

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Parking

No vehicle may be parked on an Iowa City street for more than 48 hours. Please be considerate to your neighbors and street cleaners; move your car regularly.

Parking tickets can be paid online at <http://www.icgov.org/EZpay>. Parking ticket fees escalate after 30 days. If you have over \$50 in unpaid parking tickets, your vehicle goes on the tow list. If your vehicle is illegally parked while on the tow list, the City will tow your vehicle. Parking fines range from \$5-\$10.

Noise

Please be sensitive to the amount of noise you generate both during the day and evening hours. Noise can be generated by mechanical methods (vehicles, power tools, etc.) as well as by voice. Iowa City Code states that "any noise that interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property of the neighborhood" is forbidden. A "disorderly house" citation can have fines starting at \$250.

Snow and Ice Removal

Snow and ice must be removed from the *entire width* of all sidewalks within 24 hours if more than 1" in accumulation. If left for longer than 24 hours, a notice can be given by the City, the snow removed and a bill will be passed on to the property owner. Repeat offenders may face additional fines. Do not deposit snow or ice removed from sidewalks or driveways onto public streets.

Grass and Weeds

Iowa City's grass/weeds ordinance states that grass must not exceed 14 inches in height. Plant material must not obstruct a public way or sidewalk no matter what its height. Violations may result in a fee as well as the cost to hire a contractor to remedy the situation.



Open Burning

Open burning is prohibited in the City of Iowa City. However, open burning for campfires and outdoor cooking is permitted without any burning permit if performed in an approved container constructed of steel, brick, or masonry. For more information on burning regulations, visit www.icgov.org/openBurning.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Iowa City Transit

Give Iowa City Transit a try! Use Transit for your daily commute. Relax and let Iowa City Transit do the driving for you. Iowa City Transit provides safe, reliable transportation for adults, children, senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Routes are conveniently located throughout the city and its modern fleet is completely lift-equipped. Adult fare is \$0.75 per ride. Monthly passes are available for purchase at City Hall, Iowa City Parking, Tower Place, Iowa City Transit office, UI Credit Union, Hy-Vee, and Drugtown. *Exact fare please, drivers do not make change.*

Iowa City Transit also offers a FREE Shuttle during the University of Iowa's academic year. This shuttle services close-in downtown neighborhoods and is available Monday – Friday. For more information, routes, time schedule, and transit alerts visit <http://www.icgov.org/transit>.



Coralville Transit

Coralville Transit service provides safe and reliable transportation for adults, children, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities. Adult fare is \$0.75 per ride. *Exact fare please, drivers do not make change.*

North Liberty Residents! Coralville Transit now provides bus service to and from North Liberty twice daily. Your daily commute may have just gotten easier and more relaxing. Visit www.coralville.org for route maps and time schedules.

Cambus

The University of Iowa Cambus provides on-campus bus service that is available to the public free of charge. Visit www.uiowa.edu/~cambus for more information, route maps, time tables, and summer and interim schedules.

Cambus also operates two types of service for riders with permanent or temporary disabilities. The Bionic Bus is a door-to-door, demand-response service provided with lift equipped mini-buses. The general public should contact Johnson County SEATS for transportation services at 339-6128. In addition, all Cambus fixed route buses are wheelchair accessible.

ANIMALS

Pet owners are required to obtain a license from the City. To license your pet, simply provide an application and current rabies certificate to the Animal Care and Adoption Center located at 111 Kirkwood Avenue. Applications are available online at: <http://www.icgov.org/animalLicense>. For more information or to report stray, injured, or dead animals contact the Animal Control Center at 356-5295.



Pet waste and disposal

City Code requires that pet owners pick up all droppings deposited when walking their pet. Violation of this ordinance carries a \$100 fine. Mutt Mitt dispensers are located in many neighborhood parks for your convenience. Mutt Mitts are convenient and sanitary biodegradable bags that make it easy and safe for dog owners to clean up after their pets. Look for these next time you're out walking your dog – your neighbors will thank you!

Leash law

Pets must be leashed at all times when on public property (except at the dog park below). Even unleashed pets accompanied by the owner while jogging, cycling, visiting parks, etc., violate city regulations. Unleashed pets pose a danger to other citizens, children, and potentially other pets. Even though your dog may be very friendly and sociable – put yourself in position of the person who your dog jumped on – look at those muddy paw prints!

