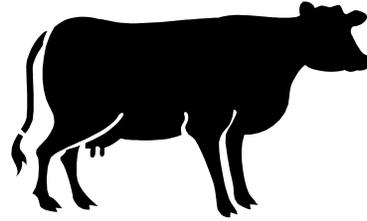


# Town of River Falls

## Information and Services



Welcome to the Town of River Falls. You've chosen a good place to live. Our town borders the city of River Falls on three sides. We have a population of approximately 2300 residents. According to a survey conducted in 1993, town residents value the rural atmosphere most, followed by our town's proximity to the Twin Cities. Folks are friendly here, and it's a beautiful place to live! The River Falls Town Board has prepared this brochure to inform you of the services the town provides and some of the ordinances that may affect you.

The River Falls Town Board urges all citizens to become involved in local government. Town meetings are held at the Town Hall on the first and third Monday of each month. Watch the *River Falls Journal* for meeting times. Meeting times are also posted at the River Falls Town Hall, Town Shop and on the Town Website ([www.riverfallstown.com](http://www.riverfallstown.com)). Feel free to call any of the board members if you have questions or if you wish to serve on a town committee.

Building permits are required for all new buildings and additions or alterations to existing buildings. Obtain your permit from Town Zoning Administrator, Jerome Rodewald (715) 425-0228 to ensure that all town zoning and density requirements are followed.

### Recycling/Solid Waste Department

The Town Recycling Center, at N7750 State Road 65 (the town garage) is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays on a year-round basis.

Recyclables don't have to be separated but must be clean. Appliances will be accepted for a fee. You may dispose of garbage at the center at a cost of \$1.00-\$6.00 per bag (cost depends on the size of the bag).

Lawn clippings and waste are not accepted at the Recycling Center. Brush and leaves may be burned after obtaining a **burning permit** (free of charge) at the Recycling Center or from

any board member, town staff member, clerk or treasurer.



### Fire Protection

The City of River Falls Fire Department and the River Falls Rural Fire Association work together to provide fire protection in our town. Fire calls are billed to the owner, not the renter, of a property. **ALL FIRE CALLS RELATED TO PROPERTY FIRES COST A MINIMUM OF \$800**—whether a false alarm or a six-hour blaze. Be sure to get a burning permit—and be careful!



### Dog Licensing & Animal Control

Dog licenses are available from the Town Treasurer and must be renewed annually. The license application form and fees are stated in the yearly tax statement. Dogs may not run at large. Barking dogs may be considered a nuisance. Fines may be levied against the owners of dogs creating a public nuisance by running at large, biting

persons or other animals, or harrying livestock.



Animal control problems should be reported to the town's Animal Control Officer (currently Susan Freiermuth) at (715) 425-1117. In an emergency contact the Town Board Chair, Diana Smith (715) 425-5478, or the Pierce County Sheriff's Department at (715) 273-5051.

### **Town Road Maintenance**

Our sixty miles of town roads are maintained by our two town employees. Our goal is to have all town roads plowed within twenty-four hours of a storm, with main roads being plowed first. Of our town's 60-plus miles of roads, about 30 are classified first priority plowing and sanding roads. The balance will be plowed and sanded as time allows. The town's goal is to maintain the roads as well as weather, equipment, and budget allow. Roads given number one priority are major and minor collector roads as defined by the state. Number two roads are the daily traveled school bus routes. Number three roads are the daily traveled milk routes.



Employees are only allowed to plow and sand private driveways, for a fee and with the permission of the town chair after plowing of the town roads is completed. Steep or dangerous drives will not be plowed or sanded.

### **Law Enforcement**

Town law enforcement is carried out through the Pierce County Sheriff's Department, which may be reached at (715) 273-5051 or, in an emergency, by dialing 911.



### **Elections**

Voting in town, county, school district, state, and national elections takes place at the town hall. Polling hours are from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. Should you be unable to go to the polls, contact the Town Clerk, Susan Freiermuth at (715) 425-1117 to get

information on obtaining an absentee ballot.



### **Property Taxes/Assessing**

The Pierce County Treasurer's Office in Ellsworth is responsible for collecting both installments of your annual property taxes. This information is included in the town's annual tax enclosure newsletter. Assessing services are contracted out to an assessing firm (currently Associated Appraisal Consultants at 1-800-721-4157. Assessment related questions can be directed to Associated Appraisal.

### **Business Permits**

Business permits are required in the Town of River Falls. Contact Jerome Rodewald, Zoning Administrator, for more information (715-425-0228).