



Town of Oregon Newsletter

1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575 (608) 835-3200 www.town.oregon.wi.us December 2017

2017 Property Tax Collection

Enclosed is your 2017 property tax bill. Payments are accepted by mail or in-person.



Payment In-Person

- The clerk's office will accept tax payments, provide receipts and issue dog license tags.
- The office will have extended hours from **Monday, December 18, 2017 to Wednesday, January 31, 2018 Monday to Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed on Mon. Dec. 25, Tues, Dec. 26 and Mon., Jan. 1.**
- If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, please contact the office at 835-3200.

Payment By Mail

- Please make check payable to *Town of Oregon* and enclose the bottom portion of tax bill with payment.
- If you would like a receipt mailed to you, include a self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Mail payment to: Town of Oregon, 1138 Union Road, Oregon, WI 53575.
- In accordance with state statues, the town uses the USPS postmark to determine date of payment. Tax payments received by other couriers (FedEx, UPS, etc.) are dated when received.

Reminders

- No Credit/Debit Cards or Cash are accepted. *No online payment available.*
- Escrow payments.** Tax bills are sent to property owners. Property owners are responsible to notify mortgage holders of tax amount due and verify the date payment will be made. Endorse the back of an escrow check made payable to the town and property owner. Overpayments will be mailed to the property owner.
- Please verify the correct amount to pay by looking at "Total Amount Due for Full Payment" or "1st Payment."
- If you elect to make installments, the 1st installment is paid to the Town of Oregon by January 31, 2018. If at least the 1st installment amount is not paid timely, the taxes become delinquent and the full amount is due. The 2nd installment is paid to the Dane County Treasurer, PO Box 1299, Madison, WI 53701 by July 31, 2018.
- If you didn't receive the lottery credit on your tax bill, but are a WI resident and use the home as your primary residence then you will need to complete a DOR lottery credit form available at the clerk's office.
- All homes in the town have a private septic maintenance fee of \$8.67 as required by Dane County Public Health.

2018 Election Schedule

- Spring Primary Election - Tuesday, Feb. 20
- Spring Election - Tuesday, Apr. 3
- Fall Primary Election - Tuesday, Aug. 14
- General Election - Tuesday, Nov. 6

2018 Caucus - Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

The Town of Oregon caucus to nominate **two town board supervisors** will be held at the Oregon Town Hall, 1138 Union Rd., on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. (*Snow date is Monday, Jan. 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.*). The candidates nominated will be placed on the ballot for the 2018 Spring Election and serve a two year term. The caucus is open to the public, but only qualified electors of the town may nominate and vote. Anyone interested in being on the Oregon Town Board would need to be nominated at the caucus, but do not need to be present.

The 2018 Town of Oregon Annual meeting will held on April 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



2018 Dog License Application

To obtain a 2018 dog license tag, you may either mail the application or go to the clerk's office to pick up dog tag(s). All applications must provide proof of rabies vaccination. Dog license payments require a separate check from tax payments. All applications received by mail must also include a self-addressed stamped envelope for return of dog tag(s). *Only one return envelope is necessary if also requesting tax payment receipt.* All dogs over 5 months of age must be licensed. Dog licenses are valid for one calendar year.

Owner's Name			
Address			
Phone		Email	
Name of Dog # 1	Color	Breed	Circle: F/Spayed M/Neutered F/Unspayed M/Unneutered
Vet Clinic	Rabies Expiration	Rabies Serial #	2018 License #
Name of Dog # 2	Color	Breed	Circle: F/Spayed M/Neutered F/Unspayed M/Unneutered
Vet Clinic	Rabies Expiration	Rabies Serial #	2018 License #
Name of Dog #3	Color	Breed	Circle: F/Spayed M/Neutered F/Unspayed M/Unneutered
Vet Clinic	Rabies Expiration	Rabies Serial #	2018 License #

** If you have more than three dogs or requesting a kennel license, list all information required above for each dog on a separate sheet of paper.*

Fee: # of Neutered or Spayed dogs x \$11.50 # ____ x \$11.50 = \$ _____
 # of Unneutered/Unspayed dogs x \$17.50 # ____ x \$17.50 = \$ _____
 Kennel License (includes up to 12 dogs, over 12 is additional \$8.75 each) x \$45.75 \$ _____
 Late fee (if paid after April 1, 2018) x \$5.00 # ____ x \$5.00 = \$ _____
 Total to remit (Make checks payable to *Town of Oregon*) \$ _____

