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## Welcome to Summer, Everyone!!

The sun's warmth I'm feeling as I prepare my yard this time of year is certainly pleasant and appreciated. I'm sure you are looking forward to a break from the school regimen, organized clubs and numerous other scheduled events that take a back seat this time of year.

The "Calendar of Events" inside display a number of enjoyable activities you and your family and friends can participate in this summer. Take in a ball game at the newly renovated Athletic Park or sit on the 400 Block and enjoy the music each Wednesday evening. Get out on your bike and take in the sights along the river edge trail and jump in the boat for a relaxing water experience. That is what summer is all about!



The City of Wausau is proud of the vision and ideas we continue to receive for the 15-acre Riverfront mixed-use development, just north of the Eye Clinic of Wisconsin. We are being very careful to consider businesses and recreational venues that will complement our downtown area. You can provide your input regarding this redevelopment project by going to <http://wausauwi.mindmixer.com>.

We have a selection committee to review all the proposals received for the Wausau Club and the Sav-O-Supply building located along the river. The next step in this process is to decide on which proposals are best for our city.

The road construction season is upon us again as we improve our city streets while upgrading our bicycle paths. The State of Wisconsin Grand Avenue project is testing the patience of many of our residents. While this is a temporary inconvenience, this road improvement will improve the traffic flow to and from our southeast side.

It's Budget time once again. The City divides the budget process into capital and operating components. The capital budget provides for the acquisition or construction of long lived assets such as infrastructure, buildings and major equipment. The operating budget provides for the funding of city services such as refuse and recycling, police, fire and winter street maintenance services. The operating budget includes line items such as salary and benefits, materials and supplies and purchased services. The departments begin formulating capital budget requests in April. These requests are reviewed and prioritized by the Capital Improvement Program Committee. The committee, consisting of council members and city staff, will prioritize requests and formulate a capital budget for consideration. The operating budget activity begins in late June and early July. Departments are asked to develop operating budgets that support efficient, effective quality services. In August, I will meet with the individual departments to review their operating budget. The operating and capital budgets are joined with available revenues and resources to create the executive budget. My goal again this year will be to preserve and invest in city services, infrastructure and community amenities that support an outstanding quality of life. Finance Committee review will occur early fall, along with a public hearing in November. I look forward to receiving constituent input on any and all aspects of the budget.

Be safe this summer!



**Mission Statement...** In response to our citizens, we will provide services in the most effective manner in order to promote and enhance our living environment. Plan and encourage positive growth. Promote a positive community image by encouraging citizen involvement and civic pride.



## 2014 Wausau Outdoor Pools

### Pool Locations

**Kaiser**, 900 E. Bridge Street  
**CLOSED**

**Memorial**, 505 Memorial Park Road  
**Open June 13**

**Schulenburg**, 1533 Summit Drive  
**Open June 13**

### 2014 Pool Fees

Daily Open Swim (Pools are open, Friday, July 4, 2014, however, no swimming lessons will be held)

- \$1.00 - 1:00 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.
- Free Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:50 PM

Season Passes (Available to City of Wausau residents only)

- \$21 - Youth and Adult
- \$52 - Family

FREE Swim Wednesdays from 6 - 7:50 p.m. both pools; no minimum age; everyone welcome! **There is no minimum age limit. Infants & toddlers who aren't toilet trained must wear swim diapers.**

### Pool Hours of Operation

#### Swim Lessons

Monday through Friday  
9:15 to 11:55 am

#### Open Swim

Monday through Friday  
1 to 7:50 pm  
Saturday and Sunday  
1 to 7:50 pm

For Swim Lesson information contact the Parks Department at 261-1550 or check the City of Wausau website at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us) Go to "Departments" and click on "Parks".

