

Village NEWS

December 2024 - General Property Tax Information

Enclosed is your Real Estate Tax Statement for 2024.

General Information About Your Property Tax

Your entire real estate tax bill, or your first installment, is due by January 31, 2025. Failure to meet this deadline will result in the entire tax bill due and payable. Waukesha County mails your tax statement and collects your payment on behalf of the Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, Waukesha County Technical College, and Pewaukee School District.

Installment Plan Option

There is an option for a two-installment payment plan. Refer to your enclosed statement for the respective due dates and amounts for each of the installments. If an installment is delinquent, the total remaining unpaid tax becomes delinquent and interest and penalties are calculated back to February 1, 2025.

Payments are updated nightly to the Waukesha County tax website <https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov>

Tax Receipts

Receipts are automatically mailed for all payments made in December and January. If you are claiming your tax payment on your 2024 income tax return, your payment must be receipted or postmarked no later than December 31st, 2024. Metered postage date is not accepted.

Refund Checks

Checks will be mailed within 4-6 weeks from payment date. Waukesha County has established a policy of refunding amounts greater than \$2.00.

Lottery Credit

Did you own and use your home as your primary residence on January 1, 2024? If so; then you qualify for the lottery credit. If your tax bill does not reflect the credit but you qualify, there is a form available on the Village of Pewaukee's website, under the Treasurer's page:

<https://www.villageofpewaukee.com/Treasurer>

Need to Pay by Cash?

Cash will be accepted in person at the Waukesha County Treasurer's Office.
Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

Contactless Payment Methods: Online, Mail or Dropbox

Online

Payment convenience fees will apply:
\$1.50 for eCheck
\$3.95 for debit card
2.59% for credit card payments.

While some of the fees may seem high, it may be less than the delinquent interest and penalty of 1.5%.

To pay by eCheck, debit or credit card visit:
<https://tax.waukeshacounty.gov>

Mail

Make your check payable to:
Waukesha County Treasurer
515 W Moreland Blvd, Room AC148
Waukesha, WI 53188

Use the envelope included with the tax bill, write the parcel number on the check and enclose the payment stub for proper application of your payment.

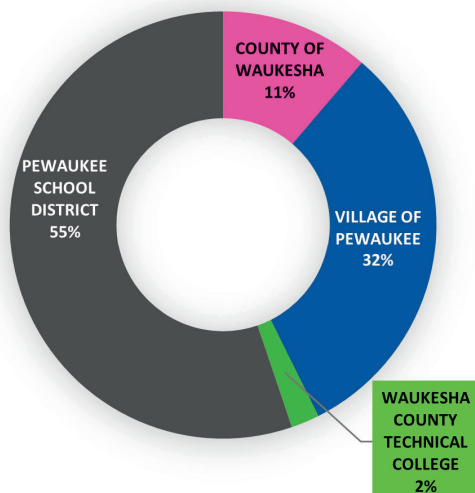
Dropbox

For your convenience, a 24-hour drop box is available. It is the blue & white night deposit box located on the east side of Waukesha County Courthouse, facing Pewaukee Rd, on the island near the blue postal box.

Any payment deposited into the box by 7:30 AM will be dated for the previous day.

How is Your Property Tax Payment Distributed?

Each property tax payment is distributed to Pewaukee School District, Village of Pewaukee, Waukesha County, and Waukesha County Technical College based on the allocations in the graph below.

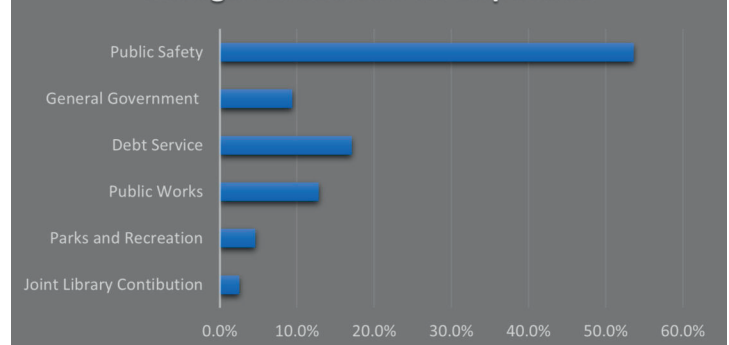


What Does the Village's 32% Provide to it's Residents?

