



City Services Update



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For information about sidewalk improvements, snow removal, forestry, and other services, visit cityofevanston.org/publicworks or call 311.

¿QUIERES CONSEGUIR ESTE DOCUMENTO EN ESPAÑOL? Adquiere uno en el Centro Cívico de Evanston, Robert Crown Centro de la Comunidad, o la Biblioteca Pública de Evanston. Para que lo envíen por correo, por favor llame o envíe un mensaje de texto al 847-448-4311. También, puede descargarlo de cityofevanston.org/streetcleaning.

Other Waste Services

Food and Yard Waste Schedule

This service is now offered year-round, with weekly collection for eligible properties from April through November and every-other-week collection from December through March. Service days will depend on the residential schedule.

Winter Schedule

Monday Zone: Dec. 7, Dec. 21, Jan. 4, Jan. 19 (MLK), Feb. 1, Feb. 15, March 1, March 15, March 29

Tuesday Zone: Dec. 8, Dec. 22, Jan. 5, Jan. 20 (MLK), Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 2, March 16, March 30

Wednesday Zone: Dec. 16, Dec. 30, Jan. 13, Jan. 27, Feb. 10, Feb. 24, March 10, March 24

Thursday Zone: Dec. 17, Dec. 31, Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, March 11, March 25

Food and Yard Waste Carts & Pricing

This service is available to residential and condo customers. The City now has two food and yard waste cart size options: 95-gallon and 35-gallon. Residential customers not already using a cart will be provided a 35-gallon cart automatically by the end of March. Condo customers must contact the 311 Center to utilize this service.

Cart Pricing

Food and Yard Waste cart service fees will now appear on the water bill as a year-round charge of \$7 per month, billed as \$14 per cycle.



Additional Containers: Contact the 311 Center to request additional food & yard waste carts for \$11.93 per cart per month.

Yard Waste Stickers

Yard waste stickers will now be issued by the City's refuse collection service vendor, LRS. Previously purchased City-branded stickers will be accepted through November 1, 2026. Households can purchase stickers at \$2.50 a piece for Kraft paper bags or bundles at the following locations:

- City Hall (909 Davis St.)
- Levy Senior Center
- Evanston Ecology Center
- Lemoi Hardware
- Jewel-Osco
- Valli Produce

Food and Yard Waste Do's & Don'ts



YES

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meat and Seafood
- Bones
- Dairy
- Eggs & Eggshells
- Bread, Grains, Pasta
- Soiled Paper Bags
- Tissues
- Paper Towels/Napkins
- Teabags
- Salad Dressings/Oils
- Coffee Grounds/Filters
- Shredded Paper
- Cardboard Egg Cartons
- Leaves
- Grass
- BPI-Certified Compostable Bags
- Sticks/Branches

NO

- Plastic
- Metal
- Glass
- Wrappers
- Utensils
- Straws
- Soil
- Food Sticker
- Diapers
- Pet Waste

Other Composting Options

The City has updated its composting program in order to expand service options, establishing partnerships with three local organizations. Community members and businesses are encouraged to connect directly with these providers for service details, pricing, and enrollment options.

- WasteNot Compost (wastenotcompost.com)
- Block Bins (blockbins.com)
- Urban Canopy (theurbancanopy.org)

Food Waste Storage Tips

- Gather food scraps in a counter-top bin in the kitchen, and consider lining the bottom with a paper towel to keep it cleaner
- Consider storing food scraps in the freezer to minimize odors or mess until the next service day.
- Dispose of food scraps in your carts the night before service.
- Layer food scraps and yard waste in your bin to help control odors
- Regularly rinse containers (cart or bin) to keep item clean.

Refuse & Recycling Services

Residential Service

Households have three options for refuse cart sizes: 95-gallon, 65-gallon, and 35-gallon.



Cart Pricing

Beginning in May, the following rates will take effect. All services, including recycling (which is built into refuse cart prices), are billed on a household's bi-monthly water bill.

