

# Streets & Recycling



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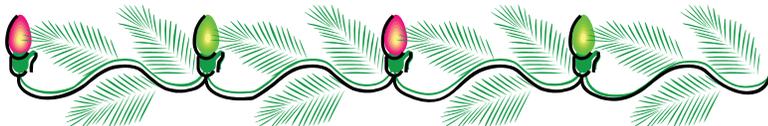
## Recycle Your Old Holiday Lights

The City of Madison is launching a program to recycling holiday lights at its drop off locations at 1501 W. Badger Rd. and 4602 Sycamore Ave. Madison residents will be able to recycling their light strings during the month of December at no charge.

“We know that many residents are changing to new energy efficient LED holiday lights and have lots of older light strings they would like to dispose of,” Madison recycling coordinator George Dreckmann said. “We are happy to provide them a recycling option for their old lights.”

Madison will accept any light strings as well as old extension cords as part of the program. Residents who have older lights with large bulbs are asked to remove those bulbs. There is no need to remove bulbs from strings of mini lights.

“We will recycle all of the old lights through our electronics recycler, Cascade Asset Management of Madison,” Dreckmann said. “We will have a specially marked electronic collection container at the sites for the lights.”



## The Phone Books are Coming, the Phone Books are Coming

Actually, phone books can come at any time of the year. If you live in Madison you can receive as many as six different phone books during the year. Fortunately, it is easy to recycle your phone books. Just put them in your green recycling cart.

It is also easy to stop the flood of directories that come to your door. The Streets Division has provided a link on our website [www.cityofmadison.com/streets](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets). Look for the phone book section under recycling or visit it directly: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/phoneBook.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/phoneBook.cfm). There you will find a link to the website that will allow you to stop getting phone books delivered to your home. If you only want one, you can simply ask that all others be stopped. It's a great way to cut down on unnecessary phone books.

## Events

Holiday Collection .....	Dec. 27 & Jan. 3
Tree Collection.....	Jan. 3 & Jan. 17
Alternate Side Parking Ends .....	Mar. 15
Drop-Off Site .....	Ongoing

## Drop-Off Sites Open Winter Hours - South Point Road Site Closed Until Spring

The Streets Division's drop-off sites are now open winter hours, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The South Point Road yard waste site closed until spring. The winter hours will remain in effect until Saturday, March 31, when the sites will open longer hours.

## Christmas Tree Collection Starts on Tuesday, January 3

The Streets Division will begin collecting Christmas trees on January 3. Each neighborhood will receive two collections with the second round getting underway on Tuesday, January 17.

Residents should place their trees at the curb on either January 3 or January 17 and they will be collected as soon as possible. Snow and ice control activities will have priority over tree collection so we may be delayed if we get a significant amount of snow.

Be sure to remove all lights, stands, ornaments and tree bags from your tree before placing it at the curb.



## Don't Let Snow Lead to a Ticket or a Tow

It's alternate side parking season in Madison. People who park on the street overnight must remember to park on the EVEN house numbered side of the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on even-numbered days and on the ODD house numbered side of the street between 1 a.m. and 7 a.m. on odd-numbered days.

These rules are in effect throughout most of the City until March 15. The exception is the Downtown-Isthmus Snow Emergency Zone (SEZ). The SEZ extends from Park and Proudfit Streets on the south and west to Thorton Ave. and the Yahara River on the north.



To help you avoid parking tickets and improve our snow plowing operations, the Streets Division has a new website with lots of important winter parking tips. You can also sign up to receive e-mails, texts, and Tweets whenever we declare a snow emergency. Just visit [www.cityofmadison.com/winter](http://www.cityofmadison.com/winter).

## Cut Junk Mail Too

While you are on our recycling website, look for the junk mail link. There you will find links that will help you cut the volume of unwanted mail that comes to your mailbox or visit it directly: [www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/junkMail.cfm](http://www.cityofmadison.com/streets/recycling/junkMail.cfm).

## Holiday Collection Schedule

There will be no refuse, recycling or large item collection on Monday, December 26 or Monday, January 2, due to the Christmas and New Year's holidays. All collections will take place as usual. If your material is normally collected on Monday, it will be collected on Tuesday, December 27 and Tuesday, January 3. Because we will also be collecting material in the Tuesday collection districts on those days, be sure to have your material out by 7 a.m. to ensure collection.

There will be no refuse, recycling or large item collection on Monday, January 16, due to the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. If your material is normally collected on Monday, it will be collected on Tuesday, January 17. Since we are also collecting material in the Tuesday collection districts on the 17th, be sure to have your material out by 7 a.m.

