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RESIDENTIAL REFUSE COLLECTION REMAINS ON SCHEDULE

Commercial refuse collection will be postponed; most departments to stay open

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Residential refuse and recycling collection will continue as scheduled while commercial refuse collection will be delayed until Friday due to the severe wind chill values. Most departments of the City of Muscatine will remain open and be staffed Wednesday and Thursday (Jan. 30-31).

Due to the extreme cold temperatures expected on Wednesday and Thursday, commercial refuse collection will be postponed until Friday, Feb. 1. All commercial routes will be collected on Friday.

Residential refuse collection will proceed on the regular schedule. If your regular refuse pickup is Wednesday morning, please have your refuse container at the end of your driveway Tuesday evening. If your regular refuse pickup is Thursday morning, please use good judgment in moving your container Wednesday evening and avoid being outside for less than 10 minutes.

All recycling collection will also proceed as scheduled.

Commercial collection requires an employee to go outside the truck while residential connection does not.

The City of Muscatine Transfer Station and Recycling Center will be open regular hours (7 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday with the last load on the scale at 3:15 p.m.; 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Saturday with last load on the scale at 11:45 a.m.).

All City of Muscatine offices will be open regular hours on Wednesday, Jan. 30 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) with a few exceptions. Staff will be following safety protocols when working outside.

“We have received several phone calls and have seen several posts on social media concerning the weather and our employees,” Gregg Mandsager, city administrator, said. “We appreciate everyone’s concerns. Each employee is working with their respective department head concerning the impending weather conditions. Employee work schedules may be modified on an individual basis or need by the department head in working with the employee. Employee safety is always a primary concern for the City of Muscatine.”

The Muscatine Municipal Golf Course will be closed on Wednesday, Jan. 30 while the Musser Public Library and HNI Community Center will be closing at 5 p.m. today (Jan. 29) and will be closed all day on Wednesday.

City officials recommend the public limit outdoor activities and stay inside as much as possible during the Wind Chill Warning period (6 p.m. Tuesday through 12 p.m. Thursday).

If you must be outside, dress properly to prevent cold stress. The type of fabric worn also makes a difference. Cotton loses its insulation value when it becomes wet. Wool, silk and most synthetics, on the other hand, retain their insulation even when wet. The following are recommendations for working in cold environments:

- Wear at least three layers of loose fitting clothing. Layering provides better insulation. Do not wear tight fitting clothing.
- An inner layer of wool, silk or synthetic to keep moisture away from the body.
- A middle layer of wool or synthetic to provide insulation even when wet.
- An outer wind and rain protection layer that allows some ventilation to prevent overheating.

- Wear a hat or hood to help keep your whole body warmer. Hats reduce the amount of body heat that escapes from your head.
- Use a knit mask to cover the face and mouth (if needed).
- Use insulated gloves to protect the hands (water resistant if necessary).
- Wear insulated and waterproof boots (or other footwear).

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