December 2026

Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Bill for 2026. Please take a few minutes to review this sheet and your bill for important information about your taxes and the town. If you have any questions you can call the **Town Treasurer at 715-325-1840** 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, 2027.** If you choose to pay in installments, your first installment is due by January 31, 2027 and your second installment in due by July 31, 2027 to the Wood County Treasurer. 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, 2027,** must be paid to:

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

Payments made **after** January 31, 2026, 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, 2027** 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, 2027 and get the 2027 dog license that is due by March 31, 2027.**

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**
Hours are 10:00 am to 2:00 pm both months

December 2026 10 am – 2 pm
Dates: Dec. 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2026
Closed December 24 & 25

January 2027 10 am – 2 pm
every Tuesday & Thursday
Closed January 1, 2027

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 15, 2026 to January 31, 2027.
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 Wood County Portal link. Additional charges apply. E-check rate-Flat Fee $1.50, Credit Card rate 2.5% of total amount charging and Visa Debit rate 1.5% of amount you are charging. (minimum $1.95)
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, 2026 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 Rigelmon 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
Late fee is $15.00 per dog
Copy of current rabies certificate and payment is all we need to issue dog license.

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.

Riglemon Appraisals will be conducting a ***State mandated*** revaluation placing new values on all taxable property for the purpose of a new assessment . The previous year's assessment roll is not affected . The term is often used in conjunction with sec . 70 .055, Wis . Stats ., where expert help can be hired to work with the assessor in revaluing the district.

Burning Permit Required- It's FREE. It's EASY. Here's How!
DNR.WI.GOV search "BURN" or 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876)

Town Collection Site
Metal, Tire & Brush Site at 12799 Hollywood Rd Nekoosa:
Open the 2nd and last Saturday each month April through October 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Tires accepted: up to 10 tires 20 inches or less per address, per year with no fee. Excludes farm tractor tires. 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.*
Accepted at Brush Site: Logs, stumps and brush only. No leaves or pine needles - those go to the Compost Site in Wisconsin Rapids. **Identification will be checked to confirm Town residency.**
Only Saratoga residents (Not Commercial businesses) are allowed to use these two sites.

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 from the Saratoga Mini Mart, (8810 Hwy 13 South, Wisconsin Rapids) Please check **www.wirapids.org** for cost, dates and times. (accepting yard waste, garden materials & tree debris)

Garbage Collection: Waste Management (WM)
For any questions or concerns considering garbage pick up, call 1-888-960-0008
Garbage & Recycling Containers are NOT allowed on the road.
Required placement is 3 feet from the road and the containers should be a minimum of 3 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, 2026.**

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, prior to February 1, 2027 go to
https://ww2.revenue.wi.gov/VaultPublic/lc/interview/html