

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF THE TOWN OF ROCK CREEK

Dunn County will collect personal property and real estate taxes for the 2025 tax year. **THE DUNN COUNTY TREASURER OFFICES ARE OPEN MON-FRI (8:00-4:30), HOWEVER PAYMENTS BY MAIL OR DROPBOX ARE ENCOURAGED.** Please make checks payable to Dunn County Treasurer. First installment of real estate tax is due January 31, 2026. Second installment of real estate tax is due July 31, 2026. All personal property taxes are due in full by January 31, 2026. Other options are available if needed. Call 715-232-3789 for details. Please send the Dunn County Treasurer a check for **ONLY PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES & REAL ESTATE PROPERTY TAXES** and do not include money for Dogs or Solid Waste.

Mail all taxes to the address below:

Dunn County Treasurer
3001 US Hwy 12 E
Suite #102A
Menomonie, WI 54751

NOTE: Escrow Tax Payers. Dogs and Solid Waste fees are not collected and need to be paid to the Rock Creek Town Treasurer. See **PAYMENTS FOR DOGS AND SOLID WASTE.**

PAYMENTS FOR DOGS AND SOLID WASTE

When paying the Town of Rock Creek for Dog licenses and solid waste permits, please indicate how much is for dogs (if multiple dogs indicate if fixed or not) and how much is for Solid Waste. Please include your **tax parcel ID** with payment. All checks for Dog licenses and Solid Waste should be made payable to “Town of Rock Creek” and mailed to:

Morganne Bowe, Treasurer
N995 County Road H
Mondovi, WI 54755

If you have any questions, email Morganne Bowe Treasurer@tn.rockcreek.wi.org or call/text 715-214-5791.

DOG LICENSES

If you own a dog(s) you are required by **STATE LAW** to have it vaccinated for rabies and be licensed. Yearly license fees are \$3 for each neutered or spayed dog and \$8 for each unaltered dog. Please send proof of vaccination and payment by April 1, 2026 to avoid late payment penalties of \$5 per license. Rental property owners should provide this information to their tenants. State statutes mandate dog owners to be in control of their pets at all time. Stray dogs will be impounded.

SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING PERMITS

The Town of Rock Creek has been operating as its own Responsible Unit with regards to solid waste and recycling for almost five years. As in prior years, all households within the township equally share this cost. The annual fee will be **\$135.00** per residence again this year. This fee must be paid even if you do not use the transfer (dump) and recycling station; however, we hope you use the services provided. The solid waste fee must be paid, by **January 31, 2026**, to avoid having the fee, along with interest, added to your next year’s tax bill. Please note that solid waste is **NOT** included in your escrow payment.

All checks for Solid Waste Permits should be made payable to “Town of Rock Creek”, **paid by January 31, 2026** and mailed to:

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The Rock Creek transfer station will be open 2 days per week in 2026: **Wednesday 1-5 pm and Saturday 7:30-**

Noon. Use of the transfer station requires you to display the solid waste sticker included with this letter.

The dump will be **closed on December 24, 2025 & December 27, 2025 and open on December 31, 2025.**

Items Included with Annual Fee:

Household trash is included in the annual fee. The **5, 30-gallon bag limit per week** will be continued. The **DNR bans** the following items from disposal with your trash: lead acid batteries; appliances; yard waste; tires; cardboard and paper; containers made of glass, steel, aluminum, #1/#2 plastic; oil, oil filters and absorbents.

Please try to reduce food waste, as around 25% of all trash in landfills is food waste. Think about that for a moment. The DNR website contains information on composting as a method of reducing food waste. The second highest item put in landfills is plastic at 18%. Although we recycle plastic, the best thing you can do is to minimize its use.

Recycling items are also free. This includes aluminum, steel, glass, #1 plastic, #2 plastic, and #5 plastic containers. Additionally, cardboard, newspaper, magazines, office paper, and plastic merchandise bags will be collected. Except for plastic bags, all the previously mentioned recycling items will be co-mingled. Please make sure recyclable items have been emptied and are reasonably clean.

Other items included in the yearly fee: TV's and computer monitors/Towers, batteries (non-alkaline), stoves, washers, dryers, dishwashers, furnaces, water heaters, microwaves, miscellaneous scrap metal, sharps placed in proper containers, used motor oil and an 60% rule. If something contains 60% or more metal, it goes in the scrap metal bin and is free of charge.

Items Not Included with Yearly Fee

We will also be accepting construction and demolition, miscellaneous rigid plastic, tires, hot appliances (containing freon), furniture, mattresses, and fluorescent bulbs for an additional fee. The fees for these items can be found on the Town website and at the transfer station.

- **The fees charged reflect the costs incurred.**
- **Please bring cash or a check, since we will NO LONGER ACCEPT IOU's.**
- **Be prepared to unload your own items.**

DNR Recycling Rule Revision

In July, the DNR revised rules for Responsible Units (RU's), which we are. The changes that affect us are as follows:

1. **RU education**-If you read the newsletter, you will be properly educated.
2. **Multi-family properties** must provide recycling containers equal to or greater than trash containers. The minimum volume of recycling containers provided is 20 gallons per week per dwelling.
3. **Non-residential properties** must also provide "adequate separate containers" for recycling.
4. RU's must update their **recycling ordinance** to address new requirements. We will be doing this in 2026.