## Calendar of Events - 2014

### June

|                   |   |                 |
|-------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>6/16 -7/3</b>  | Swimming Lessons Session 1<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>  |                 |
| <b>6/16 -8/7</b>  | Wausau Playground Programs Begin Four 1/2 day, supervised sites. \$29-Resident, \$37-Non Resident<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau/Marathon Co Parks Department</i>   |                 |
| <b>6/16 -8/15</b> | Wausau City Tennis Camp Ages 5-17 yrs Week long, half-day camps. Times and fees vary by age, res. Call for details 715-261-1550<br><i>Sponsored by: Parks Department</i>  |                 |
| <b>6/16 -7/3</b>  | Family Tennis Lessons - Session I Up to 4 family members (must include 1 adult) Mon/Tue/Thursday nights - Oak Island Courts, \$60 - Residents, \$80 - Non Residents<br><i>Sponsored by: Parks Department</i>                                | 6-7pm           |
| <b>16-20</b>      | Challenger British Soccer Camp Ages 4-high school, times/fees vary Go to <a href="http://www.challengersports.com">www.challengersports.com</a> to sign up online or call 715-261-1550 for details<br><i>Sponsored by: Parks Department</i> | 9am-4pm         |
| <b>16-20</b>      | Kayak/Canoe Practice Water for Age Group Nationals & Buttercup Slalom <a href="http://www.wausauwhitewater.org">www.wausauwhitewater.org</a><br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Whitewater</i>  | 10am-4pm        |
| <b>18</b>         | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 6-8 pm          |
| <b>19</b>         | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm |
| <b>21</b>         | Wausau Whitewater Age Group Nationals   |                 |
| <b>22</b>         | Wausau Whitewater Buttercup Slalom  |                 |
| <b>22</b>         | Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad, Marathon Park. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$5.00/person Proof of current vaccinations required<br><i>Sponsored by: Parks Department</i>   | 5:30-8pm        |
| <b>25</b>         | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 6-8pm           |
| <b>26</b>         | Marketplace Thursdays   | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm |
| <b>27</b>         | Screen on the Green, Date Night Movie "High Fidelity", 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9pm             |

### July

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| <b>2</b>     | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>  | 6-8pm                         |
| <b>3</b>     | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Area Events</i>   | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm               |
| <b>7-25</b>  | Swimming Lessons - Session II<br><i>Sponsored by: Park Department</i>   |                               |
| <b>7-24</b>  | Family Tennis Lessons - Session II<br><i>Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Park Department</i>  |                               |
| <b>9</b>     | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 6-8pm                         |
| <b>10</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm               |
| <b>10-11</b> | Balloon Rally & Glow, Downtown Airport<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 5-10pm<br>Thur, Fri           |
| <b>10-13</b> | Balloon Rally & Rib Fest<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 11am-10pm Sat<br>6am-10pm Sun |
| <b>10-13</b> | Downtown Wausau Sidewalk Sale   |                               |
| <b>12-13</b> | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Kayak &amp; Canoe Corp, www.whitewater.org</i> | 10am-4pm                      |
| <b>12-13</b> | Chalkfest on the 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | All Day                       |
| <b>16</b>    | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 6-8pm                         |
| <b>17</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm               |
| <b>23</b>    | Concert on the Square<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 6-8pm                         |
| <b>24</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm               |
| <b>25</b>    | Screen on the Green Movie Night, Classic movie: Cassablanca, 400 Block<br><i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9pm                           |

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| <b>28</b>         | Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad at Marathon Park. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$5.00/person <i>Sponsored by: Park Department</i> | 5:30pm - 8pm |
|                   | Wisconsin Valley Fair, Marathon Park 715-261-1539 or www.wisconsinvalleyfair.com   |              |
| <b>7/28 -8/15</b> | Swimming Lessons - Session III <i>Sponsored by: Park Department</i>  |              |
| <b>7/28 -8/14</b> | Family Tennis Lessons Session III <i>Sponsored by: Park Department</i>   |              |
| <b>30</b>         | Concert on the Square <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   |              |
| <b>31</b>         | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  |              |

