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Greetings & HAPPY NEW YEAR to of you!



It is GREAT to be in Wausau and every day I am honored and proud to serve you and assist in making our community a better place to live, work and play! Wausau is definitely Working!

HEY! What an excellent way to start the New Year with some positive Economic Development news for Wausau! Late last fall, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue released values statewide for last year's overall growth and Wausau was recognized again for another record year of construction permit growth. In fact, Wausau's 5% net new construction growth rate is one of the highest in Wisconsin. The State of Wisconsin and Marathon County average was 2% and cities such as La Crosse, Eau Claire, Appleton, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh and Milwaukee were all at 2% growth and even Madison was only at 3%. These construction numbers follow our recognition last year by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics as the BEST city/region in Wisconsin for economic growth and job creation! I invite you to review the Press Release data that had been previously shared included in this newsletter.

This is 3 years in a row of record and historic economic growth and development for the City of Wausau. In 2017, we had our best year ever at \$139 million, in 2018 our total new dollar growth was over \$100 million, 2019 with \$116 million and now 2020 is starting off in a very positive way! What is particularly notable is that this economic growth is broad-based with record years of new home construction starts in the city, as well as new commercial and industrial construction.

The City of Wausau continues to move forward in a very positive and progressive way. As stated before, the future of our city is being further transformed and the vision set 3 ½ years ago is already happening! Folks, you can see how things are going. Economic Development is occurring in a strong way throughout the city and the fact that we are leading the state in new growth is good news for Wausau and our residents!

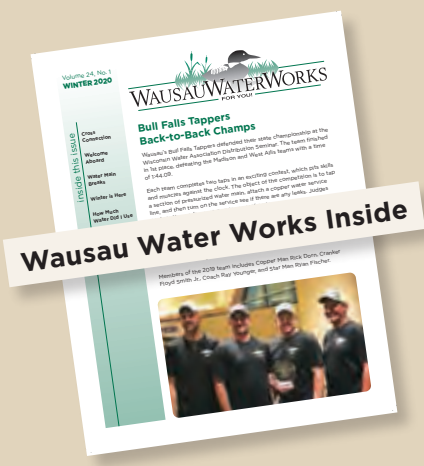
Also in the past 3 years, numerous and very needed Infrastructure projects that were not previously completed, as well as other new quality of life amenities projects that attract new businesses and residents to Wausau, have all been completed. Even The Wausau Center Mall, where we are gaining local control and tackling meaningful changes to the Mall building is now happening. Residents can now also see more than ever how City Hall and its staff are working more effectively in a more accountable, professional, open and transparent way. Morale is up among staff, city hall culture is stable and thriving with respect for all.

We have completed many infrastructure projects as well as having both updated and created 11 different city development plans, including our updated Comprehensive Plan (last completed in 2005) and our Zoning Code (last completed in 1967). All of this contributes to the long term future vision and success for Wausau. Our overall debt has been well-managed, is being addressed in an aggressive way for quick re-payment and we are committed to reducing our debt. With our historic record economic growth and low interest rates, all of this has been done for long term investments in our future and are needed for Wausau to continue to grow. This has happened because we have listened to residents, we have worked to reach out to everyone as well as having the courage, integrity and experience in getting things done.

We may not always agree but always know that I welcome hearing from you and as many of you already know, am very accessible in doing so. I love this City and I enjoy listening to others ideas and thoughts and what is important to all of you and will continue to do so.

Thanks and Take care-Spring is coming soon!

Robert B. Mielke-Mayor of the GREAT City of Wausau



Press Release



Wausau's Net New Construction Up Record 5% In State Reporting

WAUSAU, WI - The Wisconsin Department of Revenue has released values statewide for last year's growth and the City of Wausau attained a record \$114,509,100 of net new construction value. This strong number was expected given the last couple years of record construction permit value growth, but Wausau's 5% growth rate is one of the highest amongst Wisconsin's larger communities: the State and Marathon County average is 2%, along with La Crosse, Eau Claire, Green Bay, Appleton, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, and Milwaukee all at 2%; Madison is at 3%.

"This growth is a direct translation from the investments the City continues to make: expanding the Business Campus, completing downtown and riverfront improvements, and focusing on infill housing and local commercial growth," noted Christian Schock- Director of Development.

Recently Moody's Rating Service noted the City's high current cash surplus and strong growth, especially by Wisconsin standards, in maintaining the City's strong credit rating even with continued borrowing for new infrastructure and amenities.

"I've been very clear that our debt is manageable and continues to translate into meaningful growth. Moving projects forward at this time, when interest rates are low and growth is strong, continues to be a smart decision for the City," said Robert Mielke, Mayor.

All of the DOR's reports by County are here: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/EQU/2019-expeqv.aspx>

Friends of the Marathon County Public Library

February 2020 Winter Book Sale

Special Members Only Sale
Wednesday, Feb. 5th
5:00 - 7:30 p.m.
Memberships available

General Public
Thursday, Feb. 6th
9:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 7th
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday Feb. 8th
BAG SALE
9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
\$6.00
Bags provided

For more information
Call 715-261-7200
info@mcpl.us

Clerk's Office

ATTENTION VOTERS!

