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orange city, iowa



new stormwater fee coming to your january 2027 utility bill

Starting with your January 2027 utility bill, you will see a new line item: Stormwater

Why do we need this fee?

When rain falls on roofs, driveways, and streets, it can't soak into the ground. It runs into inlets, pipes, ditches, and ponds that keep water away from homes and businesses. That system needs steady care: clearing clogged pipes, cleaning ditches, maintaining storm basins, and sweeping streets so drains don't plug up.

The fee gives the city a dependable way to pay for that work. It is fair, too: every property that sends water into the system helps pay to keep it working.

How much will it cost?

Type of property	Monthly fee
Homes, duplexes, and rentals (residential)	\$3.00
Small business (under 10,000 sq. ft. of hard surface)	\$5.00
Medium business (10,000 to 30,000 sq. ft.)	\$10.00
Large business (over 30,000 sq. ft.)	\$20

For a home, that is \$3.00 a month, or \$36 a year. Renters pay the residential rate (owners pay if a rental property is empty). Apartment buildings with three or more units pay the commercial rate as one property. Businesses are rated by their "impervious" area, meaning hard surfaces like roofs and parking lots that water can't soak through.

Where does the money go?

Into a special fund that can be used only for stormwater needs, such as drains, pipes, ditches, and ponds. It cannot be spent on other City costs.

We know every dollar matters to families and small businesses, which is why the rates are kept low. Keeping our drainage system in good shape now helps avoid bigger, more costly problems later. Questions? Please contact City Hall.

sump pump reminder

Orange City ordinances allow sump pumps to drain into sanitary sewers from October 15 through April 15.

heading south for the winter

We know you don't want to miss out on any of your important mail while you are vacationing in warmer climates. To receive your monthly utility bill directly, please contact the OCMU office at 707-4885 with your forwarding address. Our staff will make a temporary change to your billing address for the months you are away.



recyclable or not

Have you ever wondered if something can be recycled? Use this QR code to find out!

The link also provides the recycle and trash collection schedules, as well as downloadable maps and reference guides.

orangecityiowa.com/garbage-recycling/#inner-garbage-recycling-services



ready, set, puzzle!

Gather a team of four and join the Orange City Public Library for Pizza, Puzzles & Pitchers on Friday, November 20. Teams will race to complete a 500-piece puzzle while enjoying pizza and a pitcher of your choice. Think you have what it takes to finish first? Registration and payment are due by November 12, so start assembling your team now!



tulip bulb giveaway update

As we prepare for another tulip planting season in Orange City, one change will affect our usual tulip bulb giveaway this year.

The City will not be offering its annual tulip bulb giveaway to the community this fall. Instead, we will supplement the viable bulbs remaining from last year’s planting, along with our new bulbs, throughout Orange City to help fill our community tulip beds for the upcoming season.

We know many community members look forward to bringing some of Orange City’s tulips home each year, and we appreciate your understanding as we make this change. Our goal is to keep our public spaces filled with the beautiful tulips that are such an important part of Orange City’s identity and the Tulip Festival experience.

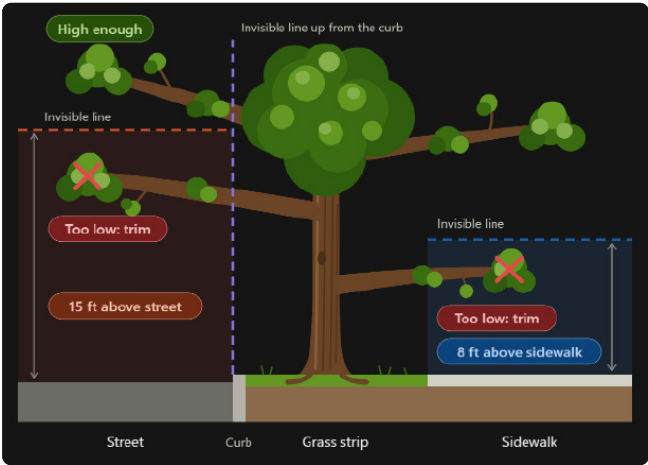
right-of-way tree trimming

City of Orange City Notice to Residents

The City of Orange City has begun reviewing trees located in the public right-of-way to identify branches that are low hanging, obstruct visibility, or create access concerns for vehicles, pedestrians, or city equipment. Trees must be trimmed to provide a minimum clearance of **8 feet above sidewalks and 15 feet above roadways**.

Property owners with trees that do not meet this clearance requirement should have received a notice by mail. Residents who have received a notice are asked to complete the required trimming by **May 31, 2027**.

The city will also share reminders about this process through its newsletter, website, and social media channels so residents have time to plan and complete the work.



Why right-of-way tree trimming is important?

The safety of pedestrians walking on sidewalks and to prevent damage to large trucks, school buses, and emergency vehicles on our streets. It is also to comply with code requirements under Iowa Code Section 364.12.

If the required trimming is not completed by the deadline, the City may arrange for the work to be completed and pass the costs along to the homeowner.

After this initial review and notification process is complete, future complaints related to low-hanging trees will be handled through Cloudpermit as nuisance cases. Residents will receive notification and will have 30 days to correct the issue before the City proceeds with corrective action.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping streets, sidewalks, and public rights-of-way safe and accessible for everyone.

keep your sidewalks clear

Orange City property owners are required to keep their walkways cleared this winter, especially when you are out of town. When removing snow, never push or blow snow from the property, sidewalk, or driveway into the street.

Property owners are responsible for keeping their public sidewalks clear of snow and ice within 10 hours of accumulation. The City inspects uncleared sidewalks on a complaint basis, and if sidewalks remain uncleared upon inspection, the City will clear the snow and ice at the owner’s expense.

To report an uncleared sidewalk, go to orangecityiowa.com and file a nuisance complaint or scan the QR Code.



seasonal parking

Be advised! From Oct. 15 - April 1, the City of Orange City does not permit on-street parking between 2:00 am – 6:00 am.

celebrate a safe holiday

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City Office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, & Friday, November 27.

For OC utility emergencies, please call 707-5000.

