

## **Frequently Asked Questions...**

### ***How do I get the Lottery Credit?***

If you feel you qualify, and there is not a lottery credit on your tax bill, please let us know **before** we process your payment. You will need to complete the lottery credit application; you can download and print the lottery credit application from our website at [www.tn.waterford.wi.gov](http://www.tn.waterford.wi.gov) under the link "Budget/Property Tax Info." Adjustments to the tax bill can be made at the time of payment. This does not apply if paying at Community State Bank.

### ***What if my escrow check from my mortgage company is not enough to cover the amount due or is more than the amount due?***

If the escrow check is not enough to pay the first installment, you are responsible to pay the difference by January 31, 2016. Any escrow checks over the full amount of taxes will be accepted, and a refund will be issued within 14 working days. The check for the tax payment must clear before a refund is mailed. Refunds will be issued to the property owner of record.

### ***Can I pay more than the first installment?***

Residents may pay any amount they choose, in as many payments they choose, as long as the first installment is met by the due date. The only exception is if you are paying at Community State Bank.

### ***How do I get a receipt when I do not pay in-person at the Treasurer's office?***

To obtain a receipt for your property taxes, include a large self-addressed, postage paid envelope with your payment. If you paid online, mail in a large, self-addressed, postage paid envelope and indicate you would like a copy of your receipt.

### ***How do I obtain a copy of my tax bill?***

Taxpayers can obtain a copy of their tax bill on Racine County's website. Racine County has updated their system to provide online access to a variety of information. You can view the website at: <http://ascent.racineco.com/landrecords>.

Please note when searching properties on this site, limit the number of fields you enter to do a search. Example: If you want to look up a tax bill, do not complete each field. Enter street number and street name OR just last name, not all.

### ***How do I change the mailing address for my tax bill?***

Taxpayers can make address changes by submitting the change electronically at [www.goracine.org/RodLandDescription](http://www.goracine.org/RodLandDescription) and clicking "Change Mail Address" or they can contact the Racine County Register of Deeds/Land Description office at 262-636-3208.

### ***How are my taxes determined?***

Each tax jurisdiction (state, county, schools, county handicap, technical college and town) determine what services they will provide in the upcoming year and how much money they will need to provide the services. This amount is divided by the assessed value of all town property to generate the mill rate (per thousand dollars assessed) for each jurisdiction (see mill rate chart below). All mill rates are added together and the school tax credit is subtracted to create the final mill rate. Property taxes are then calculated by multiplying the final mill rate by the total assessed value.

### ***Who do I contact to inquire about how my assessed value is determined?***

The Town of Waterford Tax Assessor is Kathy Romanak. Her number is: 262-534-3003.

**Where do my tax dollars go?**

Your tax payments are made to the Town of Waterford Treasurer. However, a large portion of your tax dollars are distributed to other tax jurisdictions, such as, the state, county, schools, county handicap and the technical college (see pie charts below).

**What is the Waterford Waterway Management District (WWMD)?**

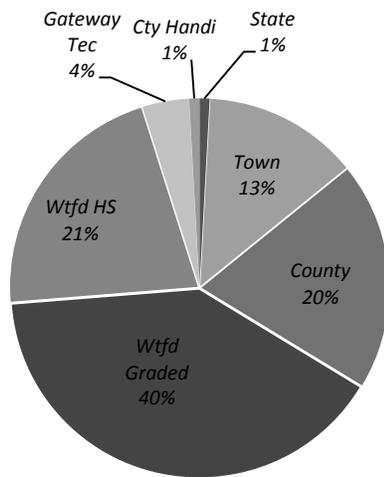
The WWMD is a unit of government that is regulated by Wisconsin State Statutes and is governed by seven commissioners. The goal of the WWMD is to maintain, protect, and improve the quality of the Waterford Waterway. If you have any questions, want to help out or need to understand more about the special charge on your tax bill visit their website at <http://waterfordwwmd.com>.

**Mill Rate per Taxing Jurisdiction**  
(Per Thousand Dollars Assessed)

Taxing Jurisdiction	2014 Mill Rate	2015 Mill Rate	Percentage Increase
State	0.1652	0.1689	2.24%
County	3.8261	3.8571	0.81%
Town	2.5382	2.6196	3.21%
Wash Cald GS	8.5244	8.3684	-1.83%
Waterford GS	7.9656	7.8898	-0.95%
Waterford HS	4.278	4.2159	-1.45%
Gateway Tech	0.75	0.7913	5.51%
Cty Handicapped	0.1967	0.1711	-13.01%

**Distribution of 2015 Tax Dollars**

Waterford Graded School District



Washington Caldwell School District

