



# CITY OF ATKINS *NEWSLETTER*

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## **Community Calendar**

April 26, 6:30pm, Council Meeting

### **April 30, Citywide Cleanup**

May 10, 6:30pm, Council Meeting

May 24, 6:30pm, Council Meeting

June 7, 6:30pm, Council Meeting

### **June 10-11, Citywide Garage Sales**

June 21, 6:30pm, Council Meeting

### **August 5-6, ACC Watermelon Days**

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## **Things to do in Atkins**

- \* Baseball/Softball
- \* Basketball
- \* Community events
- \* Disc golf
- \* Fishing
- \* Pickleball
- \* Playgrounds
- \* Soccer
- \* Walking trail
- \* Gaga Ball

## **Friendly Reminders...**

### **Registration is required for:**

Chickens & Golf Carts, registration fee is \$25 annually

### **Building permits are required in city limits for:**

Fence, shed, garage, sidewalk, driveway, decks, patios, new construction, pools, additions, roofs, demolition, plumbing, furnace, etc. Call City Hall at 319-446-7870 for more information and to obtain a permit.

**Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.** Meetings begin at 6:30pm. If you have an item that you would like to discuss at a meeting, please contact City Hall at 319-446-7870. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend the meetings.

### **Pavilion Rentals**

Park pavilion \$55, Soccer pavilion \$35. Call the library at 319-446-7676 for more information.

*More information can be found on our website:*

**[cityofatkins.org](http://cityofatkins.org)**

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**[The City of Atkins Iowa](#)**

## **Yard Waste Pickup**

Runs **April through October**. Set your yard waste out every Wednesday. You may use yard waste bags, you can bundle sticks with string (not plastic or metal) or you can use your own container marked with a "Y". It must be under 40 lbs.

**Next pickup is APRIL 27, 2022**

## **From the Water Tower...**

### **Did you know that a small leak can add up quickly?**

A modern toilet takes 1-2 gallons per flush. If there is an internal leak in your toilet, it *could* lose up to 1/4 gallon of water per minute. Since there are 1,440 minutes per day, 1/4 gallon per minute could add up to 10,800 extra gallons of water used per day! Check your toilet for a leak if you have seen an increase in your monthly bill! It could be the culprit.

The water dept will start flushing hydrants when the weather gets nicer. *Keep an on the city website for updates!*



## From Public Works...

We would like to thank the public for helping this winter by removing their vehicles from city streets during winter weather events. This allows city crews to better clean and widen streets as they plow. As warmer weather approaches maintenance activities will begin to pick up. Be Alert of Work zones.

- Expansion of the city soccer park trail creating a full half mile loop (including sidewalk along Parkridge Rd) and adding mile marker signage
- Upgrades to City Park ball field
- Addition of park amenities such as benches, new basketball hoops, permanent trash cans, dog waste stations, etc.
- Continue locating and raising water curb stops to improve ability to locate in the event of an emergency
- Continue upgrading of street signage.
- Ditch cleaning to help improve storm water runoff
- 2022 Street Maintenance to include crack sealing, chip sealing and concrete repairs. Map will be placed on City Website and Facebook page.
- Playground maintenance
- Trail maintenance

If you see any damage to city facilities, streets, missing or damaged signage, or have any questions regarding city maintenance activities please contact Atkins City Hall at 319-446-7870 or Atkins Public Works at 319-446-7803. If there is no answer, please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

## What's Happening at the Library?

Friends With Books Adult Book Club meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday @2pm.

LEGO Challenge: Kindergarten 1-1:30, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade 2-2:30, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 3-3:30. We will be adding in grades 6-12 in the near future! Watch Library website for upcoming dates.

Wee Ones Storytime: Storytime plays an important role in building early literacy and social skills. Ages 0-5. Every other Wednesday—next Storytime is May 4, 2022.

Adult Coloring and Conversation Held 4th Monday of the month @ 1:30-2:30. We supply coloring sheets and colored pencils. Feel free to bring your own if you wish. Coloring is the new rage!

Coffee Talk is held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 10:30am. Different topic every month with a guest speaker.

We are in the process of rolling out a new website. You can also follow us on FB @ Atkins Iowa Public Library.

## SHOW YOUR ATKINS FIRE DEPARTMENT SUPPORT!!!

We are taking preorders until May 31st!

You may drop off your shirt order at City Hall, M-F 9-3 or Atkins Savings Bank. Checks payable to: AFD. All shirts are \$20, regardless of size. Shirt pickup date TBD. Funds raised support the AFD and will be used how they see fit.

*This is managed by a group of volunteers, not the City of Atkins.*

## ATKINS FIRE DEPT.

### T-Shirt-Navy

| YOUTH | QTY | TOTAL |
|-------|-----|-------|
| YS    |     |       |
| YM    |     |       |
| YL    |     |       |
| YXL   |     |       |
| ADULT | QTY | TOTAL |
| AS    |     |       |
| AM    |     |       |
| AL    |     |       |
| AXL   |     |       |
| A2X   |     |       |
| A3X   |     |       |
| A4X   |     |       |

S-XL \$20

2XL \$20

3XL \$20

4XL \$20



### Donation Amount

|      |      |       |       |              |
|------|------|-------|-------|--------------|
| \$25 | \$50 | \$100 | \$500 | Other Amount |
|------|------|-------|-------|--------------|

|                |        |      |  |
|----------------|--------|------|--|
| NAME:          |        |      |  |
| ADDRESS:       |        |      |  |
| CITY:          | STATE: | ZIP: |  |
| TELEPHONE: ( ) |        |      |  |

Make check payable to Atkins Fire Dept  
Payment must be made at time order is placed.  
Return Orders By Tues. May 31, 2022

## HELP NEEDED FOR WATERMELON DAYS 2022!



Plans for Watermelon Days on Saturday, August 6 are underway. We are sorry to announce that this year we will be eliminating the Friday night events.

