



How to Save Water Indoors

There are three ways to reduce your water consumption indoors: 1) Reducing water waste, 2) Upgrading to water efficient appliances, and 3) Fixing leaks.

The figure below from the Water Research Foundation's Residential End Uses of Water, Version 2: Executive Report shows how many gallons per household per day (gphd) are used.

Reducing Water Waste Tips

- **Use a dishwasher instead of hand-washing:** Most dishwashers use less water per load than hand washing. Running the water for 5 minutes while hand washing dishes can waste up to 10 gal. of water and uses enough energy to power a 60-watt light bulb for 18 hours.
- **Take a shower instead of a bath:** A typical shower uses 10 to 25 gal. of water and a typical bath uses 70 gallons of water.

- **Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth:** Utility customers can save up to 8 gal. of water a day or more than 200 gal. of water each month.

Watch for WaterSense Labels when Shopping for Appliances and Fixtures

WaterSense is a voluntary program that was created by the Environmental Protection Agency. The program certifies products that use 20% or less water than the federal minimum plumbing standards without impacting performance.

Checking for Leaks

Check for leaks in your toilets by placing a few drops of food coloring in the tank of the toilet. If the color ends up in the bowl of the toilet, there is likely a leak to repair.

If you have any questions, please contact the utility department at (608) 868-6901.

Figure 1. Indoor household use by fixture

							
Toilet 24% 33.1 gphd	Shower 20% 28.1 gphd	Faucet 19% 26.3 gphd	Clothes washer 17% 22.7 gphd	Leak 12% 17.0 gphd	Other* 4% 5.3 gphd	Bath 3% 3.6 gphd	Dishwasher 1% 1.6 gphd

* The "Other" category includes evaporative cooling, humidification, water softening, and other uncategorized indoor uses.

Dog & Cat Licenses Available



Dog and cat licenses for 2021 are now available at City Hall, 710 S. Janesville Street.

All dogs and cats in the City of Milton over 5 months of age **must** be licensed by April 1 of each year. A \$10 late fee per animal is assessed after

this date. The licensing period runs January – December.

Fees:

- Spayed / Neutered: \$8
- Non-Spayed / Non-Neutered: \$15

City Hall continues to be closed for in-person transactions. Please mail or drop off in the silver, secure drop box in front of City Hall payment, rabies vaccination information, and a self-addressed stamped envelope. Staff will process the license paperwork and fee, and mail the license and rabies vaccination information back to the pet owner. Any questions, please call City Hall at (608) 868-6900 ext. 0.

Important Dates to Remember:

Dog & Cat Licenses Due:

- April 1
- \$10 late fee assessed per animal after April 1

Property Taxes:

- First installments are due by January 31 to the Rock County Treasurer, 51 S. Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545.

2021 Elections:

- Spring Primary– February 16
- Spring Election – April 6

Christmas Tree Collection:

- January 1-31
- *Place trees at the terrace. Collection occurs as time and weather allow.*

Winter Refuse / Recycling Collection:

Please remove snow from an area on the terrace for your refuse and recycling containers during collection. During large snow events, plows often hit containers in the streets or have to go around them leaving large snow piles in the street.

Spring Primary Election Absentee

Voting Hours:

- Noon to 4 p.m. (M-Th)
- 8 a.m. to Noon (F)
- 8 a.m. to Noon (Sat. 02/06)
- 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Fri. 02/12)
- Additional hours by appointment.

City of Milton Department

Phone Numbers:

- City Hall - 868-6900
- Court – 868-6910
- Fire Dept.: 868-2842
- Library – 868-7462
- Police Dept. –868-6910
- Public Works –868-6914



Upcoming Milton Public Library Programs

NEW! Biblio Explorers

Biblio Explorers is a reading passport program for 9-12 year olds. Pick up your passport from the library then work to complete all the pages with help from our guided reading suggestions. Use this passport to explore many different genres in your tween years. After finishing a submission, you can bring your passport in to get that section stamped! When you finish your entire passport, bring it in to get a button, something sweet, and some name recognition in the Tween Area. Ages 9-12. Contact Marijka to register today: bosma.marijka@als.lib.wi.us or call 868-7462.

American Lives Book Club

Every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom
This non-traditional book group will be focusing on remarkable women who have influenced policy, practice, and the political landscape of the United States. Read any material about the assigned person and participate in the discussion. Contact the library for reading suggestions. • 1/12 Eleanor Roosevelt • 2/9 Sojourner Truth, Harriet Tubman, & Harriet Beecher Stowe • 3/9 Jane

Register to Vote!



Although voters can **register on the day of the election**, it's a good idea to register ahead of time to avoid any issues on Election Day (i.e. no acceptable proof of residence). This will also result in a faster voting experience for you.

Voters can check on their registration on www.myvote.wi.gov or by contacting Interim City Clerk Inga Cushman at (608) 868-6900 ext. 5 or by email at icushman@milton-wi.gov.

Voters can **register to vote in person at City Hall**, 710 S. Janesville Street, by appointment and during absentee voting hours for upcoming

Addams, Dorothea Dix, Mary McLeod Bethune, & Frances Perkins

Feed the Birds

Wednesday, February 3, 1 p.m. via Facebook
Make the birds (and squirrels) happy in the cold weather with these clever DIY feeders. Bags with materials will be available for pickup starting February 1st, and Jayme's tutorial will post on February 3rd. For ages 8 & under.

Craft Takeout: Acrylic Pour

Thursday, February 11 at 3 pm via Facebook and YouTube
Let's get a little messy while creating something unique. Starting February 8, pick up your Craft Takeout kit, which includes all the supplies you need for acrylic pouring. Kits will be available until supplies last. A video will be posted on YouTube and Facebook on Thursday, February 11, at 3 p.m. Ashlee will show you step by step instructions. For ages 13 to 18. Contact Ashlee to register today: kunkel.ashlee@als.lib.wi.us or call 868-7462.

elections (see page 1 for hours for February 16 Spring Primary Election). Please make sure to bring proof of residence when you come to register. This could simply be a current address on your Wisconsin Driver License.

Voters can also **register to vote online** until 20 days before an election at www.myvote.wi.gov if they have a current driver license. When registering online, the license is checked against Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) records so there is no need to provide additional proof of residence.

Finally, voters can **register to vote by mail** until 20 days before an election. The application is available on the City's website. Please include a copy of an acceptable proof of residence. Again, this could be a copy of your driver license with a current address or a utility bill.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, please contact Interim City Clerk Cushman.

City Meeting Schedule:

All meetings continue to be virtual. Instructions how to monitor the meetings are included on each agenda.

- January 18, 5:15 p.m. – Story Gardens Subcommittee
- January 18, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- January 19, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- January 19, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- January 20, 6 p.m. – Joint Fire Commission
- February 1, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- February 2, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- February 2, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- February 3, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- February 10, 6 p.m. – Police Commission
- February 15, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- February 17, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- March 1, 6:30 p.m. – Library Board
- March 2, 4 p.m. – Plan Commission
- March 2, 6 p.m. – Common Council
- March 3, 5:30 p.m. – Historic Preservation Commission
- March 15, 6 p.m. – Parks & Recreation Commission
- March 16, 6 p.m. – Common Council

Dates and times for meetings may change. All agendas and minutes are posted on the City's website.