



December 2024

Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Bill for 2024. Please take a few minutes to review this sheet and your bill for important information about your taxes. Call the **Town Treasurer at 715-325-1840** if you have any questions or concerns. Or you may email her at treasurer@saratogawi.gov

General Information About Your Property Tax

When are my taxes due?

Your entire real estate tax bill, or your first installment, is **due by January 31, 2025**. If you choose to pay in installments, your first installment is due by January 31, 2025 and your second installment is due by July 31, 2025. Make note that the amount of your installments may vary. If you fail to pay the correct amount, at the correct time, to the correct place it will cause you to incur additional charges.

Where do I pay?

All payments made on or before **January 31, 2025**, must be paid to:

Treasurer, Town of Saratoga
1120 St Highway 73 S
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

Payments made **after** January 31, 2025, must be paid to:

Wood County Treasurer
400 Market Street
PO Box 8095
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54495-8095

What happens if I pay late?

By State law, if you fail to pay the entire amount of your first installment by **January 31, 2025** then the option to pay in installments is no longer available. The entire balance then becomes due and will accrue interest at a rate of 1.0% per month until the delinquent amount is paid in full.

Payments postmarked **December 31** will be processed for December. Payments postmarked **January 31** are accepted as being on time.

Returned Non-sufficient fund checks will be charged \$35.00 plus bank charges.

How can I pay?

You have several options to make the tax payment that is due by **January 31st, 2025** and get the **2025 dog license that is due by March 31, 2025**.

By Mail—Make your check or money order payable to the Town of Saratoga Treasurer. If you want a printed receipt, enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope along with your payment stub and payment. Mail to:

Treasurer, Town of Saratoga
1120 St Highway 73 S
Wisconsin Rapids WI 54494

In Person—at the Saratoga Admin Building

December-13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 27, 30 & 31, 2024

The Town Admin Building will be closed December 24, 25 & 26.

January 2025 every Tuesday & Thursday 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Payments may also be placed in the LOCKED drop box outside the Town Admin Building. Please **DO NOT PLACE CASH in the drop box**.

Bank- at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank December 13, 2024 to January 31, 2025.
405 Market St Nekoosa WI 54457

(Nekoosa Branch lobby only-not drive up)
Hours Mon-Thurs 9:00am-4:30pm,
Fri 9:00am-5:30pm & Sat. 9:00am-Noon)

Electronic Checking Payments or Credit/Debit Card Payments Online: Go to

www.saratogawisconsin.org click on the Point & Pay link. Additional charges apply. E-check rate-Flat Fee \$1.50, Credit Card rate 2.39% of total amount being paid and Visa Debit rate \$3.95.

For the safety of all, **The Town Board "encourages"** all CASH TAX payments be made at Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank.

What if I can't pay my entire 1st installment amount?

We encourage everyone to try and pay at least the amount of their first installment to avoid interest and penalty. It is in your best interest to pay as much as you can by the due date. Continuing to make monthly payments until your entire balance is paid in full will help to reduce the amount of interest and penalty you will pay and reduce the risk of losing your property.

Where is my refund?

Overpayments of less than \$5.00 will be refunded only upon written request. Cash refunds are not given. Refund checks will be issued after your/mortgage check has cleared all banks. This may take up to thirty days. **Request your bank/mortgage company to cut you a separate check for the amount over your tax payment.**

How are my taxes calculated?

Your tax amount is derived by multiplying the value of your property as of January 1, 2024 and the mill rate for all the taxing jurisdictions, then subtracting any applicable credits and adding any special assessments, special charges, or special taxes. The amount of your taxes cannot change unless there was an error in the application of one of those items.

Questions on property assessed value should be directed to Rigelson Appraisal Service at 1-608-378-3003.

All Dog Licenses are due by March 31 of every year.

Spayed/Neutered \$3.00

Not Spayed/Neutered \$8.00

Monthly meetings in the Town of Saratoga Everyone is welcome to attend.

All meeting dates, agendas and minutes are listed on our website: saratogawisconsin.org

The Town of Saratoga is not responsible for mail boxes that get damaged or knocked over by the snowplows **due to the weight of the snow.**

It is **unlawful to plow snow on to the road right-of-way or across the road** according to Wis. Statute 346.94(5). Ordinance No. 11-27-2007, Town of Saratoga, Wood County- Section 1 A. **Winter Parking Restrictions:**

- a. During the period of November 1 through April 15, it shall be **unlawful to park any vehicle on the town road right-of-way**. Any vehicle found parked upon the town road right-of-way during this time period may be towed, at the owner's expense, if the Town Road Lead man and/or Town Board Member shall deem necessary for the health and safety of the residents of the Town of Saratoga. Penalties shall apply as referenced in 11-27-2007.

The Town of Saratoga is proud to announce a new lighted logo sign with an electronic reader board that is located in front of the Town Hall.

Please be on the look-out for new valuable information including meetings, future clean up events such as Electronics, Bulk Items and Clean Sweep on our lighted logo sign, website and Facebook page.

Town Collection Sites

Transfer site: 9642 Cty Rd Z south, Nekoosa: Open 2nd and last Saturday each month April through October.

Tires accepted: up to 10 tires 20 inches or less per address, per year with no fee.

Residents owning more than one property in the Town will only be allowed 10 tires total free of charge, any over the 10 will be charged. All tires taken are at the discretion of the Town employees.

Other tires and over the 10 limit: Fees as follows: 20" or less- \$5 each, Tires over 20" up to Farm Tractor Tires \$15 each, Farm Tractor Tires \$20 each. All tires must be off the rim.

Brush site: 12799 Hollywood Road, Nekoosa: Open the 3rd Saturday each month April through October from 8:00A.M.-12:00P.M. Only Saratoga residents (Not Commercial businesses) are allowed to use the site.

Identification will be checked at Transfer and Brush sites to confirm Town residency.

City of Wisconsin Rapids Yard Waste Site

Yard Waste: Residents of the Town of Saratoga may purchase an annual permit for the Wisconsin Rapids Compost Site for \$65. Permits may be purchased from the Saratoga Mini Mart, (8810 Hwy 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids) or from the City of Wisconsin Rapids garage (1411 Chase Street, Wisconsin Rapids). Please check www.wirapids.org for open dates and times.)

Garbage Collection: Waste Management (WM)

For any questions or concerns considering garbage pick up, call 1-888-960-0008

Garbage & Recycling Containers may NOT be on the road.

Required placement is 3 feet from the road and the containers should be a minimum of 1 foot apart.

Town residents are required to use the containers provided by WM for their garbage & recycling.

DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR LOTTERY & GAMING CREDIT????

If you do not have a Lottery & Gaming credit on your tax bill you may still be eligible.

To Qualify: You must own a home in Wisconsin.

AND: Your home must have been occupied as your PRIMARY residence on January 1, 2024.

- A. A primary residence is the home in which a property owner lives for more than six months of the year.
- B. If temporarily away, a primary residence is the home to which the owner returns.

If you feel you qualify for the credit and there is not a lottery credit on your tax bill, go to

[2024 LC-100 Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit Application Fill-In Form](#)

Fill it out, then print the document and send it in with your payment prior to February 1, 2025.