95-gal Refuse Cart: \$53.90 every two months (\$26.95/month)

65-gal Refuse Cart: \$28.00 every two months (\$14/month)

35-gal Refuse Cart: \$23.86 every two months (\$11.93/month)

Additional Containers: Residents can request additional food and yard waste carts and will be charged \$11.93 per month/cart. Contact the 311 to request additional carts.

Condo Service

Refuse and recycling services are available for condo buildings with six or more units, provided they have 75% owner-occupancy rate and are registered with the City. The monthly fee is \$11.56 per unit, covering both refuse and recycling, and may appear on owner bi-monthly City water bill or be billed to the condo association.

- Refuse is collected twice a week by the City's contracted vendor, who also provides buildings with dumpsters and/or 95-gallon containers.
- Weekly recycling collection is provided on Fridays by the City, which provides 95-gallon carts or dumpsters.

Collection Guidelines

- Material must be at the curb or alley by 7 a.m.
- Only designated City or contracted vendor containers will be serviced.
- All waste must be bagged, contained, or bundled. Carts and dumpster lids should be able to close.
- Prohibited items include car parts, tires, electronics, construction materials, gas, oil, medical waste, and hazardous materials.
- Carts (refuse, recycling, food and yard waste) must not exceed 50 lbs. Heavier carts may not be serviced.

Recycling Do's & Don'ts



- YES**
- Newspaper/Magazines
 - Cardboard
 - Paper
 - Plastic Bottles
 - Plastic Jugs
 - Plastic Tubs
 - Chipboard/Paperboard
 - Plastic Berry Containers
 - Soft Cover books
 - Cartons (Soup, Juice)
 - Steel/Tin Cans
 - Aluminum Foil
 - Glass Bottles & Jars
 - Junk Mail

- NO**
- Shredded Paper
 - Pouches
 - Plastic Bags
 - Utensils
 - Food & Liquids
 - Clothing
 - Hoses/Hangers/Wires
 - Paper Towel
 - Tissues
 - Electronics

2026 Holiday Collection Schedule

Visit cityofevanston.org/holidayschedule

Service will be postponed by one day if your collection falls on or after one of the noted holidays below

- Memorial Day - Monday, May 25
- Juneteenth - Friday, June 19
- Labor Day - Monday, September 7
- Thanksgiving - Thursday, November 26
- Christmas - Friday, December 25
- New Year's Day - Friday, January 1

Special Pickup/Bulk

The City has ended its pre-scheduled spring and fall bulk pickup days. Beginning April 1, residents can request individual bulk or special waste pickups by contacting the 311 Center. To support on-demand pickups, a \$1 per-unit, per-month fee will be added to all residential accounts.