Spring Primary & Special Primary Representative in Congress District 7, **Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

Spring Election & Presidential Preference Vote, **Tuesday, April 7, 2020**

Special Representative in Congress District 7th, **Tuesday, May 12, 2020**

Partisan Primary, **Tuesday, August 11, 2020**

General Election, **Tuesday, November 3, 2020**
(All polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.)

Where to vote:

Districts 1 & 2	Pilgrim Lutheran Church 709 Weston Avenue
Districts 3 & 10	Marathon Park East Gate Building 600 Block of Garfield Avenue
Districts 4 & 5	Boys & Girls Club of Wausau 1710 N. 2nd Street
Districts 7 & 8	Wausau West High School 1200 W. Wausau Avenue
Districts 9 & 11	National Guard Armory 833 S 17th Avenue
Districts 6	Wausau East High School 2607 N. 18th Street

Absentee Ballot / Early Voting:

Absentee ballots are available for anyone that is unwilling or unable to vote at the poll site locations on Election Day. Applications for absentee ballots are available at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Additionally, you can **REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLINE at: <https://myvote.wi.gov>**. You can also vote in-person at City Hall during early voting: starting 2 weeks before each election.

Common Absentee Balloting Errors:

Please take an extra moment to make sure the following requirements have been met to ensure your absentee ballot counts:

1. Your name and address on the envelope label is correct and current. If the information is not correct - do not write over it, you must reregister at the new address.
2. You must sign the absentee ballot envelope.
3. A witness must also sign and write their complete address on the absentee ballot envelope certifying you were the person who cast the ballot.

Mission Statement... In response to our citizens, we will provide services in the most effective manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment. Plan and encourage positive growth. Promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.

Register to Vote:

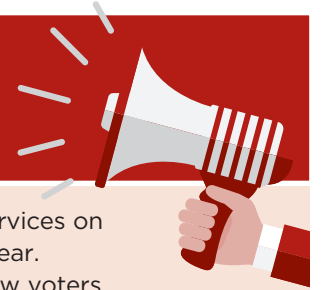
If you are not registered to vote, if you have moved or had a name change, save time by registering to vote **prior** to Election Day. Registering before Election Day will speed up the process for you. When registering, you must show **proof of residence**: a current and valid State of Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID card, a real estate tax bill, a gas, electric, or telephone service statement (utility bill), bank statement, paycheck or pay stub, etc.

You may register at the City Clerk/Customer Service office in City Hall, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. If your Wisconsin Driver's License is valid and unexpired, you can **REGISTER TO VOTE ONLINE at: <https://myvote.wi.gov>**. This site also has valuable information such as poll site location and what is on your ballot. Check it out!

Photo ID is required when voting whether at the polls or at City Hall. Be prepared to show a valid photo ID, state your name & address and sign the poll book when voting at the poll sites.

If you have questions regarding elections or are in need of additional information not addressed here, please contact the City Clerk's office at 715-261-6620.

Help Wanted: Election Poll Workers!



Hiring Poll Workers to provide services on Election Day two-four times per year.

Job Duties include: registering new voters, poll list check in, ballot issuance, counting ballots, etc.
 Job Requirements: good with people, detail orientated, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of six polling sites located throughout the City. Polls are open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. We offer full day and half day shifts. Training is provided. Applications are available on the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Portals/0/Departments/Clerk/Documents/PollworkerApplication.pdf>. You may also pick up an application at City Hall. Contact the Clerk's office at 715-261-6620 for further information.

Recreational Burn Permits

Just a reminder to check the expiration date of your Recreational Burn Permit if you have a fire pit within the city. Burn permits are issued for a term of five years and expire on March 31 of the fifth year. Permits are required in the City of Wausau for any recreational fires including a below-ground pit or a portable device intended to contain and control outdoor wood fires.

Please visit City Hall to pick up a recreational burn permit or go to City of Wausau's website and download an application at www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Clerk/LicensePermitRegistration.aspx. If the property is a rental unit, the application **must be completed and signed by the property owner/landlord**. You may contact the Clerk's Office if you have specific questions at 715.261.6620.



Pet Licenses Expire December 31st Each Year

Pet licenses are required for all dogs and cats more than four months of age on January 1st of any year, or four months of age within the license year, regardless of whether or not your pet goes outside.

Proof of rabies vaccination, expiration date and proof of spay or neuter is required at the time of licensing. There is an \$8.00 discount on each license if your pet is microchipped, proof is required.

The license can be obtained in a variety of ways:

- In person at Customer Service at City Hall. Please bring the necessary proof of spaying or neutering, microchipping and rabies vaccination.

- Or mail a payment along with required documents to City Hall, 407 Grant Street, Wausau, WI 54403
- You can also process the license application online by uploading the required documents at <https://evolveportal.ci.wausau.wi.us/?portal=clerk>.

Licensing fees for the 2020 licensing year are: an unaltered dog or cat is \$60.00 per year; an altered dog or cat is \$18.00 per year. All licenses are given an \$8.00 discount if the pet is microchipped. Proof of microchipping is required for discount.

