



# City of Middleton

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## Outdoor Grilling Ordinance

Per Fire Code 10.11.6 for other than one-and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill or other similar devices used for cooking, heating, or any other purpose shall be used or kindled on any balcony, under any overhanging portion, or within 10ft (3 m) of any structure.

## Recycling Center

The Middleton Recycling Center is open year round on Saturday mornings from 8am to noon. The recycling center is located at 4330 Parmenter Street at the Municipal Operations Center.

City of Middleton residents can drop off scrap metals, electronics, block Styrofoam #6, large cardboard, clean wood, textiles, oil and oil filters, durable medical equipment, and small items like eyeglasses, batteries, books, cell phones/iPods/digital cameras, and more for recycling! For specific information about items that will be collected (and fees for recycling, if applicable) at the Middleton Recycling Center, please call 821-8390 ahead of time, or visit the [City Website](#) for more information.

Due to high cost and low benefits, the Middleton Recycling Center no longer accepts alkaline batteries for recycling. We still accept rechargeable batteries for recycling, and we encourage people to make the switch to the more sustainable practice of using rechargeable batteries.

## Quick tests to determine if building piping is made of Brass, Copper, Galvanized Steel, or Lead

**Lead Pipes:** Scraping a lead pipe will reveal a shiny silver-white color and soft material. The pipe will not attract a magnet. Pipes terminate in a wider-diameter lead pipe joint that in turn may marry to a threaded nipple or adapter.



**Brass Water Pipes:** Scraping brass will reveal a shiny yellow color. The pipe will not attract a magnet. Pipe fittings are mostly threaded but on occasion be soldered. Watch Out: Some brass water piping may contain lead in the brass alloy.

**Copper Pipes:** May range in color from shiny copper color to black depending on age, location, hot or cold water use, and other conditions. Copper will not attract a magnet.

**Galvanized Steel Pipes:** Scraping a galvanized iron pipe will also reveal a shiny silver-white color unlike lead pipes, steel pipes will attract a magnet and will often have threaded pipe fittings.

## Madison Compost Bin and Rain Barrel Sale

RainReserve plans to sell Compost Bins and Rain Barrels in the Fall, no date has been set. Please visit their website for further updates. <http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/compost/CompostBinSale.cfm>. This event is open to Middleton residents.

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### Refuse and Recycling Update

Pellitteri wants to keep costs down for collecting recyclable materials, but they need our help. **Beginning April 2019, improperly placed recyclables will be tagged and not collected.** Please see Pellitteri's memo, and review additional information on the [City's](#) and [Pellitteri's](#) web sites for a list of recyclable materials and proper cart placement. If you have questions call Pellitteri at 608-257-4285.

### 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: Tires and water softeners. For pick up email: [ron@worldofron.com](mailto:ron@worldofron.com) or call 608-209-5977 or 209-0928.



### Flushable?

What we put down our drains and toilets can negatively impact our environment and put our health at risk. Even items labeled "flushable" can clog pipes, tangle pumps, and result in messy and costly sewer backups. By educating ourselves and each other, we can avoid expensive and dangerous mistakes while improving our sewer system practices.

### Steps we can take

There are only two items that we should ever flush: human waste and toilet paper. If you cannot avoid purchasing and using items that have been labeled "flushable," throw them away after use rather than putting them into our sewer system. For complete details on what is **NOT** flushable, visit the [City's Website](#).

### Water & Sewer Utilities Bill Payment Options

- **Online:** Simply create an account at Payment Service Network through (PSN) our [City Website](#). When bills are ready for viewing, you will receive an email notification with a link to view your password protected account information. Payments can be made online through your checking or savings account, and viewed in your account the following day. Also available are paperless bills. All of these options can be done through your PSN account.
- **Automatic Clearing House (ACH) payment:** Utility bills can be paid through an automatic draft service. Through bank drafting, your quarterly utility bill payment is withdrawn automatically on the due date, from your checking or savings account. Because payment is automatic, there are no late penalty fees or postage cost. Complete the ACH form, available on the [City Website](#), and return to the Water/Sewer Department at 7426 Hubbard Ave.
- **Debit or Credit Card:** Call 1-877-885-7968 or 1-866-917-7368 \$2.99 added per phone payment.

## Major Public Works Projects for 2019

Project information and a location map for the major 2019 construction projects can be found on the City's website at: [Departments > Public Works > Projects > Current Construction Projects](#).



