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Fall Cleanup Day features paper shredding, electronics recycling, and medicine disposal on September 22, 2018

Gather up unwanted confidential documents, electronics, and meds and join us at the City of Fitchburg's fall cleanup events on Saturday, September 22, from 8:00-11:00am on City Campus. See the [city calendar](#) and website for event details:

<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17631/Fitchburg-Fall-Cleanup-2018-Event-Details>

- Pellitteri Waste Systems will provide free shredding and recycling to destroy no more than three boxes of confidential paper documents
- Resource Solutions Corp. will collect old electronics, computers, and appliances for recycling from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Televisions, Freon Bearing Appliances, Large Appliances, Exercise Equipment, and Grills will have an associated recycling fee. Updated cost information is available [here](#)
- The Fitchburg Police Department has a MedDrop box that will be available between 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. to collect unwanted or unused medications. Please place the unwanted medications into a plastic bag for disposal. *No sharps will be allowed for collection.* Enter at the Police Department entrance of City Hall, 5520 Lacy Rd. The MedDrop box is open to residents 7:30am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

Where does your water go?

Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership
(MAMSWaP)

Do you know where the water that washes down your storm drain goes? A new Storm Drain Mural Program led by the Madison Area Stormwater Partnership, Dane County Land and Water Resources Dept. and Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA) is using art as a vessel to help teach students and communities across Dane County about stormwater. Once completed [this map](#) will highlight 20 storm drain murals across Dane County. Check them out!



This stormwater drain mural was painted at the Fitchburg Library on August 3, 2018, by Dane Arts Mural Arts (DAMA) and members of Briarpatch Youth Services. It's a visual reminder of what happens with stormwater as well as an educational tool for the Library.

Want to know what else you can do to protect our lakes, rivers, and streams? The Madison Area Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP) is coalition of Dane County municipalities and organizations working together to promote practices that reduce and improve stormwater runoff into Dane County lakes, rivers and streams. Explore the website and Facebook page to discover all the ways you can take action to protect Dane County waters!

Ripple Effects Website <http://www.ripple-effects.com/>

Ripple Effects Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/RippleEffectsWI>

Murals

<https://countyofdane.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=2ca8a2d056d0433dba17619dd42f509>

Water Conservation

Water conservation is fundamental to a sustainable and resilient community. Fitchburg is committed to providing private property owners with the resources you need to reduce water use. That is why we are partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to bring you WaterSense, a national program that offers people a simple way to make product choices that use less water and perform as well or better than your existing products.

Why should you care? Water conservation can help save you money on utility bills and protect the environment. Read more about it here:

<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/246/Conservation>



Fitchburg Toilet Rebate Program

Did you know you may be eligible for a \$100 rebate if you replace your old toilet? The City of Fitchburg is offering rebates of up to \$100 for residential properties who replace their high water using toilets with EPA WaterSense-rated High Efficiency Toilets (HET), which use an average of 1.28 gallons per flush. Any toilet that meets the criteria and is purchased after January 1, 2018, will be eligible. Rebates will be in the form of checks sent to the property owner of record; the check amount will not exceed the purchase price of the toilet. Rebates will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is no longer available.

Toilet Rebate Program General Information and Application Form

<http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11902/Fitchburg-Toilet-Rebate-Program?bidId>

Did you know leaves that collect on our streets every fall can harm our waters?

Ripple Effects, Madison Area Municipal Stormwater Partnership (MAMSWaP)

More than 50% of the annual amount of phosphorus in urban stormwater can come from leaves in the street! When it rains, stormwater flows through leaf piles in streets creating a "leaf tea" that is rich in dissolved phosphorus. This "leaf tea" travels through storm sewers making its way to our lakes, rivers and streams. Too much phosphorus can lead to toxic algae blooms, low oxygen levels and green murky waters, none of which are good for animals living in the water or those of us who use it for recreation.

Yard Waste Collection

From City website <http://www.fitchburgwi.gov/220/Yard-Waste-Collection>

Residents are provided with four curbside yard waste collections between April and November. Yard waste must be placed in a bag or container no larger than 50 gallons or 50 pounds (If you want the bags left behind for future use, please leave a container to put empty bags in along with a visible note on container or leave a brick/rock to place on the bags and a note to keep them from blowing away once emptied) and at the curb by 6:30 a.m. Monday morning of the following yard waste collection weeks. Yard waste can also be taken to the City Recycling Drop Off Site.

Yard Waste Curbside Collection schedule for 2018

- October 22 - 26
- November 12 - 16 (Actual collection dates may depend on weather)

Allowable Options For Curbside Placement of Yard Waste



1. Reusable Containers/Bags 2. Compostable Bags 3. Thin Plastic Bags (leave open)

Yard waste will be picked up between Monday and Saturday, but not necessarily on your refuse collection day. To ensure pick up, please have your yard waste at the curb by 6:30 a.m. the Monday of the collection week.

Materials Accepted

Grass clippings
Leaves, Weeds, Vines
Twigs less than 1/2" thick and 12" long
Vegetable / plant matter
Hay / straw

Materials Not Accepted

Brush, tree branches
Holiday wreaths
Rocks
Dirt
Woody plants

Upcoming Events

Sat 9/22: Fall Cleanup Day, 8am-11am
Thurs 11/15: Reinventing Power showing at
Fitchburg Public Library, 6:30pm

Please contact Ellen Geisler, Sustainability Specialist, at ellen.geisler@fitchburgwi.gov or 270-4274 if you have any questions, comments, and/or suggestions for future Green E-News topics