The Community Club has struggled the last several years finding enough volunteers to help with Watermelon Days. This year the Club is offering an opportunity for a group or organization to earn \$600. Your group will be responsible for taking tickets and checking wristbands for the inflatables, rides and games in the park from 11AM until 5PM. Helpers should be 14 years of age or older with adult supervision. If interested, please contact Christy at 319-446-6022.

## 2022 Summer Reading Program

### Beyond the Beaten Path

Every Wednesday from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

**June 15th through July 27th**

**Registration required:**

Registration forms will be available at the Library and

Library website <https://www.atkins.lib.ia.us>



# 2021 WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR ATKINS MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS

This report contains important information regarding the water quality in our water system. The source of our water is groundwater. Our water quality testing shows the following results:

| CONTAMINANT                         | MCL - (MCLG)         | Compliance |                    | Date       | Violation | Source   |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|-----------|--|
|                                     |                      | Type       | Value & (Range)    |            | Yes/No    |  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) [TTHM]  | 80 (N/A)             | LRAA       | 88.00 (ND - 180)   | 09/30/2021 | Yes       | By-products of drinking water chlorination   |
| Total Haloacetic Acids (ppb) [HAA5] | 60 (N/A)             | LRAA       | 46.00 (ND - 110)   | 09/30/2021 | No        | By-products of drinking water disinfection   |
| Lead (ppb)                          | AL=15 (0)            | 90th       | 2.00 (ND - 3)      | 2020       | No        | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits                                   |
| Copper (ppm)                        | AL=1.3 (1.3)         | 90th       | 0.31 (0.02 - 0.54) | 2020       | No        | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives |
| 950 - DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM           |                      |            |                    |            |           |  |
| Chlorine (ppm)                      | MRDL=4.0 (MRDLG=4.0) | RAA        | 1.1 (0.6 - 1.5)    | 12/31/2021 | No        | Water additive used to control microbes  |
| 04 - PLANT SINK TAP, WELL #3        |                      |            |                    |            |           |  |
| Sodium (ppm)                        | N/A (N/A)            | SGL        | 8.5                | 02/12/2020 | No        | Erosion of natural deposits; Added to water during treatment process                                   |

Note: Contaminants with dates indicate results from the most recent testing done in accordance with regulations.

## DEFINITIONS

**Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** -- The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

ppb -- parts per billion.

ppm -- parts per million.

pCi/L – picocuries per liter

N/A – Not applicable

ND -- Not detected

RAA – Running Annual Average

**Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

**Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** - The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** - The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

SGL – Single Sample Result

RTCR – Revised Total Coliform Rule

NTU – Nephelometric Turbidity Units

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water posed a health risk. More information about contaminants or potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. ATKINS MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

## CONTAMINANT VIOLATIONS

| Violation Type   | Contaminant                  | Begin date | End Date   |
|--|------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Our water system violated a drinking water standard for Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM). Some people who drink water contain- |                              |            |            |
| MCL (Chem-Rad), Average  | Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 01/01/2021 | 03/31/2021 |
| MCL (Chem-Rad), Average  | Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 04/01/2021 | 06/30/2021 |
| MCL (Chem-Rad), Average  | Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM) | 07/01/2021 | 09/30/2021 |

**Corrective Actions were taken. The City water is now in compliance with the TTHM.**

## SOURCE WATER ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

This water supply obtains its water from the dolomite and limestone of the Silurian-Devonian aquifer. The Silurian-Devonian aquifer was determined to be slightly susceptible to contamination because the characteristics of the aquifer and overlying materials provide moderate protection from contaminants at the land surface. The Silurian-Devonian well will be slightly susceptible to surface contaminants such as leaking underground storage tanks, contaminant spills, and excess fertilizer application. A detailed evaluation of your source water was completed by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, and is available from the Water Operator at 319-446-7870 .

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions regarding this information or how you can get involved in decisions regarding the water system, please contact ATKINS MUNICIPAL WATER WORKS at 319-446-7870.



# Atkins Citywide Cleanup

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## Items accepted FREE of Charge:

- Furniture, mattress/box springs, sofas, chairs
- Lawn mowers (~~gasoline & oil must be removed~~)
- Scrap metal, bicycles
- Carpet (**4' x 4' sections rolled & bundled**)
- Large toys
- Swing sets (**dismantled & under 4' in length**)
- Flat screen TV Monitors (**under 19"**)
- Small household printers

## Items with a disposal fee: (cash/check ONLY)

- Computer monitors \$5
- TV/Monitors (**larger than 20"**) \$5
- Appliances, small \$5, large \$10
- Large copiers, small \$5, large \$10
- Small LP gas tanks (**20 lb. and under**) \$5

## Items NOT ACCEPTED:

- Appliances that are filled with food
- Air conditioners
- Large propane tanks
- Tires
- Household recycling items
- Household garbage
- Yard waste/soil/tree stumps
- **Construction materials of any kind**
- Hazardous waste (gasoline, oil, oil filters, paints, solvents)
- Railroad ties
- Cardboard
- Items too large for one person to handle (**or bring help**)

**BRING HELP TO UNLOAD!!!**



# *Garbage And Recycling*

To ensure our garbage and 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, Styrofoam, Film or Bagged Recyclables.

Accepted Recycling Items Plastic Bottles & Containers, Food & Beverage Cans, Paper, Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard, Food & Beverage Cartons.



Correct—Lid is Shut  
all items are within  
cart.

Cart will not be picked up:  
Items outside container



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