Thornberry off-leash Dog Park

Attention all dog owners! The Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park is now open. Annual or daily use permits are required and are available at the park. Park rules/etiquette and fee information is available at: www.jcdogpac.org. The Thornberry Off-Leash Dog Park is sponsored by the Johnson County Dog Park Action Committee and is located in the Peninsula Park at the west end of Foster Road. Take Foster Road west off of Dubuque Street.



PARKS & RECREATION

At the Robert A. Lee Recreation Center and Mercer Park Aquatic Center patrons may choose to use the gymnasium, racquetball court, weight or fitness room, or take a dip in one of the indoor or outdoor swimming pools. Seasonal Activity Guides offer classes in arts and socialization, aquatics, sports, and fitness and wellness. For more information or to see the online activities guide, visit: www.icgov.org/PR. Online registration is also available.



Community Garden Plots

Has anyone ever noticed that you have a green thumb? Now you have the opportunity to show it off. Community garden plots are available to lease at Wetherby Park. The size of each tilled plot is approximately 10' x 50', and the fee for each plot is \$19 for residents/\$24 for non-residents. Register at the Robert A. Lee Community Recreation Center each year on the first Monday of April.

Coralville Lake and Lake MacBride

For the outdoor enthusiasts, the Coralville Lake and Lake MacBride recreation areas offer camping, boating, fishing, and hiking – there is even a disc golf course! Go ahead, get outside and enjoy the scenic beauty of Iowa's landscape! For more information and driving directions visit www.iowadnr.com.

Iowa City Public Library

The newly remodeled Iowa City Public Library is located at 123 S. Linn Street. The online catalog is available at www.icpl.org. The collection includes books, videos, audiocassettes, art prints, compact discs, DVDs, as well as interactive multimedia. Audiovisual equipment is also available for borrowing, and the library offers public internet access. Meeting rooms are available to the general public by reservation. Library patrons may receive a bus pass or one hour of **FREE PARKING** in the Iowa Avenue, Dubuque, or Clinton Street parking ramps. Just bring your entrance ticket to the circulation desk for validation.

Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market is held every Wednesday evening at 5:30-7:30 and every Saturday morning from 7:00-12:00 in the lower level of the Chauncey Swan Parking Ramp. Farmer's Market is open from the beginning of May through October 31st. Local merchants offer a variety of delectable goodies, colorful veggies, and arts & crafts.



PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE SAFETY

Pedestrian rules of the road

Just like motorists, *pedestrians are expected to follow certain rules of the road*. As a pedestrian you must obey crosswalks when crossing a street; this will ensure your safety as well as motorists'. Jaywalking is **illegal** and may be enforced by citation. If there is not a crosswalk, pedestrians must yield to motorists. Additionally, pedestrians should always be alert and aware when making any movements into the roadway. Motor vehicle drivers' eyes have a tendency to drift from the road; you wouldn't want to be in their path if their attention wanders.

Bicyclist rules of the road

Cyclists! Keep your bicycle secure by registering it with the City. Submit an application to the Police Department located in City Hall. Online applications: <http://www.icgov.org/bicyclePermit>.
*There is no fee for this permit.

The City of Iowa City encourages bicycling as a legitimate means of transportation as well as a recreational activity. Next time you're out and about, just look around at all the cyclists on the road. You could be one of them!

Bicyclists must follow the same rules of the road as motor vehicles. Bicycles are entitled to a full lane of the roadway; however, you should stay as far right as practicable, except when making a left turn. Be sure to watch out for doors opening on parked cars and pedestrians walking between cars. When riding in bike lanes, you must ride the same direction as adjacent motor vehicles.

If you're riding between the hours of sunset and sunrise, you must have a headlight that is visible at least 500 feet from the front of your bicycle. The rear of your bike should have a light or reflective surface visible from at least 300 feet. Remember to wear light-colored clothing when riding at night.

Sidewalks are designed for pedestrians. It is unlawful to ride your bicycle on the sidewalk in downtown Iowa City. Bicyclists are permitted on the sidewalk outside of commercial districts provided they yield to the pedestrian right-of-way.

Bike racks are conveniently located throughout Iowa City. Bicycles parked in a commercial district shall not be attached to poles, parking meters, trees, or signs. Any bike that is parked illegally may be impounded by the police.

Bicycle Trails

An extensive paved trail system extends from North Liberty to the south side of Iowa City. Trail maps are available at City Hall, bike shops, the Iowa City/Coralville Visitor's Center, or online at: www.jccog.org/trailsmap.

