

Garbage and Recycling Rules

Garbage Guidelines—Residential garbage must be in the gray trash cart; no garbage is permitted outside of the cart. It is the responsibility of the tenant/owner to coordinate disposal of large furniture items and appliances. The obstruction of streets alleys or sidewalks is prohibited. See Chapter 6 Streets and Sidewalks.

Recycling Guidelines—Recycling must be in the green trash cart; no recyclables are permitted outside the cart. Sorting and separating of recyclable materials is not required.

Collection Services—The City provides garbage and recycling collection services to residential customers in residences of 4 living units or less. Garbage is collected every week, recycling every other week.

Cart Placement—Cart placement is allowed within 24 hours prior to the scheduled time of collection, with required removal 24 hours after the scheduled collection. All carts must be placed by 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Place within 1 foot of the curb and at least 3 feet from obstructions.

Cart Information—Carts are the property of the City. Do not take carts with you when you move. Each cart is stamped with a serial number that is assigned specifically to a location. Carts should be stored in a garage or permitted enclosure or outbuilding. Carts may be stored alongside a principal or accessory structure in a side or rear yard. Carts may not be stored in a front yard or street yard.

For more information about what items are permitted and prohibited from trash and recycling see the Garbage and Recycling Guide at: <https://www.wirapids.org/garbage--recycling.html>

See Chapter 7 Landfill/Mandatory Recycling. Contact the **Street Department at 715-421-8218** with questions.

Occupancy/General

Occupancy and Licensing—Unless specified otherwise, properties in the City allow occupancy for not more than four unrelated individuals or families only. All addresses must have address numbers visible from the street. House numbers may be displayed upon mailboxes. See Chapter 36 International Property Maintenance Code. Contact the **Community Development Department at 715-421-8228** with questions.

Fire Safety

Detector Devices—At a minimum, one smoke detector per floor is required in residential housing units. Carbon monoxide detectors are required on floors in all residential units containing fuel burning appliances. Requirements and regulations vary based on construction date.

Fire Extinguishers—Portable fire extinguishers are not required in one and two family dwellings but are recommended.

Burning Regulations—Burning of clean fire wood and small branches within a fire pit is permitted. Call 423-1150, select Option 1, then * to verify authorization. Fire pits must be located 50 feet from neighboring structures. Permits are required for lot clearing and ceremonial fires (bon fires). Prohibited materials include pine needles, wet leaves, and cardboard. Contact the **Fire Department at 715-421-6277** with questions.

Police Department

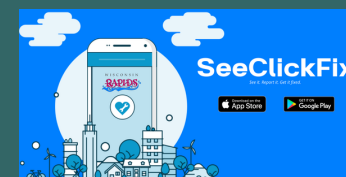
Noise Violations—Loud and raucous noise and lawn equipment noise is limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Construction noise is limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Quiet hours begin at 10:00 p.m.

Overnight Parking—When signed, vehicles must park on the even-numbered side of the street on even calendar days and the odd-numbered side on odd calendar days from 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. See Chapter 27 Parking. Contact the **Police Department at 715-423-4444** with questions.

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Exterior Maintenance

Rubbish and Garbage—All exterior property and premises, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from an accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Rubbish, garbage, and recycling will be picked up by the City in City-owned carts. The resident is responsible for the removal of rubbish and garbage from the property. See Chapter 36 International Property Maintenance Code.

Lawn Care/Weed Control—Lawns should be mowed as needed. All premises shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of 7 inches. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Lawns not cut within 5 days of notice will be cut by the City and charged to the property owner. See Chapter 36 International Property Maintenance Code.

Snow/Ice Removal—Property owners must remove snow and ice from sidewalks that are located in the street right-of-way that abuts the owner's property with 24 hours from the end of the snowfall or icing weather event. If not done, removal and related costs will be charged to the property owner. See Chapter 6 Streets and Sidewalks.

Trees and Shrubs—Trees, hedges, or signs must not obstruct the clear view of traffic when approaching an intersection or pedestrian crosswalk of those driving on public streets, alleys, or highways. Tree branches, limbs, and foliage must be cut to allow an eight foot passageway above a sidewalk or path. In addition, the area between 2 1/2 feet to 10 feet in height shall be kept clear within vision triangle areas (single stem tree trunks without branches are permitted). See Chapter 11—Zoning, Chapter 25 Offenses Against the Public, and Chapter 6 Streets and Sidewalks.

Contact the **Wisconsin Rapids Police Dept. Ordinance Officer at 715-421-6206** with questions.

Parking

Property Parking—No motor vehicle may be parked on an unsurfaced area (i.e. grass.) A residence may not have more than one RV parked on a property and must be parked on a surfaced area. No more than one trailer can be parked on an unsurfaced area of a property, but not in the front yard. Gravel, roadbase, or similar product in use prior to August 1, 2018 may remain but may not be modified. After August 1, 2018, all new or modified parking areas must meet current standards. See Chapter 11—Zoning.

Motor Vehicles—No inoperative or unlicensed motor vehicle shall be parked, kept or stored out of doors on any premises, and no vehicle shall at any time be out of doors in a state of major disassembly, disrepair, or in the process of being stripped or dismantled. See Chapter 36 International Property Maintenance Code.

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Tenant/Renter

Tenant and Renter Resource—Free resources are available to all tenants within the State of Wisconsin for landlord and rental concerns at www.tenantresourcecenter.org or by calling 877-238-RENT (7368).

City staff is also available upon request from any tenant with a current and valid lease to inspect and review concerns within rental units. Please make your landlord aware of any issues in writing and provide them the opportunity to correct them prior to contact the City.

Contact the **Rental Rights Hotline** at 877-238-RENT (7368) with questions.

Pet Ownership

Dogs and Cats—Dogs and cats 5 months and older require a pet license from the City. Pet exemptions are required for owners of three or more sterilized dogs and cats or two or more intact dogs or cats. Excessive amounts of animal waste are not permitted to accumulate in any yard.

Chickens—A permit is required for up to 4 chickens which may be kept in R-1 and R-2 zoning districts, provided the lot is single-family or two-family. Property, coop, and sanitation requirements apply. Coops require a building permit and an inspection.

Prohibited Animals—Animals shall not run at large. No one shall keep, maintain, or possess poisonous, dangerous, farm animals, or wild animals within City limits. See Chapter 25 Offenses Against Public Welfare, Safety, Morals, and Peace.

Contact the **Finance Department at 715-421-8242** for a Pet License and the **Community Development Department at 715-421-8228** for a Pet Exemption

Permits

Signs—Businesses and home occupations require sign permits. Other temporary signs (i.e. real estate and free speech) signs are restricted to 6 square feet. No signs are permitted within boulevards or within City right-of-ways.

Permits—Permits are required for most building and remodeling projects including: any structural work, siding, reroofing, replacement of water heater/furnace/air conditioner, fences, sheds, building demolition, electrical upgrades, and plumbing work beyond fixtures. See Chapter 11—Zoning Code and Chapter 46—Sign Regulations.

Apply for permits online: public.mygov.us/wi_wisconsin_rapids

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