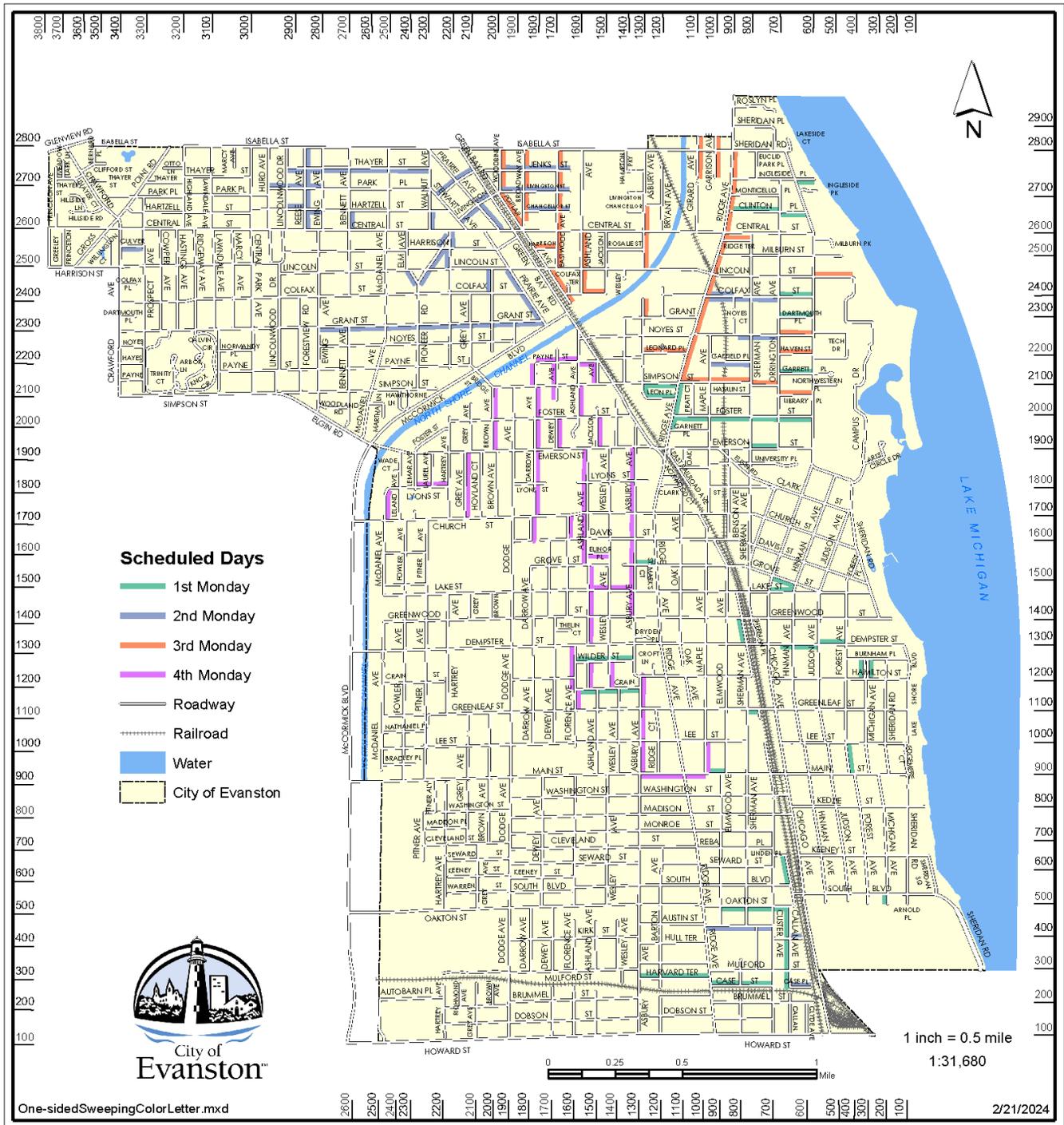
1-5 Unit Properties: 3 cubic yards will be picked up per pickup request; a total of 12 cubic yards will be picked up in the calendar year

6-20 Unit Properties: 6 cubic yards will be picked up per pickup request; a total of 30 cubic yards will be picked up for the entire calendar year

21+ Unit Properties: 6 cubic yards will be picked up per pickup request; a total of 75 cubic yards will be picked up for the entire calendar year

Map 2. One-sided Street Cleaning Schedule (Mondays) March 1–Dec 15

NOTE: This map is for streets with parking on one side only. Street cleaning signs are posted at the beginning and end of each block. Cars are subject to towing for noncompliance.



One-sided Monthly Street Cleaning Schedule 9am–4pm

1ST MONDAY

March 2*
April 6
May 4
June 1
July 6
August 3
Sept Holiday**
October 5
November 2
December 7*

2ND MONDAY

March 9*
April 13
May 11
June 8
July 13
August 10
September 14
October 12
November 9
December 14*

3RD MONDAY

March 16*
April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
August 17
September 21
October 19
November 16

4TH MONDAY

March 23*
April 27
May 25
June 22
July 27
August 24
September 28
October 26
November 23

This map is provided "as is" without warranties of any kind. See cityofevanston.org/sweepdisclaimer for more information.

Sign up to get notified of street cleaning via text message. Call/text **847-448-4311**, or visit cityofevanston.org/streetcleaning.

Check your street signs for Tow Away Zone information.

