



# Seniors in Winsted - Stay Active and Connected

Winsted offers a variety of opportunities for older adults to stay engaged, socialize, and enjoy meaningful activities in a welcoming community setting. Programs are designed to support wellness, connection, and lifelong learning. Seniors Active in Winsted (SAW) hosts regular social, recreational, and educational activities, typically held at Winsted City Hall or other local locations. All seniors are welcome and encouraged to participate!

## Activities May Include:

- ☞ Guest speakers and educational programs
- ☞ Cards, games, puzzles, crafts, and hobby-based classes
- ☞ Seasonal events and celebrations

## Wellness, Meals & Social Time

Light fitness and recreation opportunities help seniors stay active at a comfortable pace. Fitness offerings include SAIL (Mondays & Fridays at 11 a.m.), Walking Group (Wednesdays at 9 a.m.), and Chair Workouts for Seniors (Wednesdays at 11 a.m.). Shared meals at noon on Thursdays and coffee gatherings throughout the week offer a relaxed way to connect, build friendships, and enjoy time together.

## Events & Resources

Special events throughout the year give seniors the chance to explore and experience new things. SAW also works with community partners to help connect seniors with helpful resources and information, including Coffee with a Cop, Winsted Public Library, HLWW Community Education, local medical care providers, and more.

## Stay Informed

Activity calendars and updates are available at City Hall, local businesses, on the City's Facebook page, and on the City's website. Learn more or get involved by visiting [winsted.mn.us/seniors](http://winsted.mn.us/seniors) or contact Cindy Fiecke, SAW Coordinator, at (612) 518-2870.

## Attention Dog Owners!

According to Winsted City ordinance, all dogs over the age of four (4) months must be licensed in the City of Winsted. This license is valid January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year and must be renewed each calendar year. The cost is \$10 per license.

For unregistered dogs, a dog license application is available on the City's website at [www.winsted.mn.us](http://www.winsted.mn.us), or at Winsted City Hall. In order to receive a 2026 dog license, a completed application must be accompanied by a current rabies vaccination certificate, with the date that the rabies vaccination expires.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact City Hall at (320) 485-2366 with any questions.



## Volunteers Wanted!

Are you looking for an exciting way to serve your community? Volunteer firefighting & Emergency Medical Response is a vital part of community safety.

The Winsted Fire Department is currently recruiting dedicated, volunteer Firefighters & Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs).

- ✓ Must be able to perform physical tasks in all weather
- ✓ Must be 18 years of age to apply
- ✓ Must have a valid drivers license
- ✓ Tasks may include heavy lifting
- ✓ No previous experience is required
- ✓ All training & equipment provided

Applications are available online at [www.winsted.mn.us/employment](http://www.winsted.mn.us/employment) or at Winsted City Hall.



# POLICY AND PROCEDURES FOR FROZEN WATER AND SEWER LINES

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to determine responsibility and a course of action for managing frozen water and sewer lines to ensure that the residents of the City of Winsted receive the best service possible for the water and sewer utilities while maintaining fiscal prudence, environmental concerns, and safety.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The City will be responsible for the following:

1. Frozen water and sewer mains and damage caused by the frozen water or sewer mains.
2. Frozen lateral water lines from the water main to the stand pipe.
3. Frozen sewer lateral lines are not the responsibility of the City.

## COURSE OF ACTION

In the event that only one property is experiencing stoppage of water or sewer service, the City will presume that it is a problem with a lateral line until evidence demonstrates otherwise. An inspection by a licensed professional plumber using thawing equipment is the only evidence that the City will consider to determine that the lateral line problem is on City property or that a water main is frozen. If multiple property owners are experiencing frozen water lines in a manner that suggests the main may be frozen, the City will investigate to determine if the main is frozen. If a licensed plumber reasonably determines that a lateral line on City property is frozen, or if the City determines that a main is frozen, the City will begin work on the main or lateral line as soon as possible. This will be considered an emergency and will not require City Council approval under the emergency provision of the Purchasing Policy. The City will first try hot water to thaw the line, but excavation may be required in extreme circumstances.

The City may deviate from this policy from time to time as it sees fit.



# 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 Dept. in clearing snow & ice during winter storms. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Winsted Police Department at (320) 485-2600, prior to receiving a citation.



Thank you for your cooperation!

## If your water bill seems high, CHECK FOR UNSUSPECTED LEAKS



This includes faucets, toilets, water softeners, outside faucets, & any other water-using appliance.

- A 1/16" leak wastes 600 gal. in 24 hours
- A 1/8" leak wastes 3,500 gal. in 24 hours

### Typical percentages of water use for a family of four are:

Toilet Flushing	40%
Bath & Shower	32%
Laundry	14%
Dishwashing	6%
Cooking & Drinking	5%
Bathroom Sink	3%

- Check toilets for possible leaks. Place food coloring in the tank of the toilet – DO NOT FLUSH – and see if the color becomes evident in the bowl of the toilet. If color is seen in the bowl of your toilet you have a leak.
- Check the drain hoses on automatic water softeners. If water is running into the drain while the softener is not regenerating, there is a leak.

For questions or more information, call the City of Winsted at (320)485-2366.

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