

Until Further Notice:

YELLOW ACTION LEVEL MANDATORY WATER USE RESTRICTIONS:

- A. Outdoor watering or irrigation of lawns is prohibited.
- B. Outdoor watering of any kind is prohibited between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily.
- C. Water or irrigation of flower and vegetable gardens, trees and shrubs less than 4 years old, and new seeding or sod is permitted once per week with an application not to exceed one inch.
- D. **Car washing is prohibited** except in commercial establishments that provide that service. In these cases, hours of use will be restricted to 8:00 am to 8:00 PM.
- E. ***No water shall be used to fill private/residential swimming pools, children's wading pools, reflecting pools, or any other outdoor pool or pond.***
- F. No water shall be used to wash streets, parking lots, driveways, sidewalks, or building exteriors.
- G. **Large volume water users, including industries, motels, hotels, and eating establishments may be requested to scale back services.**
- H. Schools will be required to cancel their physical education activities and inter-scholastic competitions that require showers or attract crowds and take other actions to reduce water consumption at sport complex.
- I. Water shall be served at restaurants only upon the request of the customer.

Water reclaimed or recycled after some primary use, such as water that has been used for washing or cooling, may be used without restriction. Additionally, water derived from other sources other than the city water utility, such as water condensed from the atmosphere by air conditioners or collected from rain or snow, may be used without restriction.



Annual Spring Clean Up Day

Friday, April 25

All non-appliance items must be contained in garbage bags or receptacles. Loosely piled garbage constitutes a NUISANCE and will result in a minimum \$85 CODE VIOLATION FEE.

Citizens will be responsible for purchasing large item stickers that must be placed on appliances in order for them to be removed during the clean-up day.

Large item stickers are currently available for purchase at City Hall.

Large item stickers cost \$30.00 and are required for appliances to be removed.

**NO REFUND ON STICKERS
BUT CAN USE THE NEXT YEAR**

ATTENTION:

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OTHERWISE, THE ITEM WILL NOT GET PICKED UP.

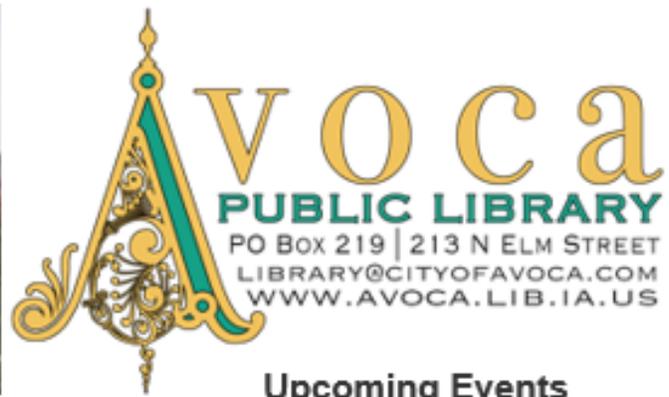
Appliances: Appliances will be accepted with a \$30 fee. REQUIRE a large item sticker:

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| -Stoves | -Freezers | -Air Conditioners |
| -Washing Machines | -Water Heaters | -Microwave |
| -COMPUTERS | -Dryers | -Refrigerators |
| -Dehumidifiers | -Humidifiers | -All TV's |

Prohibited Items: NONE of the following items will be accepted:

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| -Household garbage | -Animal Refuse | -Chemicals |
| -Cement | -Batteries | -Yard Waste |
| -Building wood in pieces larger than 4 foot. | | -TIRES |
| -Medical Waste | -PAINTS | -OIL |
| -Hazardous Waste | -Dangerous or Sharp Building Materials | |

Call R & S Waste with any questions: 800-730-3471



Upcoming Events



Drawn to the Library Celebrate National Library Week
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National Library Week

What draws you to the library? Books? Movies? Puzzles or games? Community connection?

This year National Library Week runs April 7–12, and you can celebrate with the Avoca Public Library by [entering into a drawing](https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/drawing) that asks you what you love about your library.

Then on Thursday and Friday, April 11–12, the library has partnered with Food Land to bring back family movie night. Any patron who comes in to check out a movie will also get to take home a complimentary bag of popcorn to help enjoy it!

Library Staff Pick

Check out the Avoca Public Library's website for a terrific April read. This month, Sabrina has a terrific suggestion to start your spring reading off strong! As always, you can find all the previous picks you may have missed on the library website in the Reading Suggestions section under the Services tab (<https://www.avoca.lib.ia.us/services/reading-suggestions>).

