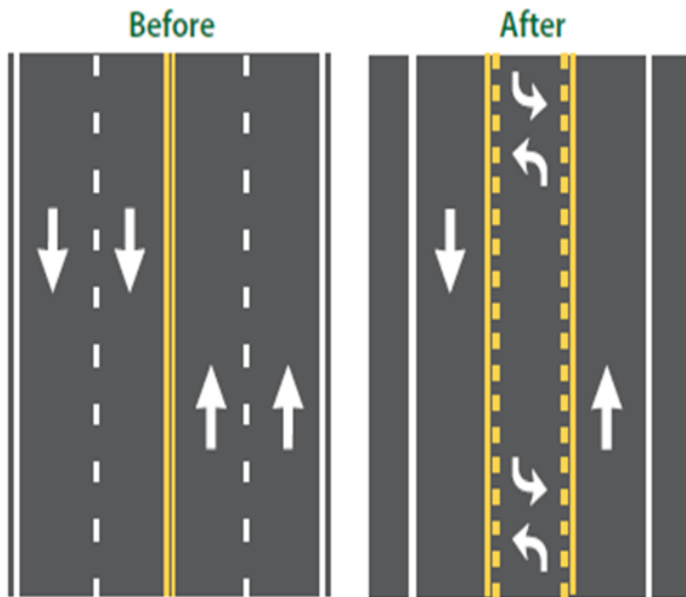


### What is a Road Diet?

Road Diets are a safety-focused alternative to a four-lane, undivided roadway. The most common type of Road Diet involves converting an existing four-lane road to three lanes, where the center lane becomes a two-way left-turn lane (TWLTL). The reclaimed space (from losing that fourth lane) can be allocated for other uses, such as bike lanes and pedestrian refuge islands.

On a typical four-lane, undivided road, vehicle speeds can vary between travel lanes resulting in drivers changing lanes. Drivers also change lanes to deal with a turning vehicle in front of them. On a three-lane road with a TWLTL, however, left-turning vehicles are separated from the through traffic, resulting in a more consistent vehicle flow. Data show that such an arrangement reduces the sort of vehicle-to-vehicle conflicts that contribute to accidents. According to studies, when a road diet is installed on a previously four-lane, undivided highway, there's a 29 percent reduction in overall crashes.



### Why Consider a Road Diet for Main Street?

A road diet would address many of the stated concerns about Main Street.

**Speeding:** Having one travel lane will result in more consistent traffic speeds controlling the speed of those few vehicles that travel at rates significantly over the speed limit.

**Access to the highway from side streets:** Many residents comment that it is difficult to make a left-hand turn onto Main Street due to the number of lanes that must be crossed. However, adding a turn lane in the middle means there's space to pause (after clearing the near lane of traffic) while waiting for an opening in the far lane.

**Safer for pedestrians:** Crossing four lanes as a pedestrian is very difficult and sometimes dangerous. A well-meaning driver might stop for a pedestrian and wave them to cross, while another driver in another lane may have no such intention. Having a single lane of traffic in each direction helps to prevent this situation, while the center space for the turn lane can provide a halfway-point refuge for pedestrians.

**Bike lanes:** Reconfiguring Main Street to three lanes will allow for the installation of bike lanes.

**Emergency Vehicle Access:** During those events when interstate traffic is diverted to North Main Street, all lanes of the four-lane road can be full of stopped traffic. If fire or rescue services are called for when Main Street is impassable, it is very difficult for emergency vehicles to access many parts of their service territory. Time lost trying to move through stopped traffic can be devastating for the person(s) in need of emergency services. The available center turn lane would provide a better opportunity to move emergency vehicles through the City during a high traffic event.

**Snow removal:** The Main Street corridor is narrow for a four lane road, leaving very little space for snow storage along its curb line. This situation makes sidewalk shoveling difficult for those adjacent property owners with narrow terraces. Having a bike lane along the curb will provide more snow storage space thus reducing snow removal costs for the City.

**Cost of this safety improvement:** Converting Main Street

from its current configuration to a three lane road is cost effective because it does not require any street construction — it simply requires restriping the street in the new configuration. The City is considering making this modification at this time because the current street markings have worn off and need to be repainted anyway. The modification will however reduce the City's highway aids by approximately 4.6%.