To avoid a late fee, all dog and cat licenses are due no later than March 31st of every year, within thirty days of



acquiring ownership of a dog or cat, or when the pet reaches four months of age. **A late fee of double the regular license fee, in addition to the required license fee is imposed if the license is obtained after March 31st.** The forfeiture for NOT having a current pet license is **\$187.00.**

Thank you for being a responsible pet owner.

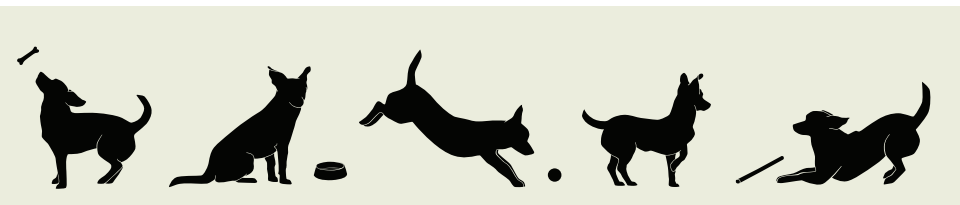
Wausau's First Urban Dog Park

Wausau's first dog park will become a reality in the spring of this year due to the hard work of the dog park special committee established in 2019 by the City Council. The dog park special committee consists of two Alderman and five citizen volunteers. The group has worked diligently to raise \$128,000 to complete the dog park. The group sent multiple letters to potential donors and have spent many volunteer hours promoting the park and seeking support. On November 17, 2019 the special committee held a fundraiser at Malarkey's Pub where they had a silent auction full of donated prizes and gift certificates raising \$1,094 including a generous donation from Malarkey's Pub. To date the committee has raised \$93,259.25 through the support of private donations, grants from many local foundations and \$20,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Fund.

The dog park will be located at 224 South 4th Street just south of the post office. The 2 ½ acre park will be fully fenced and include a small dog area in addition to the all dog open space. The first phase of the park will include off street parking, benches and a hydration station. The second phase will include a small shelter and agility equipment. The dog park will be a wonderful asset to the City's park system and will not only provide opportunities for dogs to exercise and interact safely but also support responsible dog ownership, provide an outlet for owners to socialize and will promote public health and safety.

Building the park will be a team effort of many city departments. The Engineering Department surveyed the property, will layout the parking area and assist in the extension of the waterline to the park. The Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department will grade the parking area, install the concrete entrance pad and oversee the construction of the park. The Public Works Department will oversee the paving of the parking area.

If you or someone you know would like to donate to the park, donations can be made to the City's Finance Department.



Winter Wonderland

Grab your mittens, hat and boots it is time to get outside and enjoy the winter wonderland we lie in.

There are a number of activities that the Wausau/ Marathon County Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department has to offer. First take the whole family Sylvan Hill for tubing ride they are sure to love. Sylvan tubing hill is open Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays December 14-March 8th and additional holiday hours December 23-January 1. The hill offers six groomed tubing runs with twists and turns to make all smile. Warm up between runs in the Chalet that offers concessions and a warm retreat.



If skis are what you prefer cross country skiing options are available at Nine Mile County Forest and Sylvan Hill. Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area has 30 km of groomed trails, including 3.5 miles of lighted trails. Amenities include signed trails, parking, ski chalet with fire place, ski and snowshoe rentals, restrooms and changing rooms. Trails in beginner to expert trails. Trails are open December 16 through mid-March, snow conditions permitting. Sylvan cross country ski trails are groomed throughout the northern part of the park and venture on through a portion of Tribute golf course. Beginner to expert trails are available.

Woodson Art Museum

Visits Boost Creativity & Local Economy

Here's a way to stoke your mid-winter spirits, creativity, and the local economy, too. Invite friends and family to Wausau, bringing them to the Woodson Art Museum.

Why bring out-of-town visitors?

- Fascinating origami artwork is featured in three exhibitions, on view through March 1.
- Master origami artist Robert J. Lang, whose artwork is in all three exhibitions, leads programs during his residency, Saturday & Sunday, February 22 & 23. Lang, a laser physicist-turned artist, developed some of the most complex origami designs ever created and shares insights through a presentation, gallery walk, and two workshops; get details here: <https://bit.ly/2QKbJmH>.
- The Museum's reputation – according to recent visitors' reviews – is attracting visitors who infused \$3 million into the local economy during 2019.

The origami exhibitions highlight striking, soaring three-dimensional sculpture transformed from two-dimensional paper.

Above the Fold: New Expressions in Origami comprises artwork by nine international master folders.

FaunaFold features origami insects, birds, and beasts by Robert J. Lang, considered one of the world's leading origami artists.

Alchemy Unfolding captures the delicate nature of paper folding in five metal sculptures, symbolizing the design potential inherent in every blank page.

Share Woodson Art Museum visitors' effusive comments with those you invite. What people say is 12.85 times more important than what you say about your reputation, writes Colleen Dilenschneider, chief market engagement officer at IMPACTS Research & Development.

On TripAdvisor, see rave reviews.