Hours of Operation

Monday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.
Thursday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Sunday	Closed

4/2:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
4/4:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
4/9:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
4/11:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
4/14:	1:00 p.m. –3:00 p.m.	League of Human Dignity Visitation
	6:00 p.m.	Library Board Meeting
4/16:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
	7:00 p.m.	Read-It-or-Not Book Club
4/18:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
4/23:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime
4/25:	1:00 p.m.	Friday Club
4/28:	10:00 a.m.	Movie Monday
4/30:	10:30 a.m.	Children's Storytime

Trivia Night at the Avoca Public Library
Iowa Edition

5/2/25 @ 7:00 p.m.

How well do you know your state? Test your knowledge through 5 rounds of Iowa-based trivia! Pull a team of 4 to 6 people together and sign up through the library today! No team? No problem! We can also pair you with another team.

February by the Numbers

Visitors to the library:	594
Physical check-outs:	908
Digital items:	257
New items to the collection:	44
Number of programs:	13
Program attendees:	86

City Newsletter



APRIL 2025

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AVOCA CITYWIDE CLEANUP

Friday, April 25, 2025

\$30 LARGE ITEM STICKERS are available to purchase through Thursday, April 24.



SEE PAGE 3 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

YES WE ARE in a YELLOW LEVEL MANDATORY Water Restrictions.

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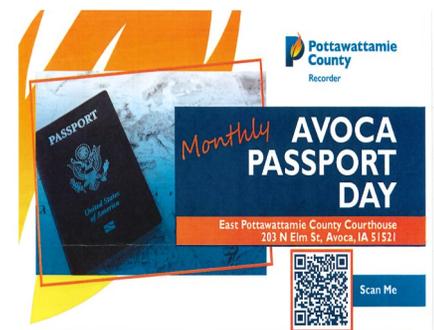


The Pottawattamie County Veterans Service Office will have a caseworker at the East Pottawattamie Courthouse in Avoca, on the **1st and 3rd WEDNESDAYS** of the month from 9-3pm.

Appointments are preferred but walk ins are welcome.

Our office can be reached at 712-328-5797.

Avoca Monthly PASSPORT DAY is the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 9-2pm



Avoca Volunteer Fire and Rescue

MARCH CALLS FOR SERVICE through the 28th:

7 EMS Avoca	5 Avoca Grass Fires	2 Pole Fire
1 EMS Shelby	3 Motor Vehicle Accident	1 Building Fire
1 EMS Hancock	1 Good Intent	1 Fuild Spill

YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG PROGRAM



Avoca Fire & Rescue Association offers the community to show their national pride with a subscription to our **You're A Grand Old Flag Program** for only **\$50** per year. Avoca Fire & Rescue Association members will place a 3'x5' nylon American Flag on a 10' pole in your front yard on six of our national holidays. Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veterans Day.

Avoca Fire & Rescue Association will post the Flags at dawn and retrieve them at dusk. The Flags may stay up all weekend on a three-day holiday weekend. A receptacle that will remain in place for the year will be installed 2'-3' from the back of the curb in the center of your property. It will be flush with the ground, so it will not interfere with mowing.

Please join your neighbors in this colorful patriotic program. All proceeds from the **You're a Grand Old Flag Program** will go to support the Avoca Fire & Rescue Association by purchasing new equipment for the Avoca Fire & Rescue Department.

If you wish us to provide this service for you, at the cost of **\$50** per year, please fill out the information below. Each year we will send you a request for renewal. Any questions please contact Avoca Fire & Rescue Association Chair Justen Tooley at 712-249-0190 or walnut2530@yahoo.com.

Thank you for your support!

Make checks payable to: Avoca Fire & Rescue Association

Yes! I would like to show our patriotism, support our community and Avoca Fire & Rescue Association by subscribing to Avoca Fire & Rescue Association's **You're A Grand Old Flag Program**.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Special Note: _____

Do you have an underground sprinkler system within 4 feet of the curb? ____Yes ____No

Do you have an underground invisible pet fence within 4 feet of the curb? ____Yes ____No

Detach and return this form and payment to the city hall drop box or the fire department office.

Or mail to: **Avoca Fire & Rescue Association**

PO Box 301

Avoca, IA 51521



Spring Cleaning for Fire Safety

Inside The Home

-  Test your home's smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
-  Don't use electrical appliances with frayed cords.
-  Check for water around electrical appliances.
-  Clean debris from your clothes dryer lint trap and exhaust duct.

Outside The Home

-  Remove dead leaves and other debris around foundations, decks, porches, and stairs.
-  Check grills for rust, worn parts, insects, grease, and other debris before use.
-  Grills should only be used when at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. 



