

# Winter Parking Restrictions

The Winter Parking Ordinance is in effect from November 1st through March 31st, between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. In accordance with City of Winsted Ordinance 502.008, parking is not permitted on any street in the City of Winsted during this time period.

Vehicles parked on the street and in violation of this ordinance will be issued a citation and may be towed at the owner's expense. This information is only posted on City entrance signs and not within the City, so be aware of this parking ban and inform renters, visitors and out-of-town guests.

Keeping the roadways free of parked vehicles will assist the Public Works Department in clearing snow and ice during winter storms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Winsted Police Department at (320) 485-2600 or City Hall at (320) 485-2366, prior to receiving a citation. Thank you for your cooperation!



## ATTENTION Snow Birds!

If you plan on traveling south for the winter months, please remember to take the following steps concerning your utility bill and refuse service:

### Before you leave...

- Contact Winsted City Hall at (320)485-2366 to provide a forwarding address for the months you will be gone.
- During the duration that you are gone, you must have your refuse container removed. Please contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to have your cart removed.
- You can sign up for the Automatic Payment Plan. Forms are available online or at City Hall.
- You can also pay online or by phone with a credit or debit card while you are gone.

### When you return...

- Let us know when you return to Winsted.
- Contact Waste Management at 1-888-960-0008 to have a refuse container delivered to your home, and to re-activate your account.

*Safe travels and enjoy the winter!*



# Medicine or Candy?

Can you tell the difference? Can your children or grandchildren?



- Tips:**
- Store medicines out of reach, preferably in a locked cabinet
  - Dispense or sort medications over a bowl or plate to catch any that may fall or roll away if dropped
  - Take inventory. Know what you have and how much.
  - Child resistant caps are not "child proof." Experiments have found that kids as young as 4 and 5 figure out these caps quickly.
  - Properly dispose of unused or expired medications at a *Take It To The Box* location — don't stockpile.

### *Take It To The Box is easy and free!*

The *Take It To The Box* collection boxes accept both over-the-counter and prescribed medications from households, and are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Leave the medicine in its original container, with the name of the medication visible. Cross off any personal information. Needles and sharps not accepted.

#### *Take It To The Box* locations:

- ✓ McLeod County Sheriff's Office, 801 East 10th St., Glencoe
- ✓ Hutchinson Police Dept., 10 Franklin St. South, Hutchinson
- ✓ Winsted Police Dept., 201 1st St. North, Winsted

Questions? [mcleodmeada@yahoo.com](mailto:mcleodmeada@yahoo.com) or 320-864-1390



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MEDICATION Safety Program

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# Carbon Monoxide Safety



Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide.

- » CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- » Follow the manufacturer's instructions for placement and mounting height.
- » Choose a CO alarm that is listed by a qualified testing laboratory.
- » Call your local fire department's non-emergency number to find out what number to call if the CO alarm sounds.
- » Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- » If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, call the fire department.
- » If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- » If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- » During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- » A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- » Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.

## HOME HEATING EQUIPMENT



Have fuel-burning heating equipment and chimneys inspected by a professional every year before cold weather sets in. When using a fireplace, open the flue for adequate ventilation. Never use your oven to heat your home.

## FACTS

- ! A person can be poisoned by a small amount of CO over a longer period of time or by a large amount of CO over a shorter amount of time.
- ! In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to an estimated 80,100 non-fire CO incidents in which carbon monoxide was found, or an average of nine calls per hour.



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