- “WOW! – This museum is a must see!”
- “What a wonderful resource for the area. Any city would be happy to have this museum in its city limits.”
- “Always free and always changing. The exhibits are amazing and presented so well too. Something for everyone.”

Facebook and Google reviews also tell the tale.

- “What a treasure.”
- “If you've never gone, GO; what are you waiting for? Art is for the masses. It feeds a part of the heart, mind, and soul that cannot be fed in any other way.”

Although admission is always free, bringing out-of-town guests fuels the local economy.

During 2019, of the 17 percent of visitors who chose to interact with the Woodson Art Museum's digital guestbook, 17 percent identified as living within 30 miles, 49 percent as day-trip visitors, and 34 percent as overnight visitors. Because travelers dine, shop, and fill up gas tanks while in town, the estimated economic impact was \$1,138,496 from those day-trip visitors and \$1,799,712 from those overnight visitors, according to the Wisconsin Department of Tourism's estimated averages: \$64 per day-trip visitor and \$144 per overnight visitor.

Take reviewers' recommendations: invite and bring others to the Woodson Art Museum – soon for a mid-winter boost and often throughout 2020.

If snowshoes are preferred over skis Nine Mile County Forest Recreation Area has 3.7 miles of dedicated snowshoe trails or blaze your own trail in any of the 34,000+ acres of country forest land.

Boots, skis and snowshoes are a few of the ways we can play in the winter and if they are not enough, **strap on a pair of ice skates and skate indoors or outdoors**, whichever you prefer. Marathon County Ice Arena located in Marathon Park offers a variety of open skating times over the weekday noon hour, Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons with special school vacation hours available December 23-January 1. Don't have your own skates? Rentals are available for \$3.00/session at the rink.

Weather permitting, outdoor rinks will be available at the 400 Block, Marathon Park and Thom Field. The warming houses will be open Mondays through Fridays 5-8pm and Saturdays and Sundays 10am-8pm with additional holiday hours December 23-January 1, Monday through Saturday 1-8pm and Sunday 1-4:30pm, closed Christmas Day.

These are just some of the fun things to do in our Winter Wonderland. Other activities include **winter mountain biking** at Big Eau Pleine Park, taking in a **Riverwolves hockey game** in Marathon Park Ice Arena or purchase a WI trail pass and **snowmobile throughout the County** on more than 780 miles of snowmobile trails. For more information on any of these opportunities visit the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department website www.co.marathon.wi.us/Department/parks. Enjoy the winter!



Riverview Terrace Assisted Living

Riverview Terrace Assisted Living is a 36-unit Residential Care Apartment Complex (RCAC) located on Thomas Street in the heart of Wausau. The RCAC facility is licensed to provide residents up to 28 hours per week of supportive, personal and nursing services. Each spacious apartment has a bedroom, living room, kitchen and bathroom with a walk-in shower. All of these areas are equipped with emergency pull-cords as well as a 24 hour Lifeline service. Riverview Terrace is surrounded by beautiful scenery that offers residents a quiet tranquil place to live.



Residents must be 62 years of age or older, and qualify under applicable income limits. Riverview Terrace offers a subsidized rent and a flat monthly service fee for those in need of daily living assistance. Resident Carol Nass commented, "The people are so nice and friendly and we have a lot of activities."

This facility is owned and operated by the Wausau Community Development Authority (WCDA) and, as part of the organization's mission; we provide affordable housing with a suitable living environment free from discrimination. Nancy Christianson, resident, says "Our wonderful care coordinator and her staff are very kind and always ready to assist us in any way they can."

Come visit and see what Riverview Terrace has to offer. If you are seeking assisted living care for yourself or a loved one, please schedule a tour and find out what we are all about. Staff can be reached at 715-261-6687 or you may visit us on the web at www.riverviewterracewi.com.

2020 Census FAQ

What is the census?

The census is a count of every person who lives in the United States and its territories. It happens every 10 years. In early 2020, you will be asked to count everyone who lives in your home as of April 1. Responding to the 2020 Census is a chance to shape your future.

What's in it for me?



Your responses inform where over \$675 billion is distributed each year to communities nationwide for clinics, schools, roads, and more.



Census data gives community leaders vital information to make decisions about building community centers, opening businesses, and planning for the future.



Responding also fulfills your civic duty because it's mandated by the U.S. Constitution. The United States has counted its population every 10 years since 1790.



Your responses are used to redraw legislative districts and determine the number of seats your state has in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Is my information safe?

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics. They cannot be used against you by any government agency or court in any way—not by the FBI, not by the CIA, not by the DHS, and not by ICE.

When can I respond to the census?

In early 2020, every household in America will receive a notice to complete the census online, by phone, or by mail. In May, the U.S. Census Bureau will begin following up in person with households that have yet to respond.

For more information, visit:

2020CENSUS.GOV

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What will I be asked?

You will be asked a few simple questions, like age, sex, and the number of people who live in your home, including children.

What won't be asked?

The census will never ask for Social Security numbers, bank or credit card numbers, money or donations, or anything related to political parties.

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City of Wausau Recycling Audit Results

In October 2019, a recycling audit took place across five different City of Wausau neighborhoods (117 total individual and multi-unit residences). The purpose of the audit was to help the city understand resident recycling behaviors in an effort to better educate residents about how to recycle right.

