

BUILDING PERMIT PROCESS REVISED

Many residents who completed the 2015 Community Survey shared concerns of unfinished building projects around the Village. In an effort to avoid unfinished projects becoming an “eyesore” for a surrounding neighborhood, the Public Works Committee and Village Board have recently approved revisions to the building permit process. Going forward, residents who request a building permit for an exterior project will be required to describe the materials to be used to assure they are in compliance with Wisconsin building codes and Village ordinances. Another change is that the Zoning Administrator will follow up on any incomplete projects that are approaching the expiration of the construction period granted on the building permit. Residents who have projects unfinished may apply to the Village Board for a construction extension for a limited period of time. Incomplete exterior projects will be subject to penalties of \$25 - \$1000 per day of violation.

A building permit is required for new construction or building improvements valued at \$1,000 or more. Building permit applications can be obtained by calling the Public Works shop or online at the Village’s website. Contact the Director of Public Works, Jerry Frodl, if you have any questions regarding the building permit application process.

PSCW AUTHORIZED WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 20, 2016

General Service—Metered

Monthly Service Charges:

5/8 - inch meter - \$ 7.47	3 - inch meter - \$ 64.89
3/4 - inch meter - \$ 7.47	4 - inch meter - \$ 105.06
1 - inch meter - \$ 10.30	6 - inch meter - \$ 183.34
1 1/4 - inch meter - \$ 18.54	8 - inch meter - \$ 267.80
1 1/2 - inch meter - \$ 37.08	10 - inch meter - \$ 311.06
2 - inch meter - \$ 47.38	12 - inch meter - \$ 360.50

For PSC use only: base 5/8 inch meter charge for SRC purpose - 7.25

Plus Volume Charges:

First 10,000 gallons used each month -	\$4.96 per 1,000 gallons
Next 23,000 gallons used each month -	\$4.07 per 1,000 gallons
Over 33,000 gallons used each month -	\$2.85 per 1,000 gallons

Full water rate files are available for your review at the Village Clerk’s Office at 265 N. 3rd Avenue and at Stratford State Bank at 307 N. Weber Avenue.

CHOOSE TO REUSE

Environmental staff of the **Marathon County Solid Waste Department** are present when people drop off hazardous materials for disposal/recycling. Frequently the items are barely used and could be used again. The environmental staff sets aside products that are still usable.

The next time you need paint, sealants, fertilizers, insecticides or other household chemicals consider the Choose to ReUse area at the Marathon County Landfill. The products are available for **free** so stop in and see what’s on hand. Call **877-270-3989** for more information.



CELL PHONE USE BANNED IN WORK ZONES!

Drivers, beginning October 1, 2016, the use of a cell phone in a work zone will be subject to fine/forfeiture. There is an exception for voice activated or hands-free technology, or to report an emergency. Details are in Wisconsin Act 308. Be safe when driving on Wisconsin roads—put away that cell phone!

MERCURY REDUCTION PROGRAM

Protecting our public health and environment through mercury education and collection programs.

Call the Marathon County Health Department at 715-261-1900 or visit www.MarathonCountyHealthDepartment.org to learn more.

- Hunt your Home and Workplace for Mercury:**
 Thermometers, Thermostats, Fluorescent lights, old alkaline batteries, Mercurochrome, maze toys, shoes that light up or make noise, chemistry sets, vials or jars of mercury - sometimes on necklaces
- Why Should You Be Concerned About Mercury?**
 Mercury is considered a health hazard that can cause damage to the spinal cord, brain, kidneys, and liver. Young children and pregnant women are especially at risk for health problems related to mercury exposures.
- Mercury Thermometer Exchange Sites**
 Mercury thermometers can be exchanged for a digital thermometer, limit of 1 per customer.
- Transporting Mercury**
 Double bag the items using zip-lock bags or contain in a sealed plastic container. Please cushion items to reduce risk of breakage.

Residents may take items containing mercury to the Marathon County Solid Waste Department for safe environmental management, by appointment only, and most have no fee. Call ahead to schedule an appointment (715) 446-3101 x100. Businesses must also call ahead to get a disposal fee estimate and to schedule an appointment.

MAIL DELAYS

Many utility customers are using the convenience of online bill payment processing through their banks. The Stratford Water & Electric Department considers a payment as "timely" when it is received on or before the due date or when it is received with the due date USPS postmark. The check date is not considered paid on time when processing utility payments. Most online check processing payments do not arrive with a USPS postmark.

Whether mailing a personal check or using an online bill-pay service, please allow sufficient time for your payment to reach us.

Bills are mailed on the first business day of each month. Once it leaves our office, we have no control over postal deliveries.

When mailing payments and/or any other paperwork PLEASE use our PO Box 12 mailing address. Mail is either greatly delayed or returned to sender if not properly addressed! THANK YOU!

UNITED WAY 2-1-1

Give and Get Help Guide

We're here any time you don't know where to turn for help.

Dial 2-1-1

Email: askus@unitedwayms.org

Search online:

www.unitedwaymc.org/211.htm

Volunteer opportunities:

- Serve a meal
- Support grieving families
- Help out during a disaster
- Donate items for abused children or homeless families

Helpful list of resources for topics such as:

- Addiction
- Financial Counseling
- Farmer's Market
- Immigrant Services
- Senior Services
- Support Groups
- Veterans Services



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Department	Phone	* Email
Clerk / Treasurer	715-687-4166	stratfordclerk
Police Dept. (non-emergency)	715-687-3131	stratfordpolice
(in emergencies)	Dial 911	
Water & Electric Dept. (billing)	715-687-4166	stratfordutility
Shop (public works & utilities)	715-687-4118	stratfordpubworks

*Email addresses end in: @stratfordwi.com
 Village Ordinances online: <http://www.ecode360.com/ST2150>

For after hours utility emergencies, please call 715-687-4118. Listen to the message for the staff's "on call" phone number.