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2025 Evansville Hailstorm Updates for Residents

Evansville, WI – Cleanup continues from April 18th's hailstorm. Some have started home repairs, and many are still waiting for insurance settlements and follow up, the last month has been a lesson in patience. Evansville's strong community spirit continues to shine. Please find updated information below as cleanup continues:

Water & Light Utility: Municipal Services staff checked each meter in the city and found approx. 275 electric meters have been damaged. New meters are on order and existing meter stock is being used to replace the ones that are most damaged.

Mobile Vendors & Solicitors: Contractors continue to go door-to-door soliciting homeowners for business. Again, 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. A list 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. Per City Code, contractor signs are not permitted in the terrace (the area about 15' from the curb) and only in your yard while work is being performed.

Yard Waste, Public Works & Streets: Public works crews have caught up on yard waste pickup, the next pickup will be June 2nd through 6th. Residents can also bring their landscaping debris to the City's Yard Waste site, located at 465 Water Street, open Wednesdays 5 - 7pm and Saturdays: 9am – 2:30pm.

Trash and Bulk Items: The dumpster in the public works parking lot at 535 S Madison will continue to be available until May 31st to allow more time to get damaged items removed from the property as insurance claims are processed. This dumpster has been very popular and has helped with the amount of trash that finds its way to the terrace. 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 June 5th per contract. Please call them at: (608)-580-0580 to arrange for additional disposal services if you have multiple items or an item that cannot be lifted by one person. Do not place these items at your curb more than 24 hours before pickup to avoid violating City Code. It is your responsibility to dispose of any bulk items GFL does not pick them up.

Building Permits: Building permit processing has gone quicker than expected thus far, thanks to City staff working hard to prioritize those with property 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 typically cost \$50 and are available in person at City hall or online at: www.evansvillewi.gov/buildingpermits Most completed permits can be issued in as little as 3 business days. City staff will verify the contractor has a valid contractor license number and ask for proof of liability insurance.

Building Permits and COAs in the Historic Districts: Any work in the historic district will require both a building permit and a 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

The state of Wisconsin will be available for questions about tax credits available at the 6pm May 21st Historic Preservation meeting, all interested parties should attend. They will discuss repairs and standards for repairs on historic homes.

Code Enforcement: Property maintenance and code enforcement operations will restart in several phases. First, on May 19th for signs and trash deposited in the terrace. These items will be removed by public works staff and may be available for pickup at the public works garage, call (608) 882-2270. At this time enforcement of the City's parking rules will also be enforced, this includes vehicles in the street longer than 48 hours, inoperable vehicles, and vehicles parked in the grass. Next, starting June 1st code enforcement will begin sending warnings for buildings and structures that do not meet exterior property maintenance standards. Refer to Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code for property maintenance standards (damaged siding, peeling paint, broken windows, etc.). No citations will be issued at first. Be sure to notify your insurance carrier of City property maintenance rules, as this may help an insurance carrier understand the importance of timely responses and follow-up.



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