

Frequently asked questions:



What are the hours at the Town Municipal Building?

The Building is open Mon. – Thurs. 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Friday. The building is closed on legal holidays. (New Years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day)

How do I contact the Town’s Board Members?

Town Board contact information is available by clicking on the Town Board button on the town’s website home page.

Do I need a permit to?

The answer is probably yes. We enact and enforce ordinances to protect you, the property owner, and your neighbors. To ensure compliance, please contact the office staff at the Municipal Building at 715.424.1821 or at 2410 48th St. S.

The Building Inspector’s hours are Monday and Wednesday 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – noon.

The few exceptions to this may be....



Is a building permit required to re-side my home?

No, a permit is not needed to simply re-side your home. If you need to replace any part of the actual home structure, please call the Building Inspector (715.424.1821) to determine if a permit would then be needed.

Is a building permit required to replace the windows in my home?

As long you replace the windows with the same size window, a permit is not required.

Is there a place to dispose of drain oil?

Yes, the Town Garage at 2811 Two Mile has a disposal site. Please take your containers with you when you are done. The disposal tank area is located to the right of the driveway when you drive in.

What day is our garbage pick up on?

Please see Garbage and Recycling map under the “Map” button. Your pick up day will change if there is a legal holiday within the week. Pick up will not take place on the holiday and all pickup days for the balance of the week will be one day later.

Where can I dispose of yard waste?

Grand Rapids residents can purchase a pass for the Wisconsin Rapids Compost sites. The pass is good for the complete spring/summer/fall season. Passes can be purchased at the Municipal Building or by mail. Please call the municipal building (715.424.1821) for the price of the pass.



Where can I dispose of prescription drugs?

There is a disposal bin located in the Grand Rapids Municipal Building. For more information please check out the prescription drug disposal information located at the “Police Department Misc. Information” button on our home page.

Where do I obtain a burning permit?

Burning permits can be obtained at the Grand Rapids Municipal Building, the Fire Department, The Store gas station at 4010 80th St. S., or Jeremiah & Kathy Murphy, 4720 Airport Ave. A permit is needed for brush piles or burn barrels. They are free of charge and good for the entire year. DNR burning guidelines need to be followed and will be explained at the time of issuance or log on to: <http://dnr.wi.gov/forestry/fire>. For more information go to the Ordinance button on our home page and look up Ordinance #2 – Regulating Control Burning.



What services does the Town of Grand Rapids offer?

The Town offers many services to our residents. We have our own Fire and Police Departments, as well as a Municipal Court. We also have a full time Road Crew, Office Staff and part time Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator. Please refer to the Town's website or call the Municipal Building at 715.424.1821 for any question you may have.



Will the Police Department watch my house while I'm out of Town?

Yes, you can fill out a Home Protection Form available on our website under General Forms and Applications, or you may pick one up in the main office.

I have information on a crime that was committed, but want to remain anonymous. What should I do?

Wood County Crime Stoppers accepts tips on all crimes anonymously. There are three ways to report a crime or information on a crime:

- Call Crime Stoppers (715.325.STOP) (715.325.7867)
- Go to the website www.crimestopper.biz and complete the tip form
- Text-A-Tip: Text your tip to 274637, Start the text message with the keyword: WCCS

What licenses am I required to obtain?

Dogs that are over 5 months of age are required by State Statute to be licensed (yearly fee). Proof of rabies vaccination must be provided before a license will be issued. Town ordinance allows each household 2 dogs. Owners wishing for more than 2 dogs must obtain a Dog Exemption Permit from the Town. A \$75 fee is required for the dog exemption.



Bicycle Licenses (one time fee) is a permanent, non-transferrable license which is available at the Municipal Building. Please make sure to bring bike information with serial number along.

Where do we go to register to vote?

The Grand Rapids Municipal Building located at 2410 48th St. S. Please make sure to bring along an acceptable form of proof of residency, such as:

- A current and valid WI Driver License/ ID Card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a WI governmental body
- An employee ID card with a photograph but not a business card
- A real property tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year



- preceding the date of the election
- A residential lease
- A utility bill for a period commencing not earlier than 90 days before the day registration is made
- A bank statement
- A paycheck
- A check or other document issued by a unit of government

Acceptable proof of residency documents must contain your name and your current address in the Town of Grand Rapids. You must have been a resident for at least 28 consecutive days to register to vote.

Do I need to fill out a new registration form and show proof of residency if I move within the Town of Grand Rapids?

Yes, with any change of address a new registration form needs to be completed and proof of residency needs to be provided.



Where do we vote?

All election voting is held at the Municipal Building, 2410 48th Street South.

Do we really have to have a photo ID in order to vote? Yes, 2011 Wisconsin Act 23 requires you to present an acceptable photo ID before receiving a ballot. Acceptable forms of Photo ID are:

- A Wisconsin DOT-issued drivers license, even if driving privileges are revoked or suspended
- A Wisconsin DOT-issued identification card
- A military ID card issued by a U.S. uniformed service
- A U.S. passport
- A certificate of naturalization that was issued not earlier than two years before the date of an election at which it is presented
- An unexpired driving receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An unexpired identification card receipt issued by Wisconsin DOT
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- An unexpired identification card issued by a Wisconsin-accredited university or college that contains the following:
 - Date of issuance, signature of student, and expiration date not later than two years after date of issuance
 - Student must also provide proof of enrollment with ID

For more detailed information regarding the Voter Photo ID law, please visit www.gab.wi.gov

Where can I get a copy of my current tax bill?

Current tax bills can be obtained at the Municipal Building or through the Wood County website at www.co.wood.wi.us. Select property tax search option.

Where can I get a copy of a past year's tax bill?

Past year's tax bills can be obtained from the Wood County Treasurer's Office, 400 Market Street, Wisconsin Rapids, and (715.421.8484)

How can I contact the Grand Rapids Municipal Court?

The phone number for the Grand Rapids Municipal Court is (715.424.1830)

