

## **Mayor & Council**

### **Mayor**

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Todd Damon

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### **Library**

Cathy Becker, Director

Pam Duball, Assistant



## **Library News**

*Cathy Becker, long time Atkins Library Director will be retiring.*

*Cathy has served Atkins for 29 years. She has watched many children young and old find adventures through reading. Cathy knows the citizens of Atkins by which type of books they love!*

*Cathy is looking forward to spending time with family, especially her grandchildren!*

*Let's give Cathy a special thank you for instilling the love of reading in so many. Due to Covid concerns Cathy has kindly asked for no reception.*

*A card shower will be held for*

*Cathy's Retirement*

*Send Cards to:*

*City Hall - Card Shower*

*PO Box 171*

*Atkins, IA 52206*





# City of Atkins, Iowa



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT ATKINS DRINKING WATER

### ATKINS, IOWA MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS Has Levels of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened, what you should do, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received on October 12, 2021 show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). The standard for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) is 0.080 mg/L. The average level of Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) over the last year was 0.082 mg/L and 0.088 mg/L at two separate sites within the distribution system.

#### **What should I do?**

**You do NOT need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

#### **What does this mean?**

This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing trihalomethanes in excess of the MCL over many years may experience problems with their liver, kidneys, or central nervous systems, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

#### **What happened? What is being done?**

The city took immediate action and continues to monitor (TTHM). The city has replaced Reverse Osmosis membranes, is performing increased hydrant flushing to assist with removing (TTHM), and made adjustments for improved efficiency. *The most recent test results show that our system did not exceed the standard. The DNR regulations require sending quarterly notices.*

For more information, please contact Public Works Director Todd Damon at 319-446-7870 or PO Box 171, Atkins, Iowa, 52206 or email: [cityclerk@cityofatkins.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofatkins.org)

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing home, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by ATKINS MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS PWSID# 0603072

Date Distributed: **October 15, 2021**

Bruce Visser, Mayor

Todd Damon, Public Works Director

# Atkins Citywide Cleanup Days

Atkins City residents only – City reserves the right to refuse any item - Sponsored by the City of Atkins Iowa



**Saturday October 23, 2021**

**7 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

**Atkins Fire Station Parking Lot**

**91 Railroad Street**

## **The following is a partial list of items accepted FREE of charge:**

Furniture, mattress & box springs, etc

Bicycles (tires must be removed)

Lawn mowers (tires, gasoline and oil must be removed)

## **Items accepted with a Disposal Fee: (cash or check – Payable to City of Atkins – no credit cards)**

Computer Monitors (flat screen/LCD) - \$5.00

LCD/Flat Screen TV's - \$5.00

CRT/Tube Television or Monitors - \$5.00 For 22" & Smaller; \$10.00 for 23" or larger

Large Appliances: \$5.00

Small LP Gas Tanks 20 lb size and smaller- \$5.00

Desktop printers/copiers - \$5.00

Large Printers/copiers - \$10.00

Small Appliances (Microwaves) - \$5.00

## **These Items will NOT BE ACCEPTED:**

Appliances Filled with Food

Large Propane Tanks

Tires

Household recycling items

Household Garbage Yard- Waste Building Materials

Construction materials of any kind

Hazardous Waste (gasoline, oil, oil filters, paints, solvents etc.)

**If you need to get rid of a working refrigerator, freezer, or air conditioner, Call Alliant Energy at 1-866-255-4268 for information on their recycling program.**

**Contact Atkins City Hall if you have questions at 319-446-7870**



## BUILDING PERMITS REQUIRED

**When Do I need a Building Permit?** Any owner, contractor, or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure which is regulated by the adopted building codes, or to cause any such work to be done, shall first make an application to the Building & Safety Department to obtain a permit

- New construction: homes, additions, garages, storage sheds, decks, driveways, patios, fences, ...
- Repairs: roof replacement, window replacement when structural change to window frame is required
- Driveways, Fences, Retaining walls, excavations
- Demolition of a structure
- Swimming Pools
- Plumbing & Furnaces



**Submitting a Building Permit Application is NOT considered an approved permit until reviewed and approved by the Building Inspector, Public Works, City Hall, and permit fee is paid in full.**

**Permits can be located at [cityofatkins.org](http://cityofatkins.org) or at City Hall. P:319-446-7870**

# NEW!

## Recycling

To ensure our recycling pickup goes smoothly

- All items must be within the provided cart.
- Items must be broken down in a manner that allows the lid to shut. **Lid Must be Shut.**
- Items outside provided cart will not be picked up
- Recycled items must be clean and dry
- Non-Recycling Items: NO Food or Liquids, No Foam Cups & Dishes etc., No Clothing, Furniture & Carpet, No Loose Plastic Bags, Film or Bagged Recyclables.

Accepted Recycling Items Plastic Bottles & Containers, Food & Beverage Cans, Paper, Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard, Food & Beverage Cartons, No Styrofoam.



Correct—Lid is Shut all items are within cart.

Cart will not be picked up: Items outside container





# Derecho Recovery

August 10, 2020 will be remembered for generations. Straight line winds marched across Iowa with top winds of 140 mph reported in Atkins, Iowa and sustained for 40 minutes. Devastation as far as the eye could see. No power, trees blocking roads, every city owned facility damaged, nearly every home had some type of damage, our rescuers and their equipment were trapped in a destroyed fire station, the world turned upside down in just minutes.



Atkins is a strong community that rallied to support each other through the clean-up and rebuilding. Volunteers distributed over 300 meals a day, checked on and fed those that were shut in daily, crews removed 10 million pounds of tree debris. Today a Stranger would not know the tremendous damage or the significant recover the Atkins community has seen.

Lets celebrate the difference a year makes!

Temporary fire station built to house fire department.

Countless new roofs/repairs, fences replaced, home and garage damage repaired

City Hall moved to 3 temporary locations while continuing services

City Hall /Library repairs completed

Street signs replaced

Water Plant and Water tower repairs completed

Sewer Plant repairs completed, lift stations repaired

Park pavilion repaired, Park Fence replaced

Soccer Park shelter repaired, Bleachers replaced

Fire Station WILL be REBUILT! PLEASE LETS TAKE A MOMENT TO THANK OUR VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERS FOR THEIR SERVICE TO ATKINS. They have continued to serve Atkins through the numerous challenges of operating out of a temporary location.

### City Council Meetings:

- Regular City Council meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday's of each month.
- Agendas are posted at the Post Office and City Hall Door.
- Minutes are published in The Gazette and City Website.

### Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month

### Library Board Meetings:

- Meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month



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