### **Pheasant Branch Stabilization** (Gary Huth [ghuth@cityofmiddleton.us](mailto:ghuth@cityofmiddleton.us))

The City will continue its multi-year program to stabilize the banks of Pheasant Branch. This year's project will focus on eroded areas just down stream of Park St.

### **Mill & Overlay Resurfacing** (Shawn Ulsrud [sulsrud@cityofmiddleton.us](mailto:sulsrud@cityofmiddleton.us))

Mill & Overlay is the resurfacing of a street by means of either a partial depth (removing only the top layer of asphalt) or full depth (removing the entire depth of asphalt without disturbing the underlying base course) then paving with new asphalt. This type of work typically does not include underground utilities; it is meant to provide a new stable road surface at a lower cost than a full reconstruction.

#### **This year, the City plans to resurface:**

- Terrace Avenue/Middleton Street
- Pheasant Lane/ Adler Circle

### **University Ave. Reconstruction:**

Dane County is partnering with the City of Middleton to reconstruct University Ave. (CTH MS) from about 450' west of Park St. to Cayuga St. The project will include new curb & gutter, replacement of concrete pavement with new asphalt pavement, and limited replacement of sidewalk sections and utility improvements. Left turn lanes and new traffic signals will be constructed on University Ave. at the Parmenter St. intersection.

### **Chip Sealing and Crack Filling** (Shawn Ulsrud [sulsrud@cityofmiddleton.us](mailto:sulsrud@cityofmiddleton.us))

The streets to be included in the City's annual Chip Sealing project are selected based largely on their PASER rating, a numerical value between 1 (poor) and 10 (new).

### **Sidewalk Replacement Program** (Tom Weber [tweber@cityofmiddleton.us](mailto:tweber@cityofmiddleton.us))

Each year the City inspects about one-eighth of the City's sidewalks to determine if any sections are deficient and in need of repair or replacement. More information about this program can be found at: [Departments > Public Works > Engineering > Sidewalk Maintenance Program](#).

## Free Paper Shredding Event

Mark your calendars! The Middleton Sustainability Committee and Pellitteri Waste Systems are sponsoring a FREE paper shredding event on Saturday, May 4th from 8am – 10am at the [Middleton Recycling Center](#) at 4330 Parmenter Street. Each attendee can bring up to 50 pounds of paper for confidential shredding. Staples, rubber bands, and paper clips do not need to be removed. We will not accept three-ring binders, hanging file folders, credit cards, plastics, media items (CDs, tapes, x-rays, etc.), photos, or other non-paper products.

## Spring Leaf Collection

Curbside collection of leaves and yard waste will resume on or around **APRIL 1st**, weather permitting, and will continue throughout the month. Please see the recently updated [Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Policy](#) for a complete description of rules and alternative options.



### Leaf Collection Rules:

- Pile leaves on grass areas along the curb, but not in the street or gutter.
- Do not pile leaves around trees, posts, hydrants or mailboxes.
- Leaves in bags or containers **WILL NOT** be collected.
- Leaves mixed with brush **WILL NOT** be collected.

## Brush Collection

Curbside collection of brush will be provided **once a month from April through October**.

Special collections may be made in response to storm events. Please see the recently updated [Brush Collection Policy](#) for a complete description of rules and an alternative to curbside collection.

### Brush Collection Rules:

- Limbs or branches must not exceed 6” in diameter.
- Place brush in an orderly fashion parallel to the curb, with all cut ends pointing to the right as you face the street. Avoid conflicts with trees, poles, hydrants, mailboxes, parked cars, and other obstructions.
- Remove all metal, roots and dirt.
- Brush trimmed by contractors **WILL NOT** be collected.

*Residents may drop off yard waste at the MRD compost site, 5211 CTH Q. See our website for hours and rules. The site is operated by Purple Cow Organics. Compost material is not available to the public. If you have any questions call: 608-831-0349*

If you live:	Place your brush at curb by 7:00am on:
South of University Ave. West of Park St.	1st Monday of the Month
South of University Ave. East of Park St.	2nd Monday of the Month
North of University Ave. West of Allen Blvd.	3rd Monday of the Month
North of University Ave. East of Allen Blvd.	4th Monday of the Month

**Note:** Collection is done throughout the week, not necessarily on Monday. If a Monday is a holiday, place brush at curb by 7:00am Tuesday.