**August**

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| <b>2-3</b>   | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Kayak &amp; Canoe Corp, www.ausauwhitewater.org</i>  | 10am-4pm       |
| <b>6</b>     | Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 6-8pm          |
| <b>7</b>     | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm, 6-8pm |
| <b>11-15</b> | Challenger British Soccer Camp Ages 4 - high school, times/fees vary. Go to www.challengersports.com to sign up on line or call 715-261-1550 for details <i>Sponsored by: Parks Department</i> | 9am-4pm        |
| <b>13</b>    | Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 6-8pm          |
| <b>14</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm, 6-8pm |
| <b>14-15</b> | Wausau Whitewater "Jackson Freestyle Clinic" <i>Sponsored by: www.wausauwhitewater.org</i>   |                |
| <b>15-16</b> | Big Bull Falls Blues Fest, Fern and Oak Islands <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   |                |
| <b>16-17</b> | Wausau Whitewater Midwest Freestyle Championships <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Kayak &amp; Canoe Corp, www.whitewater.org</i>   |                |
| <b>17</b>    | Dog Gone Pool Party, Splash Pad at Marathon Park. Max - 2 dogs/per adult, \$5.00/person <i>Sponsored by: Park Department</i>   | 5:30-8pm       |
| <b>20</b>    | Concert on the Square, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 6-8pm          |
| <b>21</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm, 6-8pm |
| <b>28</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>  | 9am-2pm, 6-8pm |
| <b>29</b>    | Screen on the Green Movie Night, Frozen, Showing at Athletic Park <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 9pm            |

**September**

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| <b>1</b>     | Labor Day Parade 3rd Ave, W. Wausau Ave to Labor Temple <i>Sponsored by: Labor Council</i>                                    | 4pm                 |
| <b>4</b>     | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm     |
| <b>6-7</b>   | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Kayak &amp; Canoe Corp.</i> | 10am-4pm            |
| <b>6-7</b>   | Art in the Park, Marathon Park <i>Sponsored by: www.wivalleyart.org</i>   | Sat- 9-5, Sun - 9-4 |
| <b>6-7</b>   | Festival of Arts, Downtown  |                     |
| <b>6-7</b>   | Birds in Art, Woodson Art Museum <i>Sponsored by: Woodson Arts Museum</i>   |                     |
| <b>11</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm     |
| <b>18</b>    | Marketplace Thursdays, 400 Block <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i>   | 9am-2pm & 6-8pm     |
| <b>20-21</b> | Wausau Whitewater Recreational Release, Whitewater Park Call 715-203-1279 <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Kayak &amp; Canoe Corp.</i> | 10am-4pm            |

**October**

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| <b>4</b> | Harvest Festival, Oak Island Park <i>Sponsored by: Wausau Events</i> | 9am-4pm |
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# Wausau Fire Department Summer News

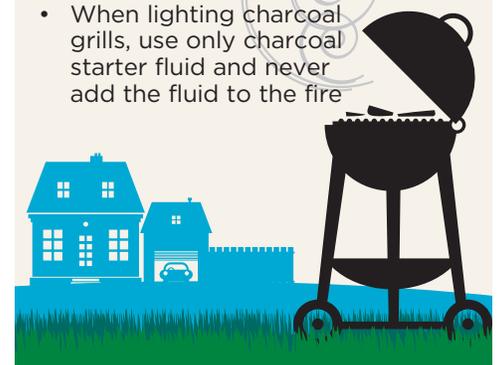
Nothing beats grilling in the summer. Brats, burgers, and hot dogs are a great Wisconsin tradition. Unfortunately, the fire department sees an increase of fires related to cooking outdoors during this time.

Most residential grill fires start on a court, terrace, or patio. Lawns and other nearby open areas account for many grill fires as well, but we are especially concerned about the grill fires that start on exterior balconies or open porches or decks. Besides causing damage to the building, grilling on decks and balconies can be hazardous to people and pets. It is also a violation of fire code. Other than one-and two-family dwellings, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking or heating are allowed on decks (within ten feet of the structure) or balconies.

The leading cause of fires is the result of some mechanical failure, such as a part failure, leak, break and lack of maintenance. Other leading causes of fires for outdoor grill fires include "operational deficiency" (such as leaving the grill unattended), misuse of the material ignited (allowing combustible material to get too close), and misuse of fire (poor control of the open fire and abandoned materials).

