

DECEMBER 2023

ALTOONA, IOWA



Holiday Closings

City Offices are closed on:

- **CHRISTMAS:** 12/22 and 12/25
- **NEW YEAR'S:** 1/1

The Altoona Public Library is closed on:

- **CHRISTMAS:** 12/24 and 12/25
- **NEW YEAR'S:** 12/31 and 1/1

Please note that trash collection is delayed one day the weeks of Christmas and New Year's Day because of the holidays.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Compost It! program's winter collection will occur on your regular collection day Jan. 2 and 3, 2024 (delayed one day this week due to the holiday) and Jan. 8 and 9, 2024. Live Christmas tree pick-up is included during this time. Just set your tree out before 6 AM on your regular collection day with one Compost It! sticker attached. When you set it at the curb, the sticker is the only decoration your tree can have. All ornaments, lights, and wires need to be removed. Wreaths and garlands are not accepted.

DATES TO REMEMBER

**FRIDAY, DEC. 22 &
MONDAY, DEC. 25**
CITY HALL CLOSED

MONDAY, JAN. 1
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**TUESDAY, JAN 2 -
TUESDAY, JAN. 9**
**WINTER YARD WASTE
COLLECTION PERIOD**

TUESDAY, JAN. 2
**ALTOONA CITY COUNCIL
MEETING (RESCHEDULED
DUE TO THE NEW YEAR'S
DAY HOLIDAY)**



Winter Trash & Recycling Cart Placement

Please remember that your garbage and recycling carts must be accessible 18 inches from the curb. Your clean driveway approach may be the best option during heavy snow times.

Please do NOT place your cart on city streets. City snowplows cannot clear snow properly when carts are placed on city streets. This is especially true in cul-de-sacs which are impossible to plow when carts are placed in the road.

City Trails in Winter

The City of Altoona does clear the snow off of the trails during winter. However, we do not treat the trails with salt or sand. The trails are cleared last, following the city facilities' sidewalks and parking lots. Please enjoy the trails but be cautious of the weather conditions.

Pond Safety

Please limit your winter recreation at city ponds to fishing from the shore. Ice skating is permitted at the rink the Iowa Wild sponsors and sets up at Ironwood Park. Please see the city's website or social media accounts for the latest skating season announcement and rink information.

Home Improvement Assistance

Funding is available for Altoona homeowners to participate in the Metro Home Improvement Program. This program is administered through the City of West Des Moines, and funded by local communities and the Polk County Housing Trust Fund. It provides funding for eligible homeowners to fix code violations in their home or fund other home repairs. To learn more or to apply, visit the City of West Des Moines' website by clicking [here](#).



WE NEED YOUR EYES!

The City of Altoona relies on our residents to let staff know of safety concerns created by weather conditions, snow removal operations, water main breaks, potholes, etc. If you have a concern, please visit our website to fill out a concern form or contact City Hall at 967-5136 (Monday—Friday; 8am—4:30pm) or 710-7449 (during off hours and weekends).