

OCTOBER 2023

ALTOONA, IOWA



Beggars' Night

The City of Altoona celebrates Beggars' Night with trick or treating from 6-8 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

New Altoona residents should note that children may be asked to recite a joke while trick or treating as part of local Beggars' Night traditions. Residents who wish to participate in trick or treating should turn their outdoor lights on between the hours of 6-8 p.m. to signal that children can stop by. Those who do not wish to participate should turn outdoor "porch lights" off between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

Finally, as little ghouls and goblins are out and about on the 30th, please ensure you are being extra watchful, especially if you are traveling around town during trick or treat hours. Have a safe, and happy Halloween!

DATES TO REMEMBER

**WEDNESDAY, OCT. 25,
5-7 P.M.**

**ALTOONA CHAMBER'S
BUSINESS TRICK OR
TREAT**

**MONDAY, OCT. 30, 6-8
P.M.**

BEGGARS' NIGHT

**NOV. 20 & 21
FINAL ALTOONA YARD
WASTE COLLECTION
DAYS**

**NOV. 23 & 24
CITY HALL CLOSED**

Fall Yard Work

Please remember as you clean up your yards this fall, that you should not be pushing leaves and other yard waste into streets and storm sewers.

Yard waste can be collected and placed in Metro Waste Compost It! Bags or in Compost It! Yard carts. Yard waste collection season ends in Altoona on November 20 and 21. For more details, visit mwatoday.com.



IRRIGATION METER

This is a great time of year to install an irrigation meter. Whether your home is new construction or has that lived in feel, an irrigation meter can help you save money on your monthly water bill. An irrigation meter is a separate meter that measures the amount of water used for items such as lawns, washing exterior surfaces, washing vehicles, filling pools, etc. By having the irrigation meter installed, the sanitary sewer rate fee is not assessed for water usage in the “irrigation system”, which would include outside faucets. A separate meter is the only way to accurately measure the water used exclusively from outside faucets.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the typical single-family suburban household uses at least 30 percent of their water for irrigation. Of the 26 billion gallons of water consumed daily in the United States, approximately 7.8 billion gallons, or 30 percent, is devoted to outdoor uses. The majority of this is used for irrigation. In the summer, the amount of water used outdoors by a household can exceed the amount used for all other purposes in the entire year.

The cost of the meter is \$130.00 plus a plumbing permit fee and is installed by a City employee after the plumbing has been completed. The homeowner may do the plumbing if a plumbing permit is issued. You can find information on irrigation meters at www.altoona-iowa.com under the water department tab. Note: the cost of the meter increases if the meter is being installed as part of an irrigation system.

Please call the utility billing department at 515-967-5136 if you have questions.