



# NOVEMBER 2021

## Shawano Municipal Utilities & City of Shawano Public Works Department Newsletter



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### Paying Your SMU Bill

- \* Please include the **bottom stub** from your bill when making your payment. This will help us credit the correct account and helps our office staff from trying to locate where the payment should be posted.
- \* Avoid stapling or taping your check to your payment stub. Staples and tape can damage checks and may be rejected when submitting them for deposit.
- \* Consider using the "bank draft" option to pay your SMU bill. You still receive a bill each month and the amount due comes out of your checking or savings account on the due date. No need to write out checks or to remember to make the payment by the due date to avoid late charges. Call our office for more information.

## 10 ENERGY-SAVING TIPS TO GOBBLE UP THIS THANKSGIVING

1 If you expect a large group of people for dinner, lower the thermostat a degree or two before your guests arrive. Since people generate heat, the space may become wastefully overheated.



2 Try making your turkey in an oven safe plastic bag this Thanksgiving. The bag does a great job at locking in the juices and flavor plus it reduces the cook time by at least five minutes per pound.

3. Plan side dishes that can cook simultaneously with the turkey. If you cook other dishes at the same temperature at the same time, you'll reduce the amount of time the oven has to be running — it's easier for the cook and saves energy, too.

4. Check the refrigerator and freezer doors to make sure they seal tightly. This will keep the cold air in and the warm air out. To test, close the refrigerator door on a piece of paper. If you can slip the paper out easily, or worse, if it falls out on its own, the door needs to be adjusted or the gasket needs to be replaced.

5 Use a "lids-on" approach to cooking. Tightly fitted lids on pots and pans help keep heat in, enabling you to lower the temperature settings and shorten cooking times. When boiling liquids, start by using the highest temperature settings to reach the boiling point. Then lower the heat control setting and allow the food to simmer until fully cooked.

6 If you can, use the microwave or a slow cooker instead of your regular oven. They draw less than half the power of your oven.



7 When preheating your regular oven for baking, time the preheat period carefully. Five to eight minutes should be enough time. There is no need to preheat for broiling or roasting.

8 Allow hot foods or liquids to cool off before placing them in the refrigerator. The cooling-off period should not hurt the taste of the food and will reduce the load on the refrigerator.

9. After the feast, many people put the leftovers in a second refrigerator in their garage. This can be bad for the food and the energy bill. Since we live in a colder climate this time of the year, frozen foods may melt, as the temperature sensor in the refrigerator will not activate the compressor if the temperature in the garage is less than 42 degrees.

10. When it's clean up time, use your dishwasher. It saves energy and water. Only hand-wash things that aren't dishwasher-safe. Wait until you have a full load before starting the dishwasher.



# HAPPY THANKSGIVING



↓ PAY YOUR SMU BILL ↓

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# GIVE THE GIFT OF POWER



The holiday's are right around the corner. Can't think of what to give a friend or relative? The gift of credit on their electric bill can be given anytime throughout the year, and your gift can remain anonymous, if you wish.



Don't know of a specific family in need? That is okay. We can assist you in providing a gift to a family in need in our service area.

*Thank you!*

Thank you to our customers who came to our drive thru dinner last month during Public Power Week.

Our staff considered it a success and we are planning to make this an annual event.

If you have any suggestions for next year, please let us know!!

## 2022 SMU Calendar

The calendars should be ready by the end of November.

Please stop in the vestibule of our office to get one.

We will have them at Charlie's County Market too.



## Fall Leaf Collection Continues Through November 19th


- City residents should have their loose leaves raked to the curb in windrows rather than in piles. Keep windrows as close to the curb as possible but do not rake leaves into the street
- Keep the leaves away from trees, hydrants or other obstacles which would prevent the crews to easily pick them up
- Heavy rain or snow will slow down the leaf picker

## INFORMATION RELATED TO LEAD EXCEEDANCE

As discussed within the letter that was previously sent to City of Shawano residents with the December 2020 utility billing; the City of Shawano found isolated high levels of lead in the drinking water of some homes which can cause serious health problems.

For more information and to review a copy of the letter that was sent to residents please visit our website at [www.cityofshawano.com](http://www.cityofshawano.com) or contact the Public Works Department at 715-526-3512.

## Recycling Calendar November 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	Wood/Waste Pick-Up					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	Recycling Pick-Up					
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Wood/Waste Pick-Up					
21	22	23	24	25 *	26	27
	Recycling Pick-Up			Offices Closed		
28	29	30	1	2	3	
	Wood/Waste Pick-Up					

Recycling curbside collection will occur on the weeks highlighted in gray.  
Please have your carts curbside by 7 a.m.  
\* November 25th pick up will be on the 24th

## Landfill Hours:

Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



The Landfill will also be open on Saturday, November 13th from 8:00 to noon and then closed on Saturdays until Spring



*Shawano Municipal Utilities & all City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 25th & 26th*