The majority of the property taxes are allocated to police services, general government for day-to-day operations, debt service, public works, parks and recreation, and joint library contribution.

The Village's portion of property tax collected from taxpayers, supports approximately 40% of the yearly budget. The remaining 60% of revenue is generated from state aids, fire inspection and fire/EMS fees, and through services provided by Village departments such as intergovernmental services (WCTC & Pewaukee School District), licenses, and permits.

Village Allocation of Expenses



2025 UPDATES

Village Recycling Center

The Village recycling center is located at 552 Hickory St.

It is open on Wednesdays 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM (May 7th to September 24th) and Saturdays 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM (March 29th to December 6th). A tag is required to utilize this service for yard waste. See the attached Yard Waste Permit Application if purchasing through mail or online, otherwise visit the Village in person. For a list of acceptable recycling items that can be disposed of at no cost, visit the [Village website](#).

Waukesha County Recycling Center

For questions on where to dispose of recycling items, please visit the Waukesha County Recycling site at <https://www.waukeshacounty.gov/recycling>

Fire & EMS Fee Update

In 2024 the Village responded to concerns it had received regarding the structure of the fee. The ordinance was revised in November so that all residential dwelling units were charged the base ESE of 1. The cost of the Fire/EMS service also increased \$300,000 for 2025. The two changes together resulted in a Fire/EMS fee of \$439 for residential units. The Village decreased its property tax mill rate to partially off-set the increase.

Snow & Ice Removal

Snow and ice must be removed from sidewalks and public pedestrian ways within 24 hours after snowfall or occurrence causing formation of snow and ice per Village Code. The Village reserves the right to remove snow and ice and to impose charges for removal. Snow is not to be placed on any public sidewalk, street or right-of-way in the Village.

No parking from 10:00 PM—7:00 AM on Emergency Snow Removal Routes. See the website for a list of [emergency routes](#).

Utility Rate Updates

The Village of Pewaukee has initiated a PSC (Public Service Commission) rate case review, which will provide an updated water rate. The cost of operation and maintenance of the Village Water Utility continues to increase. The review will examine the current water rates to determine what increases are necessary to help with the cost of maintaining and providing the Village with sustainable and safe water for the future. The Village is currently in the process of adding a radium filtration system at Well 4 (2025), a temporary PFAS/PFOA filter at Well 6 (2024/2025), and drilling another well (2029).

Upcoming Elections

Spring Elections are for non-partisan offices.

- If a Primary is necessary, it is held on the 3rd Tuesday in February.
- The Spring Election is held on the 1st Tuesday in April.

Non-partisan offices include:

- **Local:** Village President, Trustees, Municipal Judge and School Board Members:
- **County:** County Board Supervisor, Multi-Jurisdictional Judge, County Executive, County Advisory Referendum if applicable
- **State:** State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Justice of the Supreme Court, Circuit Court Judge, Court of Appeals Judge, Statewide Referendum if applicable

Salt Effects - Did You Know?

Using more salt doesn't make sidewalks safer; it harms plants and animals, pollutes our water, and damages buildings and vehicles. Salt travels into our lakes and rivers, putting aquatic life at risk and endangering our freshwater resources. Salt also alters the soil and slows plant growth. If each resident would decrease their salt use by 10 pounds this year we will protect over 3,000 gallons of water from being permanently polluted. For more information please visit the [WI Salt Wise webpage](#).

Upcoming Holiday Closures

Waukesha County Courthouse

- December 24 & 25, 2024
- December 31, 2024
- January 1, 2025

Village of Pewaukee

- December 24 & 25, 2024
- December 31, 2024
- January 1, 2025



Christmas Tree Pick-Up

January 13th - January 17th

The Public works crew will collect Christmas trees at the curb on January 13th. **All trees must be at the curb by 7:00 a.m. on January 13th.**

Spring Hydrant Flushing

Starts March 14th and lasts approximately 6 weeks.

If you experience discolored water please run the water faucets in your house for a minimum of 15-20 minutes.

Spring Brush Pick Up

April 14th - April 18th

Brush being collected must be piled at the curb and out by 7:00 AM April 14th.

NO YARD WASTE OR LEAVES WILL BE COLLECTED.

We want to provide you with Communication!

Please visit the [Village website](#) for important announcements and information regarding current events. Watch for those quarterly updates included with your utility bill.