Safety Tips (courtesy of NFPA.org)

- Propane and charcoal grills should only be used outdoors
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grill and in trays below the grill
- Never leave your grill unattended
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it
- When lighting charcoal grills, use only charcoal starter fluid and never add the fluid to the fire



## Building a Rain Barrel Workshops

**Monday, June 23, 6-8pm** (Wausau)

**Monday, June 30, 6-8pm** (Weston)

Learn how a rain barrel conserves water and keeps our lakes & streams clean. **Then build a barrel to take home.** \$30 fee includes training, barrel and parts!

Rain barrels are used to collect rain that drains from your roof and runs down the gutters. A quarter-inch of rain falling on the average home yields a little over 200 gallons of water, and can fill a barrel in a matter of minutes. This water can then be used to water plants and gardens. This water would normally run across our lawns and driveways into the storm drains. Along the way, this water picks up fertilizers, oil, and other pollutants. This water is not treated before it runs directly into our lakes and streams.

Seating is limited, to register contact: Marathon County UW-Extension 715-261-1254

**Wausau  
June 23, 6-8pm**

Location: 212 River Dr., Wausau

**Weston  
June 30, 6-8pm**

Location: 5500 Schofield Ave., Weston

Cost: \$30 Limit 20 registrants  
Pre-registration required at the Marathon County UWEX office

Sponsored by: North Central Wisconsin Stormwater Coalition & University of Wisconsin-Extension.

## Did You Know?

*Did you know... water and pollutants going into the storm drains on our streets, empty directly into the Wisconsin, Rib, Eau Claire Rivers and Lake Wausau without being treated?*

*Did you know... 4 quarts of oil can form an 8 acre oil slick if dumped or spilled down a storm drain?*

*Did you know... when it rains, the water washes excess fertilizers, salt, dirt, pesticides and other pollutants into our rivers, causing algae blooms?*

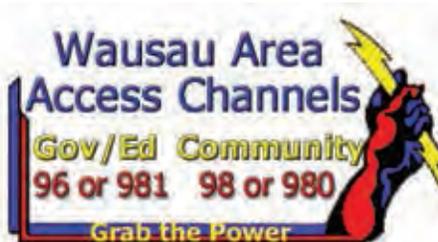
*Did you know... pet waste contaminates our rivers, lakes and streams with unhealthy levels of bacteria making them unsafe for recreation?*

### Here are 6 things you can do to reduce your stormwater impact:

1. Wash your car on the lawn or at a commercial car wash. All the soap, scum, and oily grit runs along the curb, then into the storm drain. The grass will absorb the water before it hits the street, and commercial car washes are required to treat their water.
2. Pick up pet waste, bag and place in trash. Animal waste can pose several water quality concerns. It is a potential source of nutrients and pathogens (disease-causing organisms), which can degrade water quality making it unsafe and undesirable for drinking, swimming, boating, and fishing.
3. Dispose of used cooking oil in watertight containers and place in the garbage. Disposal of used cooking oil in the City storm sewer system violates City's ordinance and violators will be subject to fines. Also grey water and grease rinsed off of commercial fryers is not allowed into the City's storm sewer system. All grey water and grease should be collected and properly disposed of.
4. Mulch grass clippings and leave on the lawn or compost. These extra nutrients can reduce oxygen levels in water and potentially cause fish kills. You can get a compost bin and take a composting class during the spring sale. Contact UW-Extension for more information (715.261.1230). PS- Same goes with leaves in the fall, don't rake them into the street until the day before pick-up.
5. Target use of fertilizer and pesticides/herbicides to the lawn and garden. Use only what is recommended on the label. Take excess chemicals to the Hazardous Waste Collection Site. For more information, please contact the Marathon County Solid Waste & Recycling Information Line at (715) 446-3101 (press 2).
6. Consider ways to catch the rain water for use in your yard and gardens. The city has a demonstration rain garden at 210 River Dr. Visit to learn more about how you can install one. Or you can set-up a rain barrel to collect rain from your gutters, and use in your gardens. Check out the rain barrel workshops; contact UW-Extension for more information.