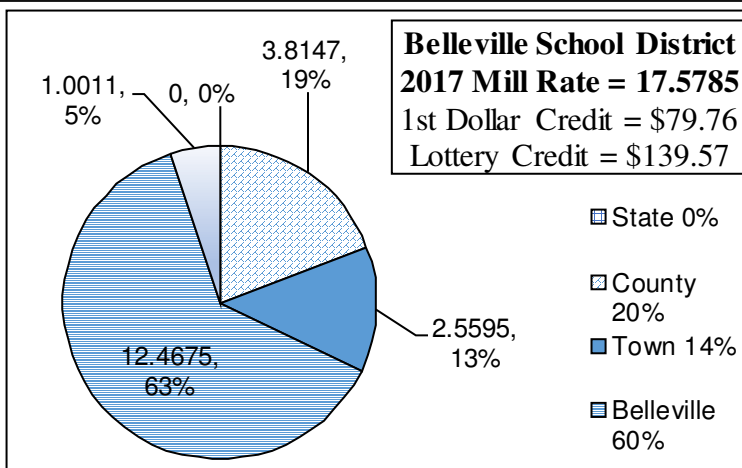
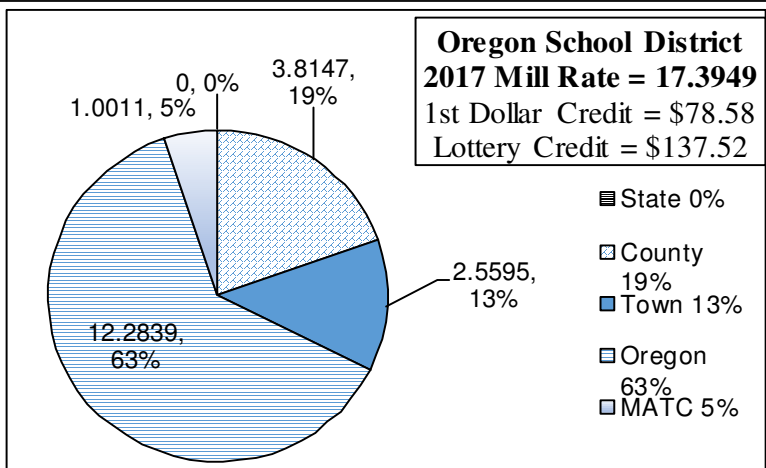


Town of Oregon Snow Removal Guidelines



The Town of Oregon road crew strives to plow and remove snow from the roads as efficiently and safely as possible. Here are some tips to help:

- * **In 2017 the Town of Oregon passed a parking ordinance that prohibits parking on town roads.** Vehicles or trailers parked on the road or road right-of-way are hazardous and interfere with snowplows. Vehicles can be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense. If you need alternative parking, contact the office at 835-3200.
- * Snowplow drivers work long hours fighting the blowing snow, the night glare and traffic. When you meet a snowplow, give them the space they need to get their job done. It is not only a courtesy, it's the law!
- * Walk with caution. When encountering a snowplow while walking, move to the opposite side of the road. A snowplow has a 9 foot wing that can throw snow 20 feet! When visibility is limited, avoid walking on the road.
- * The town road right-of-way stretches 33 feet from the center of the road. The landowner may use and maintain this area as lawn, however it is very important that plants, sprinkler systems, or other items are not placed in the road right-of-way as the snowplows could damage them. The town is not responsible for the damage.
- * **Please remove any snow pole reflective markers placed in the road right of way. They pose a significant risk to the snowplow crew as the poles can break and cause tire damage. The markers are not helpful.**
- * Pushing or blowing snow from a private driveway onto the roadway is dangerous and prohibited by law.
- * Do not put trash and recycling receptacles in the road, instead place them in your driveway.
- * Homeowners are responsible for clearing the snow around the mailbox. The town is not responsible for damage to a mailbox caused by the weight of ice and snow.
- * Dane County Highway Department is responsible for snowplowing County Highways MM, CC, A & D. Any concerns should be directed to Dane County Public Works at 266-4039.
- * The maintenance of Lincoln Road from Fish Hatchery Road to Union Road is the responsibility of the Village of Oregon, Any concerns should be directed to the Village of Oregon at 835-3118.
- * If you have snowplow concerns when the office is closed, please contact Chairman Wayne Ace at 576-7281.



Town of Oregon Mill Rates

	2017	2016	2015
Oregon School	17.3949	17.1545	17.2512
Belleville School	17.5785	16.1733	16.0240

Town of Oregon Recycling Center (TORC): Only for town residents.
 1067 Storytown Road; 835-6459 during open hours
 Saturday (year round) 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday (May 1 - November 1) 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

News from the TORC....

During the holidays, we expect to see higher volumes of trash and recyclables. Please review some basic guidelines.

Trash: Bagged trash should never exceed 30 gallons. Make sure bags are sturdy enough to prevent leaking.

Recycling: Make sure that items you place in the Recycling Compactor are rinsed out and free of food waste. Plastic motor oil containers should be emptied and put with your trash .

Cardboard: Please empty and flatten all cardboard boxes larger than 3' x3'. Remove all Styrofoam packaging materials from your cardboard boxes and put with your trash. Very large boxes (for appliances, TV sets, etc.) need to be cut down in order to fit easily into the compactor. If you cannot cut these down yourself, ask staff for help with those.

Styrofoam: The TORC is not equipped to recycle Styrofoam. All Styrofoam packaging, including meat and carry-out boxes, should be put with your trash. Styrofoam packing peanuts must be in bags and disposed with your trash.

Plastic: Pellitteri lost its market for rigid plastics (injection-mold) and as a result, we are not able to recycle as many plastics as we used to. Examples: 5-gallon pails, children's toys, plastic lawn chairs.

Recyclable plastics include plastic bottles and containers marked #1-7, including #1 deli. Plastic bags are recyclable (except black and brown bags); place them into a larger clear/transparent bag and tie shut. A full bag should be the size of a basketball.

Non-recyclable plastics are deli containers, except #1, frozen food or microwave dinner plates, plastic film/wrap and Styrofoam, hoses, fishing line, Christmas tree lights, rope, shoes, plastic bicycle helmets. If you are unsure, check with staff.

Shredded Paper: Place shredded paper in plastic bags before disposing it in the Recycling Compactor.

Visit <https://pwht.countyofdane.com/recycle/categories.aspx> for recycling locations in Dane County on items not accepted at the TORC.

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Sheldon, Dave and Laurie