

# 2012 PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION

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Greetings! Enclosed please find your 2012 property tax statement(s) along with the information on licensing your dog(s). I have listed on the reverse side of this sheet the days and hours that I will be at the Town Hall collecting taxes. If you do not prefer to stop in or cannot make it on these dates, please feel free to mail your taxes to me at the address listed below. In order to process and credit the correct parcel, please return the appropriate portion of your tax statement. This portion is perforated for your convenience. Please write the bill number, located on the upper right hand corner of your statement, in the memo area of your check. This will ensure that your dollars will be credited towards the correct tax bill.

**RECEIPTS:** We will NOT automatically mail back you a receipt unless you provide us with a self-addressed, stamped envelope. If we do not receive a self-addressed, stamped envelope, your cancelled check will be your receipt.

**TAX ROLL:** We will NOT be mailing out a tax roll with your statement(s) do to costs. The tax roll is the report that lists all of the names and property tax amounts for the Town of Garfield. You can go the Polk County web site [www.co.polk.wi.us](http://www.co.polk.wi.us) and retrieve the information you need.

**LOTTERY CREDIT:** Lottery Credits are given to Town of Garfield residents by the State. To qualify to receive a Lottery Credit, one MUST BE a legal resident of Wisconsin and MUST NOT be receiving a Lottery Credit from another Town in Wisconsin or another state. To receive the Lottery Credit this year, you must fill out, sign, and return the Lottery Credit form to the Treasurer by January 31. If it is returned after January 31, you will get the Lottery Credit on the 2013-14 tax statement. You can obtain a Lottery Credit form from the Treasurer, the County Treasurer or on-line at our website. This does not cost you anything; you just have to fill out a form. *If you are already receiving a Lottery Credit you do NOT need to fill another one out.*

If you have a different mailing address than the property address on the tax statement and are receiving a Lottery Credit, names will be given to County to verify.

**Boat Launch Permits & Shelter Rental:** Boat launch permits for 2013 are available for \$25. There is a \$5 daily boat launch fee for both the Lake Wapogasset Park and Sunrise Beach. Shelter reservations are being accepted. The large riverside shelter is \$50 and the smaller lakeside shelter is \$40. Please call the Clerk for more information or visit our web site at [www.townofgarfield.com](http://www.townofgarfield.com) and download the form(s).

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**DOG LICENSES:** When filling out the Dog License Application regarding the dog(s) rabies vaccinations please send a copy of the Rabies Certification from your veterinarian. The Rabies Certification has the RABIES information I need. This is your responsibility to produce information requested by the State of Wisconsin. The bottom part of the yellow sheet needs to be signed and returned with rabies verification and the cost of the license fee (**a \$25 late fee applies if paid after April 1**).

For any dog that is sold, given away, or has died since you have purchased your last dog license, you will need to fill out an **Affidavit** of Death or Disposal of Dog Certificate, per Wis. Stats. 174. If you need one, you can call to request one, download one from our website, or stop in and pick one up at the Town Hall, dates and hours are listed below.

Please be aware that there are penalties pursuant to Wis. Stats. 174 in regards to: dogs running at large and untagged dogs; damage caused by dog. Pursuant to Wis. Stats. 174 fines range from \$25-\$100 first offense, \$50-\$200 subsequent offenses, and not more than \$500 or imprisoned up to 60 days or both. If you have any concerns, refer to Wis. Stats. 174.

**PROPERTY OWNER is responsible to notify renters to have dogs licensed.**

The Town of Garfield turns over any unlicensed dog(s) from year to year to Polk County District Attorneys Office.

**PAYMENTS:** You will need to write out a *separate check* for each:

- Real estate taxes,
- Personal property taxes, and
- Dog license(s).

These are three separate account funds and need to be kept separate.

There will be NO CASH REFUNDS when collecting taxes. If there are any overpayments, that amount will be applied to the second half or a refund will be mailed if the payment was in full. If paying with cash, please make sure you have the correct amount. Cash will not be kept at the Town Hall.

**Make checks payable to: Town of Garfield-Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> installment only)**

**Full or 1<sup>st</sup> Installments:** Mail your payments by January 31 to: Town of Garfield Treasurer  
c/o Valerie Anderson  
690 Minneapolis Street  
Amery, WI 54001  
(715) 268-5868 Home  
(715) 268-4857 Hall

**Second Installments (July Payment):** must be mailed to: Polk County Treasurer  
c/o Amanda Nissen  
100 Polk County Plaza, Ste. 150  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810  
(715) 485-9254

**TAXES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE TOWN HALL ON:**

<b>Friday, December 28</b>	<b>2:00- 5:00</b>
<b>Saturday, January 12</b>	<b>9:00 -Noon</b>
<b>Saturday, January 26</b>	<b>9:00- Noon &amp; 2:00-4:00</b>
<b>Thursday, January 31</b>	<b>12:30- 2:30 &amp; 4:00-6:00</b>