



Town of Merton

December
2024

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W314N7624 Hwy 83, North Lake

www.townofmerton.com

2024-2025 Tax Collections

Tax Payment Reminders:

- Mailed payments will be receipted December 31, 2024 if postmarked by that date.
- Payments deposited in the drop box (outside Town Hall main entrance) on or before 12/31/24 will be receipted as paid in 2024.
- Receipts are given for in-person payments only.
- Receipts will be sent for payments sent via mail or drop box, if a **self-addressed stamped envelope** is provided.
- After January 31, 2025, checks should be made payable and sent to: Waukesha County Treasurer, 515 W. Moreland Blvd. Room 148 Waukesha WI 53188.
- Please issue a separate check for dog license and/or a compost pass.
- Name change needed on your tax bill? Contact the Waukesha County Register of Deeds at 262-548-7597.

Remember to: endorse your escrow check, write out your checks prior to paying at the counter, and include your phone number on your check in case we need to contact you.

Ways to Pay Your Tax Bill:

- Pay in person at the Town during open office hours. For cash payments over \$1,000, the Town would appreciate those payments be made directly to Bank Five Nine (800 Cardinal Lane, Hartland).
- Pay at Bank Five Nine through January 31, 2025. Checks should be made payable to the Town of Merton.
 - Bank hours: Mon – Fri 8:30am-5:30pm, Sat. 9am-12pm
- Leave your payment with tax coupon in the locked drop box outside the main Town Hall door.
- Mail payments with your tax coupon: Town of Merton, PO Box 128, North Lake 53064
- Pay online:
 - <https://www.townofmerton.com/treasurer/page/pay-my-tax-bill>
 - <https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov>
 - Credit card charges are the same whether paying online or in-person.

Tax Rate Information

At the time of printing, the tax rate information was not available. For tax rate information, please see the Town's website at:

www.townofmerton.com/treasurer/page/property-tax-bill-information.

You can also request tax rate information from Donna Hann, Town Clerk by calling 262-966-2651 or emailing clerk@townofmerton.com.

Town Hall Hours

Mon-Thurs	8am – 4pm
Fri	8am – 3pm

The Office will be Closed:
December 24 & 25
December 31 & January 1

Fire Fee

For the second year, a fire fee has been included on your tax bill. The fee is based on acreage, above grade square footage, and outbuilding square footage. **See the Town of Merton website for more information** on the fee and the formula used to calculate it.

Garbage Pickup

Friday garbage pickup changed to Monday.

Final Friday pickup is 12/28/24.

All weekly pickup will be adjusted if there is a holiday during the week. Go to the Town website for more information or **contact GFL Environmental at 262-367-6040 or gflenv.com.**

Law Enforcement

The Town of Oconomowoc provides police coverage for the Town of Merton in addition to the Waukesha County Sheriff services.

Town Board Meetings

Meetings are held at the Town Hall on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 6:30pm. Agendas and notices are posted on the Town website, at the Town Hall and Town Hall Library and on the notice board at Kuhtz's General Store.

Town of Merton News

Sign up at www.townofmerton.com to receive regular email communications from the Town.

Winter Parking

Please be aware of the Town of Merton's "Winter Parking" Ordinance 7.04(4): No parking on all Town Roads from November 1st to April 1st, from 2am until 6am.

Snow Preparations

Be sure to check your culvert and free anything that might block the flow of water, i.e., leaves, rocks, sticks, etc. Also, prepare your mailboxes so they are ready for potential effects of the snowplow.

Snow and Ice Removal

Please be aware of and notify snow removal contractors of Section 8.05 of the General Code of Ordinances which states:

(1) No person shall cause to be deposited snow or ice from his/her private or public driveways or parking lots or extensions thereof onto any portion of a Town road right-of-way.

(2) Subsection (1) above shall not apply to Town Highway Department crews when performing snow removal functions.

State Statute 346.915 Following Snowplows

(2)(a) The operator of any vehicle that is not a snowplow may not follow a snowplow closer than the following distances, if the snowplow is engaged in highway winter maintenance snow and ice removal, as described in sub. (1), and is using lamps described in s. 347.26 (7):

1. Two hundred feet upon any highway having a posted speed limit of more than 35 miles per hour.

2. Seventy-five feet upon any highway having a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less

Dog Licenses

Dog licenses are required in the Town of Merton. Waukesha County increased the fee by \$2 per dog as reflected below:

Spayed/ Neutered - \$12

Female/Male (intact) - \$17

Dogs licensed after March 31, 2025 will be assessed a \$5 late penalty (per dog). Proof of current rabies vaccination is required before license will be issued. See State Statute 174.07(1)(b). Include a self-addressed stamped envelope when mailing the application. Application and payment may also be completed on the Town website.

No Dogs in Town Parks

Dogs are not allowed in Town of Merton parks, however, there is a dog park at Nashotah Park, W330N5113 County Road C.

Compost Site in Lisbon

The Compost Site is open from April through late November, weather permitting. The site is located at N80W25920 Plainview Road and available for residential use only. A compost pass is required, and can be purchased with the enclosed application for \$30. Passes will be mailed out in March.

Wood Chips

Wood chips are available for delivery. Call the Public Works Department at 262-966-2118 to schedule a delivery.

Transfer Station on Peterson Road

The transfer station is open April – November (closed December through March) on the first Saturday of each month from 8am – 12pm. Charges may apply on some items. See the Town website under Departments for details.

Elections

2025 Elections will be held on February 18 (if necessary) and April 1.

If voting by Absentee Ballot please be aware of the following:

- In-person absentee voting begins two weeks prior to any election.
- State law prohibits in-person voting on the Monday before Election Day.
- Mailed absentee ballots should be completed and mailed back to the Town as soon as possible. (USPS recommends allowing 15 days for the ballot to be received back at the Town by Election Day.)

To find polling places, sample ballots or to register to vote visit www.myvote.wi.gov.

Ordinance Questions

All Town ordinances can be found in the Resources section on the Town of Merton website.

Town Hall Library

Through innovative programming, relevant collections, and responsive services, we aspire to be an information-based community center that supports lifelong learning and the joy of reading. Come see us at N76W31429 Hwy. VV in North Lake!

townhalllibrary.org

Monday – Thursday: 9am – 8pm

Monday – Friday: 9am – 5pm

Saturday: 9am – 1pm

Other Questions

Call the Town Hall at 262-966-2651 or visit the Town website at townofmerton.com.