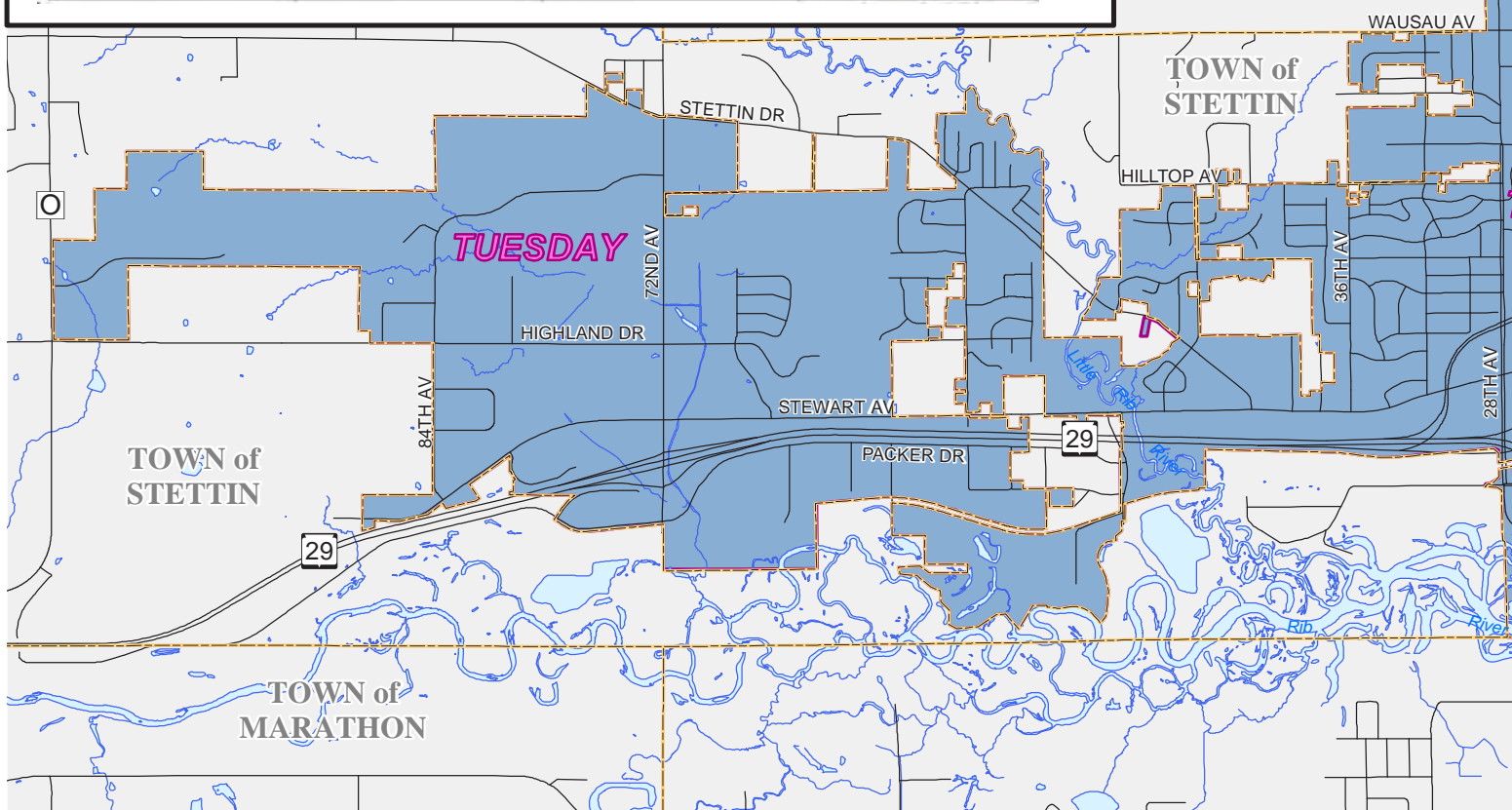
The good news? The majority of residents are making an effort to recycle right. Less than five of the units audited had whole bags of trash in their recycle carts.

The bad news? Eighty-four percent of the recycling carts audited had some type of contamination, or materials that should have been discarded in a trash cart or alternative drop-off location. On the flip-side, 65% of refuse carts had some type of recoverable material that should have been discarded in a recycling cart. Here's how we can all do better:

1. Never bag recyclables in plastic bags. The most common unacceptable materials found in recycling carts were plastic bags and plastic wrap from beverage multi-packs.
2. Just because an item is plastic doesn't mean it goes in the recycle cart. Large plastic items such as laundry baskets, pet food or litter containers, children's toys and lawn chairs are not acceptable in recycling carts.
3. Paper confusion! Paper (usually junk mail) was the most common type of recyclable material found in refuse carts. Junk mail, cardboard and paperboard boxes should all go in your recycle cart. Paper plates, napkins, paper towels and tissue paper should go in the trash.
4. Rules to live by: Any cardboard or paperboard box, regardless of size, should be flattened before going in the recycle cart. Also, caps, bottle pumps and spray nozzles should be left OFF of plastic #1 and #2 containers.
5. And the answer you've all been waiting for: Yes, pizza boxes are acceptable in the recycle cart; but ONLY IF you first remove all food residue, plastic separators or condiment cups and paper or foil lining. A minimal amount of grease is acceptable, but if it's just too messy, toss it in the trash.