* Weather permitting
** No street cleaning on holidays

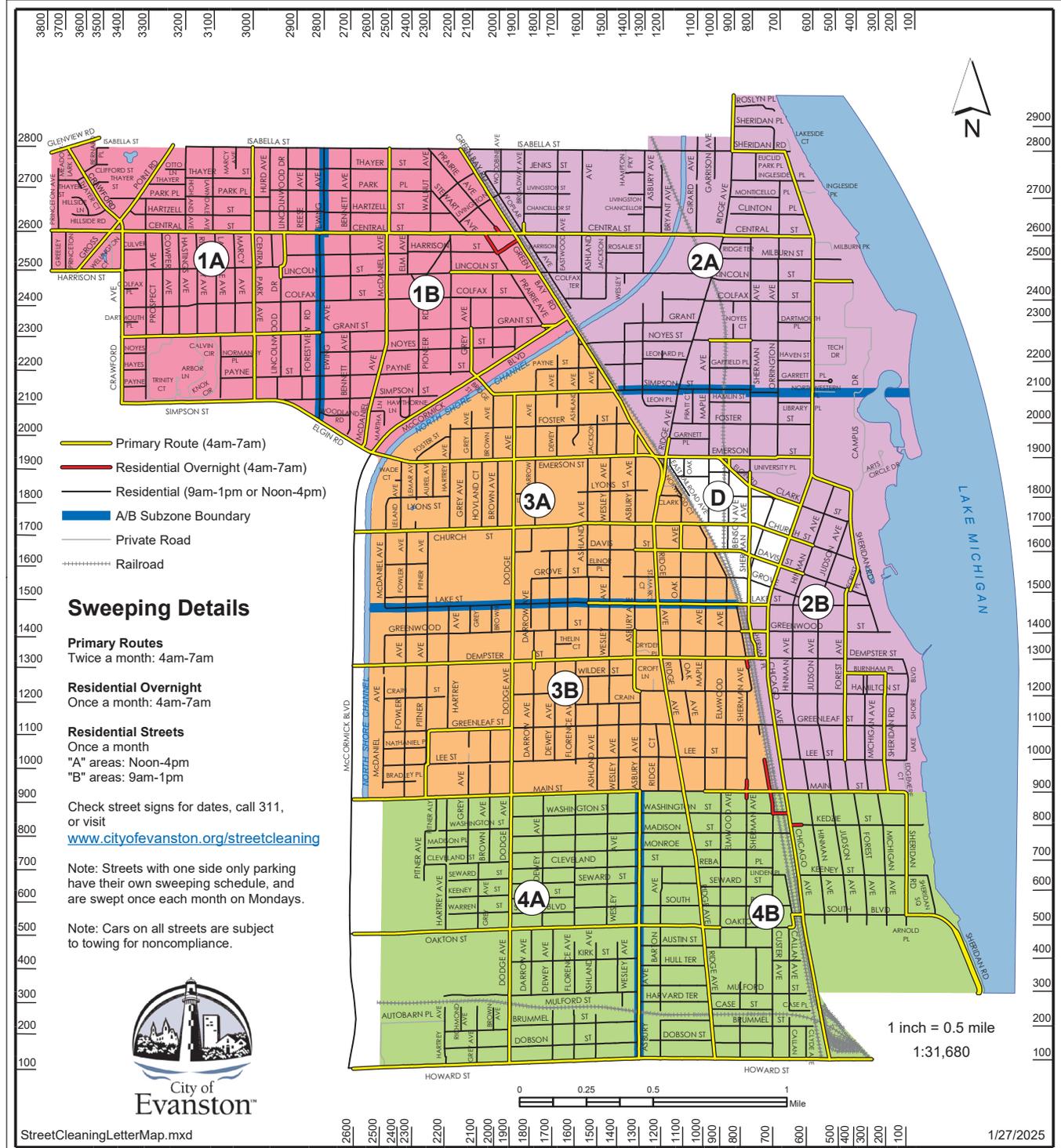
Map 1. Two-sided Street Cleaning Schedule March 1–December 15

Note: Map 1 is for streets with parking on both sides. **Map 2** is for streets with parking on one side only. Street cleaning signs are posted at the beginning and end of each block. Cars are subject to towing for noncompliance.

Make your life easier! Sign up for street cleaning notifications

Sign up to be notified of street cleaning via text. Call/text **847-448-4311** or visit cityofevanston.org/streetcleaning.