Check out our website at:

<http://basineducation.uwex.edu/centralwis/stormwater.htm>



The City of Wausau's "Wausau Area Access Channel" (WAAC) has partnered with the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin, a 501c3 non-profit corporation to establish a Production Fund. With this Production Fund, the community will be able to finance future WAAC video productions of local community interest.

Tax deductible donations to the Production

Fund can be directed to the Community foundation at 500 First Street, Suite 2600, Wausau, WI 54403 or online through their secure website at [www.cfoncw.org](http://www.cfoncw.org). Follow the prompts for online giving to an alphabetical listing of funds.

## Good Neighbors keep our City Safe

The City of Wausau currently has six neighborhood groups operating in the city. These neighborhood groups are organized and run by the citizens who live in the area. The overall goal of the neighborhood groups is to improve the quality of life in Wausau and their neighborhoods. During the meetings, citizens have the opportunity to speak with their neighbors, elected officials, Wausau Police Officers, and city employees. Citizens can share their concerns, voice grievances, or ask questions. The neighborhood group has the ability to have a unified voice to the Police Department and City Government.



Please consider attending one of the following neighborhood groups. If your residence is not in an established neighborhood group and you are interested in starting one, please contact Wausau P.D. Lieutenant Barnes at 715-261-7884.

The **Longfellow Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Townline Road north to Forest Street and Grand Avenue east to the railroad tracks. The Longfellow group meets the 1st Monday of every month at 6:30 PM at the Wausau Police Department. A contact for this group is Anne Heidemann 715-845-4148

The **S.W. Jones Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Thomas Street to West Street and 17th Avenue to 3rd Avenue. The S.W. Jones group meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. at GD Jones School. A contact for this group is Alderperson Sherry Abitz 715-843-0990.

The **Werle Park Neighborhood Group** is bounded by South side of West Street north to the south side of Stewart Avenue and the east side of 3rd Avenue west to the west side of 9th Avenue. Werle Park Neighborhood Group meets the third Monday of the month at 6:30 pm at the U.W.M.C. in the Terrace Room (#100), use the west side entrance. An Alderperson contact is Robert Mielke at 715-845-1830.

The **Westies Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Stewart Avenue north to Bridge Street and 1st Avenue west to 7th Avenue. The Westies group meets the second Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Salvation Army Community Room. A contact for this group is Debra Ryan at 715-803-4909.

The **East Towne Neighborhood Group** is bounded by Forest Street north to Franklin Street and N. 6th Street east to LaSalle Street. East Towne Neighborhood Group meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Neighbor's Place at 724 Scott Street. A contact for this group is Deanna Schuette at 715-218-4434.

The **Forest Park Neighborhood** is bounded by Sylvan Street to Winton Street and 6th Street to 13th Street. This Neighborhood is in the beginning stages of establishment and will call meetings on an "as-needed" basis. An Alderperson contact for this Neighborhood is Keene Winters 715-675-0060 and Gary Gisselman 715-848-5160.

## Forest Park Neighborhood Summer Social

When: Thursday, August 7, 2014

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: Forest Park – Between  
Parcher and Spring Street  
on North 9th St.

Boundaries Include: 6th Street to  
13th Street and Winton to Sylvan St.

The Forest Park Neighborhood would like to invite the neighbors within the above boundaries to gather with your families and meet your neighbors. This Summer Social will provide an opportunity to get to know your neighbor and enjoy all the great things we love about our neighborhood. Limited picnic tables are available. Please bring additional tables and chairs for your family. Please bring your own picnic food and a dessert to share. Carry In. Carry Out!

**Let's celebrate our Neighborhood!**

Contact the Mayor's N2N  
Committee with any questions at  
715-261-6800



**WausauWhitewater.org**

The Wausau Whitewater Kayak and Canoe course hosts competitors from around the world. The diverse skill levels of Olympic medalists, United States Kayak & Canoe Team members, up and coming Junior team athletes, and local paddlers can be equally challenged by our course. 2014 is another great year for paddlers, spectators, sponsors and volunteers. Below is their line-up of events. Come out and participate in the fun.