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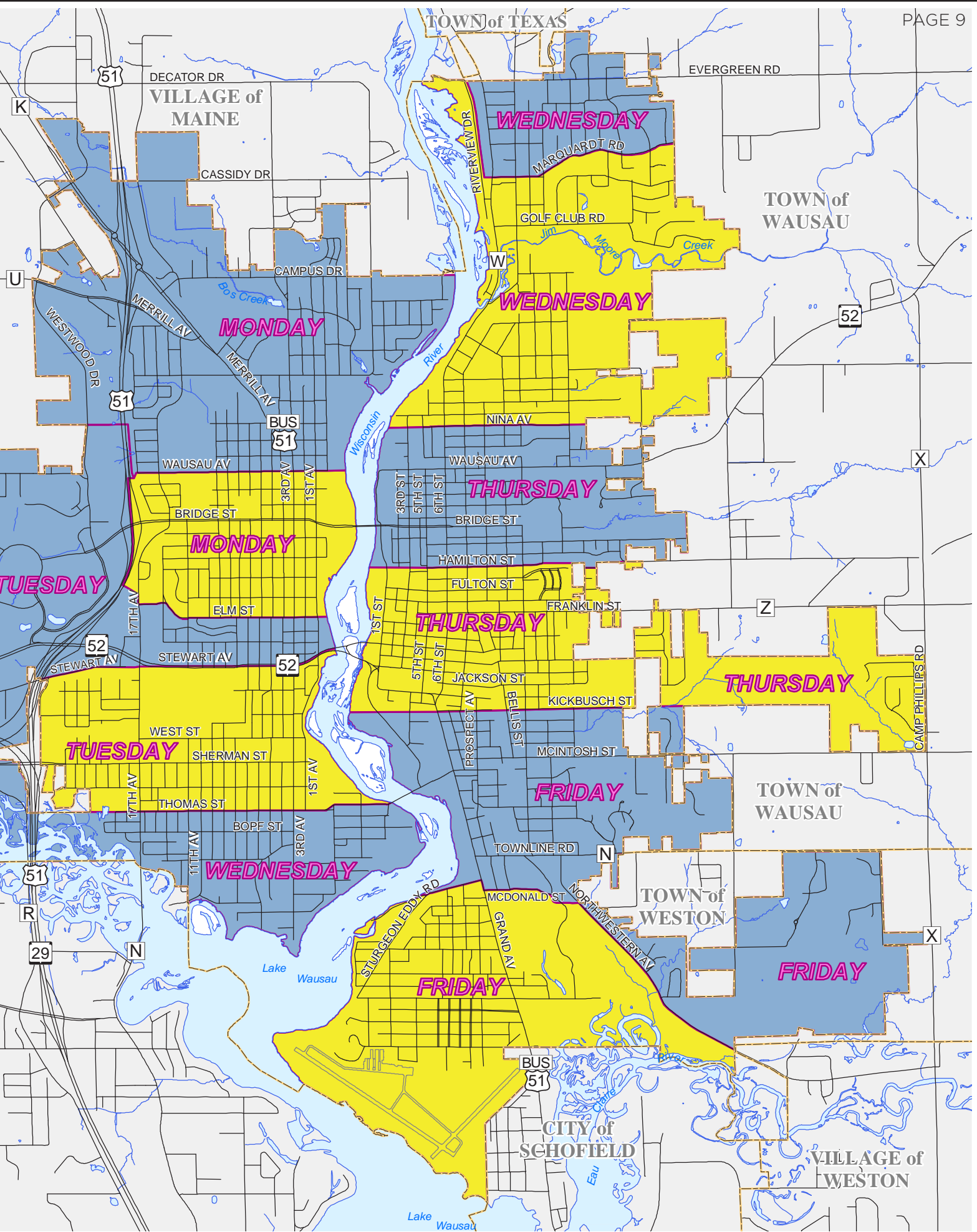
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2020 Garbage and Recycling Collection Calendar

Please refer to the table, calendar and map on the previous page to determine your recycling and garbage pick-up day. If you have any questions as to whether you live in a blue or yellow collection area, call City Hall at 261-6500.