Disclaimer: The City of Evanston offers the text/email notification system as a service to subscribers. By subscribing, you agree and acknowledge that the City does not guarantee successful delivery of messages, and does not guarantee the accuracy of message content. You are reminded to review and follow all rules and regulations as posted on street signs and as published in the Evanston City Code.



Residential Streets (4–7am, 9am–1pm or Noon–4pm) See map 1

2026

Zone 1

1ST TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 3**
April 7
May 5
June 2
July 7
August 4
September 1
October 6
November 3
December 1**

3RD THURSDAY*

Nov 19

1ST WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3
July 1
August 5
September 2
October 7
November 4
December 2

3RD FRIDAY*

Nov 20

Zone 2

2ND TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 10**
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 8
October 13
November 10
December 8**

4TH THURSDAY*

HOLIDAY***

2ND WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 11**
April 8
May 13
June 10
July 8
August 12
September 9
October 14
November 11
December 9**

4TH FRIDAY*

HOLIDAY***

Zone 3

3RD TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 15
October 20
November 17
December 15

1ST THURSDAY*

Nov 5
Dec 3**

3RD WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 18
April 15
May 20
June 17
July 15
August 19
September 16
October 21
November 18

1ST FRIDAY*

Nov 6
Dec 4**

Zone 4

4TH TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 24**
April 28
May 26
June 23
July 28
August 25
September 22
October 27
November 24

2ND THURSDAY*

Nov 12
Dec 10**

4TH WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 25**
April 22
May 27
June 24
July 22
August 26
September 23
October 28
November 25

2ND FRIDAY*

Nov 13
Dec 11**

* Additional Fall Dates: November 1–December 15

To ensure debris is cleared from streets in the late fall months, additional fall street cleaning dates have been added for residential streets. These dates are listed in bold in the provided schedule. Signage will be posted and parking restrictions will be enforced.

** Weather permitting

*** No street cleaning on holidays

cityofevanston.org/streetcleaning

Primary Routes (4–7am) See map 1

Zone 1

1ST & 3RD THURSDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 5 & 19**
April 2 & 16
May 7 & 21
June 4 & 18
July 2 & 16
August 6 & 20
September 3 & 17
October 1 & 15
November 5 & 19
December 3**

1ST & 3RD FRIDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 6 & 20**
April 3 & 17
May 1 & 15
June 5 & Holiday***
July Holiday*** & 17
August 7 & 21
September 4 & 18
October 2 & 16
November 6 & 20
December 4**

Zone 2

2ND & 4TH THURSDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 12 & 26**
April 9 & 23
May 14 & 28
June 11 & 25
July 9 & 23
August 13 & 27
September 10 & 24
October 8 & 22
Nov. 12 & Holiday***
December 10**

2ND & 4TH FRIDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 13 & 27**
April 10 & 24
May 8 & 22
June 12 & 26
July 10 & 24
August 14 & 28
September 11 & 25
October 9 & 23
Nov. 13 & Holiday***
December 11**

Zone 3

1ST & 3RD TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 3 & 17**
April 7 & 21
May 5 & 19
June 2 & 16
July 7 & 21
August 4 & 18
September 1 & 15
October 6 & 20
November 3 & 17
December 1 & 15**

1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 4 & 18**
April 1 & 15
May 6 & 20
June 3 & 17
July 1 & 15
August 5 & 19
September 2 & 16
October 7 & 21
November 4 & 18
December 2**

Zone 4

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY

South & West Sides of Street

March 10 & 24**
April 14 & 28
May 12 & 26
June 9 & 23
July 14 & 28
August 11 & 25
September 8 & 22
October 13 & 27
November 10 & 24
December 8**

2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAY

North & East Sides of Street

March 11 & 25**
April 8 & 22
May 13 & 27
June 10 & 24
July 8 & 22
August 12 & 26
September 9 & 23
October 14 & 28
November 11 & 25
December 9**

Downtown (D)

MONDAYS

4am–7am

No Parking Regulations
Information: Call 311

Street Cleaning
March 1–Dec 15
1st Thursday of Month
9am–1pm

Snow Emergency
After 4-inch Snowfall
Odd Dates
8am–6pm

No Parking Regulations
Information: Call 311

Street Cleaning
March 1–Dec 15
1st & 3rd Thurs. of Month
4–7am

Snow Route
After 2-inch Snowfall
11pm–6am

Other Useful Information

Contact the 311 Center

Residents who experience a missed pick-up, have damaged carts, or would like to request additional carts are encouraged to contact the City's 311 Center.