**More resources about Road Diets:** Additional information, including a helpful video about Road Diets, has been posted on the City's website.

**Comments?** The Public Works Committee is seeking public input about a Road Diet for Main Street. Please submit any comments or questions to [edgertongovernment@cityofedgerton.com](mailto:edgertongovernment@cityofedgerton.com).

## PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



**Winter Parking Rules:** Winter snow parking regulations went into effect on November 1st. Parking is not allowed on any street or highway after any snowfall until snow has been plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the posted areas during any snowfall.

**Sidewalks:** Please have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice from edge to edge no later than 24 hours after a snowfall. Failure to clear walks in the appropriate time may result in a fine. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



**Christmas Trees:** Starting January 4, and every Monday thereafter through January, the Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curb.

## UTILITY NOTICES

**Winter Vacations:** Please consider shutting off your water in the basement if you will be out of town this winter. Shutting off water could prevent damage (and a large water bill) if you have plumbing problems while you are away. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using devices before you shut off the water.

**Snow Around Fire Hydrants:** The Edgerton Water Utility and the Edgerton Fire Protection District encourage residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are located near their property. Having easy access to fire hydrants will save precious time if the hydrant is needed to fight a fire. Your assistance is appreciated.

## PET LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2020. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2021 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination is **required** by the County in order to obtain a license. If you do not have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.

Chicken permit renewals are also due by March 31, 2021

## PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes for City of Edgerton residents in Rock County are paid at the Treasurer's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville. Dane County residents within the City of Edgerton pay taxes at Edgerton City Hall.

Due to COVID 19, City and County government offices may be closed. If you wish to pay in person, please use the drop boxes provided at both locations.

## Shared Ride Taxi Service

The City offers a taxi service through Brown Cab Taxi Service. To schedule a pickup, call 884-9847

### Hours of operation:

Monday-Friday..... 7:15 am to 5:15 pm  
Saturday .....9:00 am to 1:00 pm.

## Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 6, 2021. The following local offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. Terms begin on Tuesday, April 20, 2021.

### OFFICE

Aldersperson District 1  
Aldersperson District 2  
Aldersperson District 3

### TERM

2 year  
2 year  
2 year

The final day to file nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Papers are filed in the office of the City Clerk. Candidates can obtain papers at City Hall or at <http://elections.wi.gov>. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at [www.elections.wi.gov/voters](http://www.elections.wi.gov/voters) for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin.

## Solid Waste Changes

**Refuse/recycling** Starting January 1, 2021, Badgerland Disposal will be the refuse and recycling contractor for the City of Edgerton. Collection days for the neighborhood north of East Fulton Street will change from Monday to Wednesday. (Please check the map on the City's website.)

**Electronic waste** can be brought to the City Garage during the two collection events on April 24 and September 25.

**Large item collection** will take place during the fourth week of each month on your regularly scheduled pick up day. Residents are not required to call to schedule a large item pick up.

**Brush and Yard Waste:** The City will continue the regularly scheduled curbside brush and leaf pick up services in 2021. The brush and compost drop off site at Fassett Cemetery will reopen in the spring during posted hours. The site is available to City of Edgerton residents only for brush, compost, and garden waste drop off. Proof of residency (such as a driver's license) is required to utilize the compost site. Please go to the City's website or Facebook page to see dates and the hours of operation.

## Downtown Upgrades in 2021

There will be extra activity in the downtown this year. Utilizing Tax Increment District funds, the Redevelopment Authority plans to complete the following improvements.

**Trees:** One of most obvious changes will be the replacement of the ash trees downtown. The city attempted to treat the ash trees to protect them from the Emerald Ash Borer but that has proven ineffective. A DNR forester inspected the trees and found them to be infested with the borer. This winter, the DPW will remove the trees. In the spring, new trees will be replanted.

**Crosswalks:** The pavement in many of the crosswalks downtown is failing. To keep the street safe for pedestrians, the crosswalks will be replaced. Keep an eye out for different traffic patterns downtown during this project.

**Lighting:** While Alliant Energy owns most of the street lighting throughout the City, the City owns the decorative lights downtown. The DPW staff retrofitted all the fixtures to LED last summer. The City is already realizing the energy and maintenance savings.

