



**City Garage**  
**315 East First Street**  
**Merrill, WI 54452**

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# MERRILL STREET DEPARTMENT 2020 Newsletter

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 Merrill, WI 54452

## Street Department Office Info

**Street Superintendent:**  
 Dustin Bonack

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 City Garage  
 315 East First Street  
 Merrill, WI 54452

<b>Winter Hours:</b>	<b>Summer Hours:</b>
Monday - Friday	Monday - Thursday
7:00AM - 3:30PM	6:30AM - 4:30PM

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 715-536-4222

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## Street Projects

**This is a list of street and infrastructure projects planned for 2020:**

- **Grand Ave from W Main St to N State St** – replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street lights
- **Prospect St from W Main St to Grand Ave** -- replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer, and street lights
- **S Genesee W Main St to Stange St** -- replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.
- **Mill St from E Main St to E 1st St** – replacement of pavement
- **Poplar St from E 1st St to E 4th St** – replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.
- **Court St from E 2nd St to E 5th St** – replacement of pavement, curb and gutter, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.
- **Logan Ave/E 6th St** – paving of gravel streets, installation of curb and gutter and extension of water main.
- **Johnson St** – installation of sidewalk from E 6th St to Church Mutual's existing sidewalk.
- **MARC Dr** – replacement of existing street lights with LED's

**Full project details and updates will be available throughout the summer on the city's website and Facebook page.**



# Garbage and Recycle

**Single Stream Recycling:** Merrill uses single-stream recycling which means that recyclables no longer need to be separated before being placed curbside. All recyclable material can be placed together inside a covered container.

**A few helpful tips:**

- Plastic bags are not allowed in the recycling
- Styrofoam is not recyclable
- Recyclables do not need to be tied or bundled
- Your recycling container must be covered
- o We suggest you purchase a covered plastic container from a hardware store.
- There is no limit to the amount of recyclables you can place out each week

A full list of rules as well as accepted materials is available on the city’s website at: [www.ci.merrill.wi.us](http://www.ci.merrill.wi.us)

**Large Item Pickup:** One pickup can be scheduled per tax parcel per year from April 15 to November 1. We will pick up furniture, rolls of carpet, windows and other bulky items not picked up in normal collection. We will NOT pick up appliances, washers, dryers, automotive parts, construction materials, TV’s, computers or other electronic devices.

Large Item Pickup can be scheduled by calling the City Garage at 715-536-4222.

Below is a calendar of dates when garbage and recycle pickup will be different from the normal schedule.

<b>CLOSED</b>		<b>Garbage &amp; Recycle will be picked up on:</b>
12/31/2019	New Year’s Eve	Monday December 30, 2019
1/1/2020	New Year’s Day	Thursday Jan 2, 2020
1/13/2020	Christmas Tree Pickup	Put trees out on garbage day
4/10/2020	Good Friday	Monday April 13, 2020
5/25/2020	Memorial Day	Tuesday May 26, 2020
7/3/2020	4th of July	Monday July 6, 2020
9/7/2020	Labor Day	Tuesday Sep 8, 2020
11/26/2020	Thanksgiving	Wednesday Nov 25, 2020
11/27/2020	Day after Thanksgiving	Monday November 30, 2020
12/24/2020	Christmas Eve	Wednesday Dec 23, 2020
12/25/2020	Christmas Day	Monday Dec 28, 2020
12/31/2020	New Year’s Eve	Wednesday Dec 30, 2020
4/15/2020	Start of Large Item Pickup	We will have a brush Pick-up in the Spring and Fall- Dates to be determined

# Stormwater

**What is stormwater runoff and why is it important?**

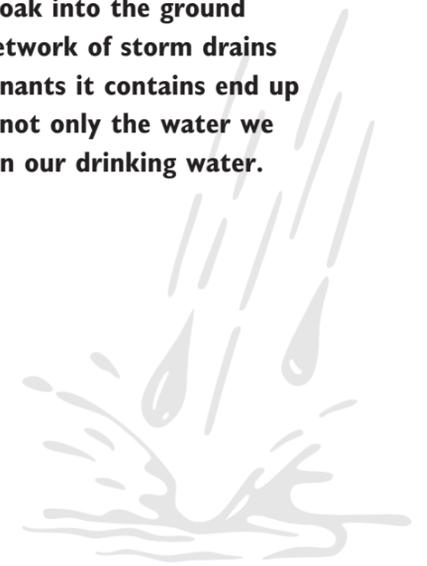
Stormwater runoff is the water from rain or melting snow that doesn’t soak into the ground and is carried to the waterways directly over the ground or through a network of storm drains and pipes. This water is not treated at a treatment plant so the contaminants it contains end up directly into our lakes, streams and rivers. Runoff can negatively impact not only the water we use for boating, swimming and fishing but it can have a negative effect on our drinking water.

**What is the City’s role in stormwater management?**

- Inspect, clean and repair the storm sewer system
- Regular street sweeping
- Leaf and grass clipping collection throughout the year
- Ensure construction sites are controlling erosion
- Installing retention ponds to collect sediment
- Use de-icing salt wisely

**What can you do to help?**

- Keep grass clippings and leaves off the street
- Fix vehicle leaks so oil and other contaminants can’t enter the storm sewer
- Make sure your downspouts drain onto your lawn
- If you live along a waterway plant vegetation that slows down runoff



# Frequently Asked Questions

**Do I need to keep my lawn mowed regularly?**

City ordinance regulates the length of a lawn to 8 inches. There is also a list of noxious weeds that are prohibited from growing within the city. City staff will periodically inspect lawns and notify property owners if they are not in compliance.

**Where do I place my garbage and recycling?**

Garbage bags and recycling containers need to be set curbside at curb level. In winter, an area needs to be cleared out for the bags and container. Any material left on top of a snow bank will not be collected.

**When will my street be plowed?**

The Street Department has 4 primary plow routes throughout the city. Within each of those routes are main routes that consist of heavily traveled streets as well as essential destinations (i.e. hospital, fire department and schools). Main routes are typically plowed first before the crew starts plowing residential areas. Whenever possible we try to plow snow overnight to avoid having to work around traffic and parked vehicles. If your street is not plowed the same day that it snowed, it will most likely be plowed overnight and be done by early the next morning.

**Are there parking restrictions in winter?**

Starting December 1st each year winter parking restrictions go into effect. This consists of alternate side parking as well as a parking ban from 1:00 am to 6:00 am. A snow emergency can also be called which prohibits parking on any street until the snow has been removed to the curbline. Winter parking restrictions end March 31st. A full description of the parking regulations can be found in the code of ordinances on the city’s website at [www.ci.merrill.wi.us](http://www.ci.merrill.wi.us)