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2025 Evansville Hailstorm Information for Residents

Evansville, WI – Friday Morning’s (April 18th) hailstorm provided a surprise from mother nature once again. An event like this is challenging, especially when so many of our friends and neighbors have been impacted. Evansville’s strong community spirit has proven to be true again as neighbors have helped with cleanup and carpooling. City staff have been working through the weekend processing permits, cleaning up debris, and repairing utilities. Please see information below as cleanup and next steps continue for damaged property:

Water & Light Utility: Many meters have been damaged by the hail, please call City Hall to report any issues: 608-882-2266. Municipal Services staff will begin going to each home or business and to check on each meter over the next week. Because of this, utility shut-offs originally scheduled for Wednesday will be pushed back a week to April 30th, 2025.

Mobile Vendors & Solicitors: Many contractors are going door-to-door soliciting homeowners for business. Check with your insurance company before engaging any contractor to do work. Always ask a contractor that comes to your door to see their Solicitor’s License. The City requires every solicitor to have a license to perform door-to-door sales in the City. This license indicates that a background check has been completed, and insurance information has been collected from the solicitor. A list, updated daily, of current licensed solicitors can be found here: www.evansvillewi.gov/licenses

Report any solicitors without a license by calling Rock County’s Dispatch non-emergency number: (608)-757-2244. The City has also received reports of contractors placing unwanted signs in terraces (the area about 15’ from the curb.) The City has removed these signs. Signs are not permitted in the terrace per ordinances and only in your yard while work is being performed. Any signs that have been removed can be picked up at the public works garage, call (608) 882-2270.

Yard Waste, Public Works & Streets: The street sweeper will be running more than usual to clear the streets, and public works crews will make regular rounds through the City over the next two weeks to collect any yard waste and branches from the storm, place these items at the curb for easy pickup, but not in the street gutter, to avoid a stormwater backup.

Trash and Bulk Items: A dumpster will be placed in the public works garage parking lot at 535 S Madison later today for discarded items from storm damage and remain in place through May 7th. Call public works at (608)-882-2270 if you have any items too large to haul from your curb yourself. Hazardous materials and electronics should be disposed of according to local and state rules: www.evansvillewi.gov/refuse

Additionally, the contracted trash hauler for the City, GFL (formerly LRS) will pick up one bulk item per household on May 8th per contract. Please call them at: (608)-580-0580 to arrange for additional disposal services if you have multiple items.

Building Permits: Please assess your home and be cautious of any unsafe conditions. As you work through the insurance claims process, emergency boarding up of windows or tarping of roofs should be done to prevent additional damage. Building permits are needed for siding, window, and roof work in excess of \$1,000 in total expenditure or if more than one half of the material is being replaced. A permit is likely required if you are re-siding your home, but not if you are repairing a few pieces of siding. Permits are available in person at City hall or online at: www.evansvillewi.gov/buildingpermits

Most of these exterior permits will be minor work and will not require an inspection so the standard \$50 permit fee will apply. If work is more extensive or involves structural repairs the building inspector may determine additional fees are needed. Most completed permits can be issued in as little as 3 business days. Any work in the historic district will require an additional Certificate of Appropriateness (COA). Historic COAs and a zoning map can be found at www.evansvillewi.gov/buildingpermits If exterior materials are being replaced with the exact same material (for example: asphalt shingles replaced with asphalt shingles or wood siding replaced with wood siding) no additional review is needed by the Historic Preservation Commission, City staff can approve the work in the same timeframe as the building permit. More information for building permits related to the storm can be found at www.evansvillewi.gov/media

Code Enforcement: Property maintenance and code enforcement operations will be suspended until May 15th to allow time to secure contractors and start repairs and allow staff to spend more time processing permits more quickly. Refer to Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code for property maintenance standards (damaged siding, peeling paint, broken windows, etc.). Disabled vehicles should be moved from the street as soon as possible, police will not be ticketing vehicles parked in the street more than 48 hours this week.



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