- June 21 – USACK Age Group Nationals
- June 22 – Buttercup Slalom
- July 12, 13 – Recreational Release
- August 2, 3 – Recreational Release
- August 14, 15 – Jackson Freestyle Clinic
- August 16, 17 – Midwest Freestyle Championships

- September 6, 7 – Recreational Release
- September 20, 21 – Recreational Release

For more information and our complete schedule of events please visit our website at [www.wausauwhitewater.org](http://www.wausauwhitewater.org) and don't forget to look us up on Facebook. Can't wait to see you on the river!

## Construction/ Remodeling Projects

If you are planning any construction or remodeling projects, we would like to remind you that building permits are required for most projects within the City of Wausau, including installation/replacement of siding and roofing, construction of decks, stoops, ramps, sheds and fences, and for alterations/remodeling (kitchen cabinets, drywalling, etc.). Separate permits are required for any electrical or plumbing work.

Permits are required not only to ensure your project meets City zoning regulations and complies with City and State construction codes, but also lets us assist you in achieving a project that is safe and structurally sound.

For more information, contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780 or visit their website at: [www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/ResidentialPermitRequirements.aspx](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/ResidentialPermitRequirements.aspx)

**CHANGE OF OFFICE HOURS FOR INSPECTORS:** New office hours for inspectors are 8:00-9:00 AM and 12:30-1:30 PM.

The inspectors issue permits and will answer any questions you may have during their office hours. The remainder of the work day, they conduct on-site inspections. However, if these times are not convenient for you, contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780, and they are generally able to make other arrangements for you to meet with their staff.

## Attention Electors

### Is Your Voter Registration Up To Date?

Registering to vote and/or updating your voter information PRIOR to Election Day will speed up the process for you and your fellow voters. You may register with the Clerk/Customer Service Office in City Hall (407 Grant Street) Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Don't forget to bring proof of residency. To check the accuracy of your voter registration, go to "My Vote Wisconsin" website at <http://myvote.wi.gov>. This site also has valuable information such as poll site location, what is on the ballot and current office holders. Check it out!

### Early Voting

You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us> under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or send a signed letter requesting a ballot to be mailed to you. You may also vote in-person at City Hall during early voting: July 28, 2014 through August 8, 2014.

### Unwilling or Unable to Vote at a Poll Site Due to Age, Illness, or Disability?

You may sign an authorization form (download the absentee request form from the City's website at <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us> under the Clerk/Customer Service information page) or send a signed letter requesting permanent status. Once you are signed up, an absentee ballot will be mailed to you for every election and you will remain on the permanent list as long as you continue to return a ballot. Don't forget to re-register if you have moved!

### Common Absentee Balloting Errors

Please take an extra moment to make sure the following requirements have been met so that your absentee vote counts: 1) The name and address on the envelope label is your current name and residence for voting purposes. If the information is not correct - do not write over it, you must reregister at the new address to have a new ballot issued. 2) Make sure you have signed the absentee ballot envelope. 3) Make sure a witness has signed the absentee ballot envelope indicating they witnessed you were the person who cast the ballot.

### Become Involved in the Election Process

Want to spend a rewarding day and serve your country? Sign up to be a poll worker! Citizen involvement ensures open, accurate and fair elections. Job duties include: greeter, registering new voters, poll list check in, ballot issuance and managing ballot counter. Job requirements: good with people, detail oriented, good penmanship, ability to sit or stand for long periods of time, willing to work in any one of the polling sites located within the City. All day and half day shifts are available. Training is provided. Applications are available in the clerk's office or online at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Services/Elections/Resources.aspx>.

Election Day is TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2014. Please exercise your right to vote!

**City of Wausau Polls are open 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. Staff will be available at the Clerk Customer Service Office to assist voters during polling hours. (715) 261-6620.**

## Permits Required For Fences

Permits are required for the construction, erection and placement of fences on properties in the City of Wausau, and for the replacement or expansion of existing fences. The purpose for requiring permits for fences is to ensure the location, height, materials and maintenance of them, so they properly comply with City regulations and in order to prevent the creation of nuisances.