- Call 847-448-4311 or 3-1-1 while in Evanston.
- Text 847-448-4311
- Submit a request online at cityofevanston.org/311



Download the free Recycle Coach mobile app for access to collection schedules, service notifications, and information about upcoming regional events. This includes adjustments for holiday scheduling, winter food & yard waste collection, and information about Evanston Recycles Day. Plus, you can use the "What Goes Where" Directory to determine the best cart for your waste. Simply scan the QR code, search 'Recycle Coach' in the app store, or visit cityofevanston.org/refuse.



Save the Dates

Evanston Recycles Event - June 27

Each year in the summer, Evanston holds a one day "drive-in, drop-off" at Evanston Township High School where community members can recycle electronics, confidential documents, and medications.

It's The Great Pumpkin Compost - November 7

This free "drive-up, drop-off" event provides community members without a food and yard waste cart an opportunity to compost their pumpkins. Plain, clean pumpkins of any size will be accepted, as well as pumpkins painted with acrylic paint.

Visit cityofevanston.org/events for additional details.

Holiday Tree Recycling

The City has partnered with LRS to provide holiday tree collection during the first two full weeks of January each year, weather permitting. Trees will be collected on residents' regular refuse and recycling pickup day.

Tree Collection Guidelines

- All trees should be placed on the parkway
- No trees placed in the alley or private property
- Do not place trees in plastic bags
- Remove all lights and decorations from trees

Feed The Cart!

Loop is here to help Evanstonians recycle more and recycle correctly. Learn more about the benefits of recycling, as well as what items don't sit well with Loop.

Learn more at Feedthecart.org



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Evanston, IL

Water and Sewer

Reduced Water and Sewer Rate

Did you know that you may qualify for a reduced water and sewer bill? As part of the City's efforts to ensure that everyone has access to affordable, high-quality drinking water, all Evanston community members who qualify for the Evanston Benefit Card can participate in this program. Learn more at cityofevanston.org/affordablerate.

Reducing Pollutants

You can help safeguard our water by minimizing the discharge of pollutants from your property, such as vehicle oil and fuel drips, winter de-icing materials, fertilizers, and paints. Learn more at cityofevanston.org/stormwater-runoff.

Sewer Repair Financial Assistance Program

Have you recently completed a sewer repair? You may be eligible for the City's Sewer Repair Financial Assistance Program! The City is providing financial assistance to income-qualified community members who've completed sewer repairs in 2021 or later to alleviate a public nuisance, hazardous condition and environmental threat. Learn more at cityofevanston.org/sewerrepair.

Consumer Confidence Report

Every year by July 1, all drinking water providers are required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency to share a water quality report with residents, known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The Evanston Water Utility is proud to share that this year's CCR confirms our drinking water met or exceeded all federal drinking water standards—reflecting our ongoing commitment to providing safe, high-quality water to the community. Visit cityofevanston.org/CCR to learn more and view the report.

Street Lights and Alleys

Street and Alley Lights

To report street light outages in your neighborhood, please contact 311.

To report alley light outages, please contact ComEd at 1-800-EDISON1. The City of Evanston does not maintain alley lighting.

Alley Maintenance

Each year, starting in the spring, Evanston's more than 300 unpaved alleys are periodically graded by the City. This is done to eliminate potholes and ruts caused by vehicles, weather and other factors. The process improves travel and reduces puddling. View the 2026 alley maintenance schedule at cityofevanston.org/alleymaintenance.

Forestry

Take good care of your trees!

The best way to protect your trees against extreme weather, climate change, and pests or diseases is to give them what they like best: mulch and a little bit of water during the summer. Visit cityofevanston.org/treecare for expert advice from The Morton Arboretum, including how to water and mulch trees correctly.