**NO LEAVES, GRASS, or Other DEBRIS
allowed in Streets or Alley Ways!**

DO NOT MOW OR BLOW INTO STREETS!

IT IS AGAINST OUR CITY ORDINANCE TO DO SO.

Violators will be ticketed.

PROPERTY OWNERS will be notified for code violation regarding the height of grass 6 inches and taller. When not brought into compliance, the City will mow and a penalty fee will be charged to the property owner.

IF OUR CITY WATER TOWER COULD TALK:

"Help me do my job!"

"My water level is nearly at the RED ZONE! If that happens you will need to boil water – AND residential water will be limited.

All water use will be limited to human consumption, sanitation, and public safety. This will affect AHSTW Schools, local industry and businesses.

Any nonessential water use during "Action Level Red" will be strictly prohibited and subject to penalties.



PET LICENSES ARE OVERDUE

Starting on March 1st there is a \$5 fee placed on each pet for each month that it is not licensed on time. Now that it is April, the fee total is \$10 per animal.

AT THIS TIME, Pott. County Animal Control has been notified of all owners who have not licensed their pet(s) per the violation of City Code.



If your pet is no longer living with you or you have suffered the loss of your pet, please notify us and we will remove you from our records.

If you have any further questions, please call City Hall at 712-343-

2025 CALENDAR YEAR CITY OF AVOCA - DOG/CAT TAG APPLICATION

Owner Information (Please Print & Fill out completely)			Veterinarian Information		
Full Name			Clinic name and address:		
Address		Apt #			
City	State	ZIP			
IMPORTANT: The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found			Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet		
Home Phone		Cell Phone	I, _____, (print veterinarian's name) verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered. Vet or City Employee may verify (please refer to Vaccination Sheet from Veterinarian's Office).		
Email Address					
Affirmation of Owner: Each pet listed below has a current rabies inoculation according to state law. Please enter the rabies tag number in the appropriate box below.					
Signature of Owner			City Employee		
Date			Date		

Pet Information

Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species	Gender	Sterile	Fertile	Rabies Tag #	Vacc. Expires	City Tag #
			Dog/Cat	M/F	\$20.00	\$26.00			
			Dog/Cat	M/F	\$20.00	\$26.00			
			Dog/Cat	M/F	\$20.00	\$26.00			

Please make check payable to:
"City of Avoca"

\$ _____ \$ _____
Sterile + Fertile

= Total Paid: \$ _____



Mission of the Avoca Main Street is to sustain our downtown district as the economic cultural and social center of our community by utilizing the four point approach of Main Street America.

Grant Applications Now Open to Boost Main Street Iowa Businesses

Small businesses located within Avoca Main Street and other designated Main Street Iowa districts are invited to compete for up to \$25,000.

Main Street Iowa's annual Open 4 Business program supports existing businesses and revitalization in the more than 50 Main Street Iowa communities. For the contest, entrepreneurs will outline a business development or expansion idea, such as additional services and product offerings or needed equipment.

Eligible businesses are for-profit and have been operating at least one year in a Main Street district. In addition to the online application, applicants also must submit a short video highlighting their business project and how it will benefit their community's economic climate. A 25% cash match is required.

Only one application is allowed per Main Street community. To determine which local business will represent Avoca, turn in a video submission to mainstreet@cityofavoca.com

by April 7, 2025.

State competition applications must be submitted through the local program to Main Street Iowa by May 1. Main Street Iowa staff will review them for project impact within the designated Main Street district; business innovation; and opportunity for continued growth, enhanced revenue and sustainability. Five finalists will advance to the state competition on Aug. 4 in Muscatine, where they will pitch their expansion ideas before a panel of judges.

Open 4 Business launched in 2015 and over the past decade has awarded dollars to over 50 businesses across the state. Grants are administered through the Iowa Economic Development Authority's (IEDA) Iowa Downtown Resource Center and Main Street Iowa programs.

For complete details, contact Amber Mohr at mainstreet@cityofavoca.com or Brooke Prouty at brooke.prouty@iowaeda.com.

Spring Open Houses Include New Incentive

Several downtown businesses are hosting Open Houses on April 18, 2025 4-7 p.m. with sales, new merchandise, popup retailers, and new business previews. Avoca Main Street's Economic Vitality Committee is adding a Shop Local & Save punch card so that the first ten customers who return completed cards showing \$100 in purchases will receive \$25 in Avoca-Dough to spend anywhere downtown!

Downtown Spring Cleanup Enrolling Volunteers Now!

Help downtown Avoca keep our planting beds and bump outs trimmed and tidy! Guidelines and sign-up form available at: www.avocamainstreet.com/news

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