Recycling carts should be set out with garbage containers between the hours of 3:00 pm the day prior to collection day and should be removed from the curbside area by 11:00 a.m. the day after pick-up. Recycling containers have a green lid and Garbage containers have a blue lid. Garbage pick-up is every week and Recycling cart pick-up is every other week. Placement of the carts at the curbside need to be placed at least 4 feet from other objects such as other carts, mailboxes and trees to accommodate the mechanical arm as it grips the cart and empties its contents. Thank you! **Keep this schedule for future reference and remember the holiday schedule of a "day delay" pick-up.**

West Side Of Wisconsin River	Garbage P/U	Recycling P/U
North of W. Wausau Avenue	Monday	Monday - BLUE
North of Elm St, South of W. Wausau Ave, & East of USH 51	Monday	Monday-YELLOW
South of Elm St & North of Stewart Ave, including entire area west of USH 51	Tuesday	Tuesday - BLUE
South of Stewart Ave & North of Thomas St.	Tuesday	Tuesday-YELLOW
South of Thomas Street	Wednesday	Wednesday-BLUE

East Side Of Wisconsin River	Garbage P/U	Recycling P/U
North of Marquardt Rd & East of railroad tracks	Wednesday	Wednesday-BLUE
North of Nina Ave & South of Marquardt Rd including homes west of the railroad tracks to Evergreen Rd.	Wednesday	Wed-YELLOW
South of Nina Ave & North of Hamilton St	Thursday	Thursday-BLUE
South of Hamilton St & North of Kickbusch St.	Thursday	Thurs-YELLOW
South of Kickbusch St. North of McDonald St & East of Northwestern Rd.	Friday	Friday-BLUE
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PAWS & PROTECT

Saturdays
Feb 8th & March 7th
8am - 12pm
@ DPW 400 Myron St

- **Free**– Rabies vaccines
- **\$10**– Microchips implanted
- Licensing for cats & dogs

* Animals **MUST** be on a leash or in a crate
 * Animals **MUST** be licensed for 2020 before leaving



Animal Licensing	City of Wausau	Village of Weston	City of Schofield	Town of Weston
Spayed/Neutered	\$18 dog \$18 cat	\$15 dog \$15 cat	\$10 dog \$5 cat	\$10 dog
NOT Spayed/Neutered	\$60 dog \$60 cat	\$25 dog \$25 cat	\$20 dog \$5 cat	\$20 dog
Microchip Discount	\$8	\$5	N/A	N/A



Test Your Quiz Skills, have a Blast at Trivia Night & Fundraiser February 8, 2020

What country has the most natural lakes in the world?

Which city was the first to have a million residents?

What year were the Academy Awards first presented?

If you're good at trivia, you absolutely have to participate in the Monk Botanical Gardens' Trivia Night & Fundraiser, Saturday, Feb. 8, from 6 to 10 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Rothschild.

Teams (of up to six members) as well as individuals can sign up for the contest by going to www.monkgardens.org, clicking on events, and then register on the Trivia Night page. Individuals can purchase tickets at that site as well. Admission is \$35 per person. Tickets are on sale through February 2.

The winning team will walk away with \$600.

And if you're not a quiz whiz, you'll still have fun at the event, which will also feature, raffles, a silent auction, food, and cash bar...all to benefit the Gardens and help us keep growing as a unique urban sanctuary for education and the environment.

"With the trivia competition and the camaraderie among those who support the Gardens and those who may be discovering it for the first time, it promises to be a fun evening," said Monk Botanical Gardens president, Bob Reinertson.

The social hour will begin at 6, with the trivia competition slated to start at 7. Jeff Thalen of WSAW-TV Channel 7, will be our master of ceremonies.

Major sponsors are WSAW-TV and the Rothschild Holiday Inn and Suites. Table sponsors include Jim Kryshak Jewelers, Cloverbelt Credit Union, Evolutions in Design, Fred Mueller Automotive, and Hsu's Enterprises.

(Oh, by the way, the answers to the questions above: Canada, Rome and 1929)



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Coffee With the Mayor



Come out to **La Prima Deli** (529 N. 3rd Street) and join the Mayor over coffee on **Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** "Meeting with constituents and following up with concerns our residents have is a priority I take very seriously", said the Mayor.

The March session will be at **The Landing Senior Center (YMCW) on Wednesday, March 4, 2020 from 7:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

The 1st Wednesday of the month the Mayor holds Coffee sessions throughout the city at various local restaurants or coffee shops. Check the City's website or facebook page for future places and times.



WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

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Bull Falls Tappers Back-to-Back Champs

Wausau's Bull Falls Tappers defended their state championship at the Wisconsin Water Association Distribution Seminar. The team finished in 1st place, defeating the Madison and West Allis teams with a time of 1:44.09.

Each team completes two taps in an exciting contest, which pits skills and muscles against the clock. The object of the competition is to tap a section of pressurized water main, attach a copper water service line, and then turn on the service see if there are any leaks. Judges analyze the work, penalizing for any infractions.

Winners of the competition go on to compete internationally at the American Water Works Association Annual Conference in Orlando Florida this June. The competition helps the teams hone their tapping skills, while also providing networking opportunities with peers from around the country.

Members of the 2019 team includes Copper Man Rick Dorn, Cranker Floyd Smith Jr., Coach Ray Younger, and Star Man Ryan Fischer.



What is a Cross-Connection?

A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-Connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

How does contamination occur?

When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backward: back siphonage and backpressure.

Backsiphonage

May occur due to a loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a water main break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

Backpressure

May be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection.