GARBAGE AND SOLID WASTE

Single-family households and multiplexes of 4 units or fewer are allowed a **maximum** of 2 curbside containers no larger than 35 gallons to be picked up weekly. Stickers for additional bags may be purchased for \$1 at City Hall or Iowa City grocery stores. Some Iowa City neighborhoods are serviced by the refuse cart program. This trash collection system utilizes 65 gallon wheeled carts that are emptied with automated equipment.

*Please, do not deposit loose trash inside containers.

Recycling

Public Works provides one blue recycling container per household. This container is the property of the City and should remain with the home if you move. Additional containers can be purchased from City Hall for \$12 each. Customers may provide their own 24 gallon container by affixing a recycling sticker on the front, also available at City Hall. Customers may place as many **properly labeled** recycling bins as needed for curbside pick-up. A handy diagram on how to fill your recycle bin is located at: <http://www.icgov.org/recycleGuide>.

City Carton Recycling Center

City Carton accepts newspaper, white paper, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, brown, green), #1 through #7 plastics, metal cans, magazines, chipboard (cereal boxes), and phone books. City Carton is located at 3 East Benton Street.

Bulky item collection

Do you have large, bulky items, appliances, electronics, or tires that require disposal? You can schedule an advance pick-up with Solid Waste Division by calling 356-5180. There is a \$10 fee for this service, \$5 for subsequent items, \$20 for appliances, and \$3-6 per tire. Please be sure to call two days prior to your trash pick-up day and provide an itemized list when you call.

*A minimum \$100 cleanup fee may be charged for items abandoned at the curb.

Iowa City Landfill

Landfill dumping is available to residents and non-residents for a fee. The landfill also offers top soil, wood chips, and architectural items available at the Salvage Barn. The Iowa City Landfill is located at 3900 Hebl Avenue S.W. Used motor oil is accepted at the land fill drop-off building — no appointment is necessary.

The Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is located at the Landfill. Appointments for drop-off are required. Examples of hazardous items include oil-based paint, floor care products, brake and transmission fluid, shoe polish. Proper disposal of these and any other hazardous waste is important to the safety of your family, pets, and the environment. Please call 356-5185 for an appointment.

RESOURCES

Utilities

Cable television and internet service is available through Mediacom. Dial (800)-332-0245 for service hook-up or visit www.mediacomcc.com.

Gas and Electric is provided by MidAmerican Energy Company. For more information or establish an account, dial 888-427-5632.

Water is provided by the City of Iowa City. The Iowa City Water Division provides customers with a water quality that exceeds all of the quality standards required by the Environmental Protection Agency. Establish a new service account by calling (319) 356-5066 or go to the website at: <http://www.icgov.org/startService>. Please be sure to register at least one week in advance.

EZ Payment Center

Now you can make payments to the city online! You can pay parking tickets, utility bills, or register for recreation center programs by visiting www.icgov.org/ezpay/ and look for EZ Payment Center on left hand side of the page. It's fast and EZ!

Subscribe to E-Alerts

To receive email updates on City news, neighborhood newsletters, job postings, etc. It's easy! Just log on to <http://www.icgov.org/subscribe.asp>.

City Council

Keep informed about local issues and voice your opinion — you're a member of this community. City Council meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in City Hall. To download upcoming agendas visit www.icgov.org/councilagendas.asp.



CITY OF IOWA CITY

The *Handy Guide* is brought to you by the City of Iowa City, Neighborhood Services Division.

Neighborhood Services supports and encourages neighborhood action and provides ideas and resources that can help shape the future of a neighborhood.

Visit <http://www.icgov.org/neighborhoodServices>

The Handy Guide:

Tips and Info for Neighborhood Living in Iowa City



Welcome!

New residents and visitors to Iowa City enjoy a rich mix of heritage, culture, diversity, and a relaxed atmosphere that is inviting and accessible. The pedestrian mall in downtown Iowa City is the hub where everyone feels at home. From University students, to little ones, to ripened Hawkeye fans, Iowa City is a haven for all.

This *Handy Guide* will help Iowa City's newest residents and students moving off-campus acquaint themselves with all the services, amenities, and local regulations.

In addition to the handy guide, the City of Iowa City's handy website at www.icgov.org/newresident.asp has oodles of useful information about living in Iowa City. Or, if you have a specific question, feel free to call 319-356-5000.

If all else fails, check with your neighbors for local information or a helping hand. Chances are they'll be more than willing to point you in the right direction!



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