1, 2022.

The City of Lodi is also increasing sewer rates 3% effective January 1, 2022. The last increase was approved in 2018.

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City Hall & Utilities Holiday Schedule

Friday, December 24 – Closed

Monday, December 27 – Closed

Monday, January 3 – Closed

Snow Emergency Parking Restrictions

From November 15, 2021 - April 15, 2022, a snow emergency exists in the City of Lodi whenever a snowfall is predicted to reach a depth of three inches or more during any period of 24 hours or less. **No person shall park, stop or leave standing any vehicle upon the streets or any portion of the streets during the hours of 12:00 midnight to 7:00 AM.** For more information, please visit the city's website at www.cityoflodi.us.

Snow & Ice Removal from Sidewalks

Property owners, occupants, or the person in charge of each building, structure, or unoccupied lot in the city are responsible for cleaning the full width of the sidewalk in front of or adjoining each home, building or unoccupied lot, including the portion of the sidewalk bordering the crosswalk. This includes the curb ramp, if any, regardless of the source of the snow accumulation or ice. Snow and ice must be cleared by 11:00 AM. If snow continues to fall after 11:00 AM, it must be removed within three hours of daylight the day after the snow stops falling. **Please do not shovel, plow or blow snow onto city streets.**

Property Taxes

Property tax bills will be in the mail by mid- December. They will be available on the county website at www.co.columbia.wi.us as soon as they are generated. Property tax bill information can be found by clicking on *Property & Taxes* and then *Ascent Land Records*.

The first installment or full payment must be paid by January 31, 2022 at Lodi City Hall. Second installments are due to Columbia County by July 31, 2022.

2022 Dog Licenses Available Now

Dog licenses are renewed at the beginning of each year and expire at the end of each year. If the dog license is renewed after March 31, there will be a \$5.00 late fee per dog license. A copy of the rabies certificate must accompany the dog license application for each dog. **Please write a separate check for each if paying for taxes and dog licenses at the same time.**



Garbage/Recycling Calendars

Garbage/Recycling calendars are being sent with tax bills. If you do not receive a tax bill and would like a calendar, it is available to print on our website at www.cityoflodi.us/GarbageRecycling.

Stay Safe - Follow the 9 PM Routine

Please make it a routine when retiring for the night to complete the following checklist:

- Remove valuables from vehicles
- Lock and secure vehicles
- Lock house doors and windows
- Close and lock garage doors
- Turn on exterior lights

***Keep our community safe!
These simple tips help prevent crime.***



Avoid Parking Tickets – No U-Turns

City of Lodi Police want to remind residents that City of Lodi Ordinance 325-3 B (3) states that no person shall park or leave standing any vehicle for a period longer than 24 consecutive hours on any street, alley, highway or public parking lot in the City of Lodi. This means you must not park longer than 24 hours on any city Street. There are some exceptions where parking is even further restricted such as Downtown where no parking is allowed between 3:00am and 5:00am. Please refer to City of Lodi Ordinance 325-3 for all parking regulations.

City of Lodi Police also want to remind residents that it is illegal to make a U-Turn in a business district such as Main Street. (Wis. Statue 346.33 (1) prohibits U-turns.)

Building Inspector

Building inspection services for the City of Lodi will now be provided by SAFEbuilt. Office hours should remain the same, but there will be a new phone number to contact the building inspector. Please call City Hall for additional information our visit the city's website.

Elections in 2022

Are you registered to vote in 2022? If not, go to www.myvote.wi.gov. If registering online, proof of residence is required. If you have recently moved, you will need to register at your current residence.

The following elections will take place in 2022:

February 15 - Spring Primary (if needed)

April 5 - Spring Election

August 9 – Partisan Primary

November 8 – General Election

The Spring Election on April 5, 2022 will include races for Mayor and 3 Alderpersons. If you would like additional information, please visit the city's website at www.cityoflodi.us.

Brush/Christmas Tree Pick Up

Starting on January 10, the winter schedule for brush pick up will be every other Monday. Please place Christmas trees with stump to the curb for disposal. Make sure to remove all ornaments, lights, and decorations. Please do not place trees in the street or block sidewalks. Pick up may be affected by weather.

Stay Informed

Stay informed by signing up for our City of Lodi and Lodi Utilities email newsletter. In addition to social media, this newsletter has been created to get information to our residents and utility customers in a timely manner. This format will also enable us to send out alerts if there is an emergency or if we need to communicate a change to an event that has already been published.

Sign up today at www.lodiutilities.org and click on the Email Newsletter button. We think you'll like it!

Happy Holidays

City of Lodi and Lodi Utilities staff would like to wish our residents a happy and safe holiday season. The last few years have been challenging in many ways and we hope 2022 brings health and happiness to our residents. Our best to all!