TAX LIST

Tax information can be found through the Dunn County GIS. The link and instructions are available on the towns' web page.

ROCK CREEK TOWN HALL RENTAL

Rental agreement and pricing are available on the towns' website. For availability/questions, contact the town clerk, Kelly Boardman at 715-563-3478.

ROCK FALLS ROCKETS 4-H CLUB

Rock Falls Rockets 4-H Club meet the 1st Sunday of the month at the Rock Falls Town Hall at 6 pm. Call Paula Biesterveld at 715-579-5723, or Theresa Strand at 715-495-5813 for more information.

ROCK CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department would like to thank you all for your support this past year. At the time of writing this, the department is on track for a record number of calls for the year. With the newer Squad we were able to purchase this year, it has made this feat easier. But, we are still in need of Fire Fighters. So if you or someone you know would be interested in joining please reach out to a fellow Fire Fighter or call the Chief at the number below. Also the town has made minor changes to the burning ordinance this past spring. So please review the ordinance before any burning to make sure you're in compliance. The ordinance is available on the town's website and posted on the board at the townhall.

We are planning another breakfast in the spring of 2026. For those who came to last spring's breakfast - thank you! Your generosity helped us buy equipment for our new-to-us Squad. We would also like to thank Hope Conrad and Girl Scout Troop 3508 for the electric vehicle blanket donation.

Rock Creek Chief, Jason Wiley 715-828-0297

ELECTION WORKERS

The Town of Rock Creek would like to thank the Election workers for all of their hard work and dedication. We appreciate you! If you would be interested in becoming an election worker please reach out to the Town Clerk for more details.

POP UP FOOD PANTRY

Stepping Stones mobile food pantry is available at the Rock Falls Town Hall. Prepackaged boxes are handed out on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:00 PM till 2:00PM. View the town's webpage for more details.

PARK COMMISSION

In 2026 the Park Committee will proudly celebrate the park's 30th year serving our community—a milestone that reflects decades of growth, recreation, and shared memories. We're also pleased to report a successful July 4th celebration that brought neighbors together for a day of fun and festivities. A heartfelt thank-you goes out to all the volunteers whose hard work made the event possible—your efforts truly made a difference! Our park continues to offer wonderful amenities for everyone, including the playground, ball field, volleyball courts, and the popular pickleball court. Looking ahead, we invite residents to share ideas and get involved in future projects and events. Your participation helps keep our park vibrant and welcoming for all!

PARK COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Roy Splinter 608-213-5241
Missy Hazen 715-495-3326
Derrick Bauer 715-279-6061
Lamoine Dohms 715-832-7018
Scott Lawson 715-520-0751
Jesse Weiss 715-279-2525
Dustin Nelson 715-271-2270

WATER TESTING

Dunn County provided free water testing to anyone with a private well. If you have had you water tested through a state certified lab you may send you results to Dunn County zoning office so they can add the data to what has been collected. This will give us an idea of what our township looks like for water quality.

PATROLMAN:

The town has contracted with Next Level Excavation. If you have any issues/concerns please contact the town chairman or one of the town supervisors. Thank you!

For stray dogs reach out to a town board member.

DRIVEWAYS:

A driveway permit is required to construct a driveway in the Town of Rock Creek. The Driveway Ordinance is available on the town's web page. Please contact the town clerk for an application. Note: Do not enter or exit a town road way with out an approved driveway in place. Land owners are required to keep their driveways and field roads up to code per the town ordinance. A fine will be implemented if the code is violated. We want to protect our town roads. Thank you for your cooperation.

PLAN COMMISSION:

In 2006 the Town of Rock Creek's Plan Commission prepared and the town board endorsed and accepted a comprehensive plan for the Town of Rock Creek. Though this was prepared as a requirement of the State of Wisconsin, it is a valuable tool for charting the future of the town. The plan's substance was based strongly on the input of the town's residents, both through a mailed out survey and several public hearings. The Plan Commission is currently working on updating the Land Use Plan.

Two of the main points expressed by the public in the last plan cycle were: Maintain the rural atmosphere of the town and do not add any restrictions to the property rights of the citizens.

This creates a fine line for the plan commission and town board to walk. How can we maintain the "rural atmosphere" under pressure for residential or commercial development and not increase regulations?

This survey is to help the plan commission and the town board know how the citizens of Rock Creek feel about land use issues. Do you feel the town should pursue the process of a subdivision ordinance? Or possibly consider county or town zoning? Or continue as is?

By answering the survey questions thoughtfully and honestly your input and guidance can direct the plan commission and town board in updating a land use plan that promotes fair and thoughtful development within the Town of Rock Creek.

MEETINGS:

The town of Rock Creek will hold the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2026 at 7:00 P.M

Note: Monthly meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

CURRENT Town Board Members:

Rachel Kummer, Chairman

715-279-1180

Chair@tn.rockcreek.wi.gov

Adam Biesterveld, Supervisor 1

715-579-5489

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Jon Koller, Supervisor 2

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