More information can be found on the Inspection and Zoning Division website at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections.aspx>

If you have any questions regarding fences, please contact the Inspection and Zoning Division at 715.261.6780.



## Wausau Community & Economic Development

### City Launches East Riverfront Website

A new website has been created that will allow people to provide feedback and engage in conversations regarding redevelopment of the east side of the river north of downtown. This area, known as the East Riverfront District, includes riverfront property north of McIndoe Street and south of Bridge Street. The City has received grants from a variety of sources to cleanup this former industrial property and prepare it for future development. The plans for the area include adding a mix of commercial, residential, and public uses along a new segment of the River Edge Parkway. Preliminary concepts for the area can be found on the website, along with general information about the redevelopment project. A public open house on the plans for the area will take place in the month of July. Details of the event will be posted on the website.



A preliminary concept for the East Riverfront District

The website address is: <http://wausauwi.mindmixer.com/>

### Wausau is becoming Bike Friendly

In February 2014, the Wausau Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) submitted a Bicycle Friendly Communities Application to The League of American Bicyclists. In May, the City of Wausau was designated in the "Honorable Mention" category. This isn't an award designation, per se. However, Honorable Mention means that recent bicycling improvements have been implemented but time is needed to help develop more bicycle projects and provide an impact throughout the community. We are on our way!

The Bicycle Friendly Community (BFC) program provides a roadmap to improve conditions for bicycling and direct assistance to make visions for better, bikable communities a reality. With a rich matrix of options that recognizes an area's unique resources, the BFC application evaluates how a community encourages people to bike for transportation and recreation through the five E's: Engineering, Education, Encouragement, Enforcement, and Evaluation/planning.

Along those lines, the City of Wausau partnered with students from Wausau East, Wausau West, NTC and Wausau Engineering & Global Leadership Academy. The Wausau Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee invited them to design and build bike racks for downtown Wausau. The designed bike racks were displayed on the 400 Block on May 2nd and the students gave presentations on their creative project. A panel of judges determined the 1st placement of the bike rack designs in the City's downtown. Attached below is one that will be displayed near the Farmers Market area on River Drive. The other bike racks will be placed along 3rd Street and in front of Wausau City Hall. Watch for these fun, creative designs that we are proud to showcase. Thank you, Students!!



## Residential Rental Licensing

In November, the City of Wausau Common Council passed a residential rental licensing and inspection ordinance (Wausau Municipal Code Section 16.04.039). This ordinance was enacted to encourage property owners who rent residential dwelling units to exercise their responsibility to ensure that they maintain safe, decent and sanitary living conditions for residents living in the units and to prevent blighted conditions. The licensing requirements will be in effect July 1, 2014. All rental dwelling units within the City of Wausau are required to be licensed, including single-family homes that are rented out.

A letter and license application form will be mailed out to owners of rental dwelling units around May 1, and completed applications should be returned by June 30. The cost of the rental license is \$20 per unit. All rental dwelling units must be licensed by July 31, 2014, or they will be subject to a late fee.

As part of the rental licensing ordinance, an inspection will be required every three (3) years. The inspection will be based off of the City's adopted basic housing and property maintenance code along with other municipal codes such as building, electrical, fire, plumbing and zoning. A checklist of what will be inspected is available on the Division of Inspection and Zoning website. Buildings that have been built within the last five (5) years will be exempt from inspection for the first three-year cycle.

If you have any questions regarding the rental licensing and inspection program, please contact the Division of Inspection and Zoning at 715.261.6780, or visit their website at: <http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/Inspections/RentalLicensing.aspx>



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## Wausau Window & Wall

**Did you hear the news?** The City of Wausau and Apogee Wausau Group are pleased to announce the employment expansion at Wausau Window & Wall. In May, Wausau Window & Wall announced plans to merge their Colorado manufacturing facility with their Wausau headquarters. The merger will create an immediate impact of 40 jobs and 124 jobs in the Wausau area within the next three years. The City of Wausau worked collaboratively with the State of Wisconsin and the Judd S. Alexander Foundation to assemble a competitive incentive package that would motivate Wausau Window & Wall to expand locally. For information on a career at Wausau Window & Wall, please visit [wausauwindow.com](http://wausauwindow.com) or call 1-877-678-2983.