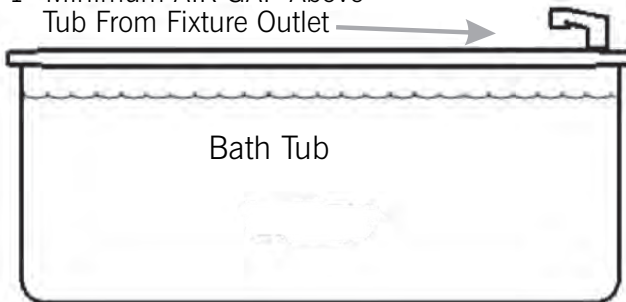
In the Bathroom - Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)
- Complies with **ASSE#1014**
- Has the **ASME code 112.18.1** stamped on the handle



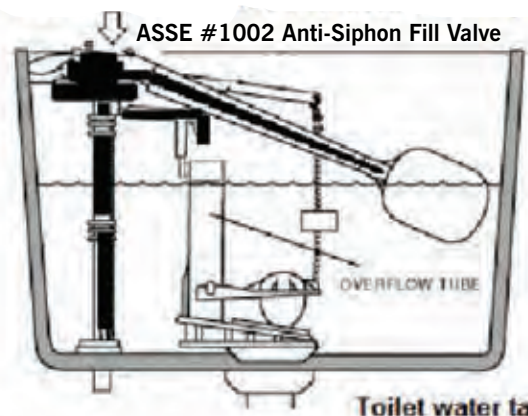
1" Minimum AIR GAP Above
Tub From Fixture Outlet



In the Bathroom - Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the state plumbing code requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for the **ASSE #1002** Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an **ASSE #1002** approved anti-siphon fill valve device. Average cost is typically \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on the device.



Toilet water tank

Insights to protect your drinking water

Do...

- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants.
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper “air gap” device.
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home.
- Make sure water treatment devices such as water softeners have the proper “air gap”, which is a minimum of one inch above any drain.

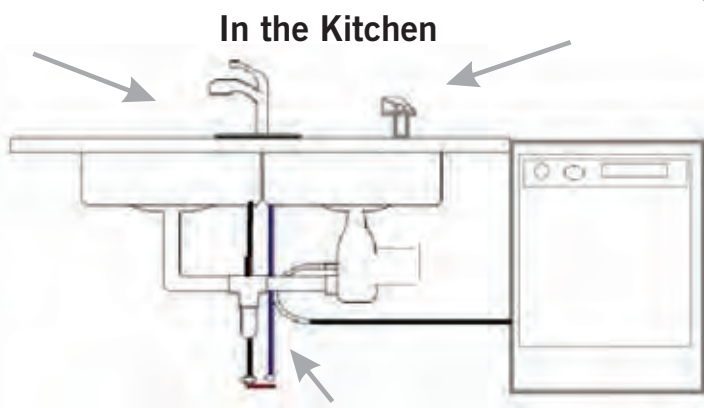
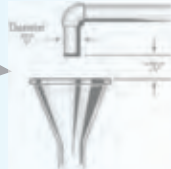
Hose bibb Vacuum Breaker



Don't...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds.
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device.
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is a one inch “air gap” separation.

Air Gap



Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

Congratulations and Welcome Aboard

Wausau Water Works would like to congratulate Rich Wendlick on his recent retirement. Rich retired with 26 years of service. Rich, thank you for your service, you will be missed! We would also like to welcome Austin Waldvogel, to the Water Department.

Water Main Breaks

Cold winter temperatures bring water main breaks! We are asking for your help in spotting water main breaks. If you see any running water any time of day, please call Wausau WaterWorks, at 715-261-7265 to let us know. Reporting main breaks when you see them helps us keep repair costs down and limit property damage.



Winter Is Here

Our crews are responding to frozen services and water main breaks as fast as they can. While crews are working please avoid the area and give them room to work. Our equipment is big and needs room to operate and ensure a safe work site for our employees.



To help relieve some of the calls please take time to winterize your homes and protect your water pipes.

Wausau Water works would like to wish you a safe and Happy New Year!

How Much Water Did I Use?

Let's break down how much water you have used. Locate your water bill and look at the usage column, this is the number of units you have used in the current billing period. What is a unit? Each unit is equal to 100 cubic feet. Each cubic foot is equal to 7.48 gallons.

To help visualize that amount of water, imagine a box that is 1 foot long, 1 foot wide and 1 foot tall, that box is equal to 1 cubic foot. If we fill 100 of these boxes with water it will be equal to 1 unit of water. If your bill shows that you used 3 units imagine 300 boxes.

Let's take it a step further and convert this number to something we can relate to. Take the number of units shown on your bill and multiply it by 100, this will give you the total cubic feet you have used in the current billing period. Each one of those cubic feet (or boxes) is equal to 7.48 gallons. Take your total cubic feet and multiply it by 7.48, this will give you your usage in gallons.

Example

This bill shows 17 units of consumption.

Service Code	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Usage	Current Charges
WATER	157	174	17	56.00

17 units X 100= 1700 cubic feet.

1700 cubic feet x 7.48 = 12,716 gallons of water used.

Homeowners can monitor their quarterly usage by tracking the units on each bill from quarter to quarter.

If you have any questions please contact us at 715-261-6530.

