



**Happy Holidays from the Town of Rushford Board!** Enclosed is information on tax payments, recycling, and township news. And remember, we take online payments now!

First installments and full payments of taxes are due and payable to the **TOWN OF RUSHFORD** on or before January 31, 2026. We will be not be collecting taxes at the Town Hall. You can either send your tax payments in the mail or drop them off at our drop box located in front of the town hall. **NO CASH payments will be accepted this year.** The Town will not be sending out receipt of payment for your taxes. If you would like one, please enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope with your payment. You may view your tax bill online at <http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/> Just click on Property List & Tax.

You may pay your tax bill online with credit card, debit card or echeck. This is only for online payments, not at the Town hall. Go to the website listed above and click on Property List & Tax.

**You do NOT log in.** Search using your parcel number, your address or name. When searching, in the Municipality drop down menu select Town of Rushford. Select your red parcel number and scroll down to Pay Taxes. A service fee will apply to these transactions. The Post office changed their postmark procedures. Postmarks will no longer be applied to most mail until it is processed at a regional facility which is typically the next business day. This means for those intending to mail tax payments on January 31<sup>st</sup> may risk not having their envelopes postmarked until February unless it is hand-stamped at the office they drop it off at.

There are no immediate refunds for overpayment of taxes according to State Statues. Refund checks will be mailed the day after the town board meetings which will be Wednesday, January 7th and Wednesday, February 4th, 2026.

All second installments of taxes are due and payable to Winnebago County Treasurer on or before July 31, 2026. If you would like to receive a receipt, please enclose a self addressed stamped envelope with your payment to the County. You may use the instructions above if you wish to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> installment online with credit card, debit card or echeck.

Many of you have a special charge of \$2 on your tax bill. Last year the County Septic fee went from \$8 to \$10, but only \$8 was charged, so this is to make up the difference from 2025.

**DOG LICENSES:** All dogs five months or older must be licensed and you must have proof of rabies vaccination. It is required by law AND your dog must be licensed every year. The license runs from January to December. This year, owners will be fined if your dog is picked up and not licensed.

***Dog Licenses Prices:***

Spayed or neutered dogs	\$ 5.00
Unspayed or unneutered dogs	\$10.00



**LOTTERY CREDITS:** If a lottery credit does not appear on your tax bill, you can still claim one. You will qualify if you own a home in Wisconsin and use it as your primary residence on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year in which property taxes are levied. Primary residence is defined as the home where an individual lives more than six months of the year. If temporarily absent, it is the home to which the owner returns. Only one primary residence may be claimed, and renters do not qualify. Contact Kathryn Lewis to claim a credit. If you have any questions, please call Kathryn at 920-379-4538 or email Kathryn.

With winter, comes snow! When cleaning out your driveway, please do not leave excessive snow on the roadway, for then someone will have to be called to remove it and you will be charged for removal.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR FIRE NUMBERS ARE CLEARLY POSTED FOR THE FIRST RESPONDERS AND EMERGENCY VEHICLES. This is a must for fast and prompt service from our first responders. Please try to trim trees or bushes away from your number. Remember that the fire number is your responsibility. If you do not have a fire number, please leave your name and address by contacting the Town.

If you need a building permit, please call Tom Egan at 920-379-8479. If you are considering a new driveway, need a burning permit or have any town problems, please call your Supervisors – Patrick Kafer and Jerry Schoonover. When selling property, it is important to check on the zoning. You can contact Eric Freund, Zoning Administrator. Chuck Mier is our humane officer, and Eric Freund is the Town Constable. You can contact Kathryn Lewis, Treasurer and Peggy Hendricks, Clerk, at the numbers below. We are here for YOU, the town people, and we are happy to serve you.

Enclosed is the calendar for garbage and recycling pick up from Waste Management. You can also print off a copy from the Towns web site. Weekly trash is picked up on Tuesdays and single stream recyclables being picked up every other week. This means all your recyclables can be placed together. You will not be separating paper from co-mingles. For more information, visit <http://wm.com>. If wish to contact Waste Management, it is easier to contact the clerk, and she will rely your questions. Please recycle! This is very important to the township, for we receive grant money according to our recycling tonnage. If you take cans in or any other recycling items, you can send us a copy of your receipt, and we can use this in our report for our recycling grant. It would be very much appreciated! The Town and Waste Management has an extensive recycling web page, so please check it out!

Elections will be – February Primary – Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> if needed, Spring Election on April 7<sup>th</sup>, Partisan Primary election on August 11<sup>th</sup> and Partisan General Election on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you would like to have an absentee ballot for the full year, please visit <https://myvote.wi.gov/> or call Peggy at 920-379-4515. ***Those who stay away from the election think that one vote will do no good. 'Tis but one step more to think one vote will do no harm. -Ralph Waldo Emerson.***

If anyone would like to help at the polls, Peggy will be having a training meeting at the Town Hall on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Contact Peggy if you are interested. The more, the merrier!!

Join us on Face book! There is a link on the Towns web page where you can sign up at <http://townofrushford.org>

Our web page has the most updated information on agendas, minutes, calendar events, news, public notices, pictures and even the weather! We hope you bookmark this site and come to visit often. If you have any ideas for the web page, please contact Peggy Hendricks.

Our monthly meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month and they are open to the public. We invite you to come and view your town officials at work for you!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Town of Rushford Board:

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Jerry Schoonover	920-410-3852	Eric Freund	420-5070	torzoning2024@gmail.com

(all area codes are 920 unless noted)