## Alcohol in the 400 Block - What is allowed?



The Police Department wishes for everyone to enjoy our community events downtown in a safe and responsible manner this summer. One area that has caused some confusion for the visitors to the 400 Block is the City's policy on open intoxicants in the street. The city does allow alcohol consumption and possession of open containers in the 400 Block. In this sense, the 400 Block encompasses all areas of the block, curb-to-curb, including sidewalks. Open containers of alcohol are prohibited, by ordinance, on all other streets, sidewalks, alleyways, and parking lots. We want you to enjoy your experience downtown this summer, but please remember that open containers are not allowed outside of the 400 Block. In order to ensure a safe environment for all who use and visit our downtown, the Police Department may be issuing citations to those found in violation of the open container ordinance. Please keep this in mind and enjoy the many activities that will be offered in our downtown this summer!

# WAUSAU WATERWORKS

FOR YOU!

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## Water Quality Report



Harold Ferge, a Certified Water Operator, performs a test for alkalinity at the Water Treatment Plant laboratory. This is just one of many tests conducted on a daily basis. Thousands of water quality tests are run throughout the year to ensure you are receiving the highest quality of water.

Test results are logged and submitted monthly to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to ensure compliance with all state and federal drinking water requirements.



### Let's Raise Our Glasses to Toast Water Quality Excellence!

Wausau Water Works is proud to present this year's Water Quality Report, and even more proud to announce that our test results for 2013 met all the requirements for safe, excellent water quality. A complete list of the results of these tests are shown on pages 4-5 of this report.

We are often asked "why do you prepare this report?" Because we want you, our valued customers, to be informed about your drinking water, and know that the product you are drinking is safe and of the highest quality. The federal government also wants you to be informed about your drinking water, and requires all water utilities in the United States to provide this information to their customers on an annual basis. So let's raise our glasses (of water, of course) and toast to another year of water quality excellence!



#### IMPORTANT WATER QUALITY INFORMATION ENCLOSED

Dlaim ntawv tshaabxu nuav muaj lug tseemceeb heev nyob rua huv hws has txug cov dlej mej haus. Kuas it tub paab txhais rua koj, los nrug ib tug kws paub lug thaam.

Este informe contiene información importante acerca de su agua potable. Haga que alguien lo traduzca para usted, o hable con alguien que lo entienda.

## Do Not to Flush!

With today's hectic schedules we all enjoy the modern conveniences such as anti-bacterial wipes, diaper wipes, disposable diapers, etc. Unfortunately, our Wastewater Treatment Plant has seen an increase in these types of products. These items are notorious for plugging up pumps and can get caught on roots or other debris in laterals and sewer mains causing backups to occur. Maintenance costs to remove these products and repair equipment is also increasing. These items do not break down like toilet paper does.

Our sewer collection crew also has seen an increase in rags and wipes in our sewer mains. When backups occur as a result of these types of items, it is often at the expense of the property owner. Grease is another issue that causes homeowners problems. Grease should be wiped from pans and disposed of in the garbage prior to washing dishes. Using soaps that claim to eliminate grease, only breaks it down for a short period of time where it again congeals further down the line, clinging to other debris such as rags or roots.

***Remember, use your toilet only for its' intended purpose.***

### Never flush

diapers, wipes of any type, feminine hygiene products, rags, paper towels, or anything that is not intended for the toilet. Dispose of these products in your garbage can.



## Thousands of Water Quality Tests Conducted Annually

The substances shown on the tables on pages 4 and 5 indicate contaminants that are detected in our drinking water. Other items that are tested, but are indicated as non-detects (meaning their amounts are so low, if at all present, that they are not detected during testing) include: Antimony, Beryllium, Cadmium, Chromium, Mercury, Selenium, Thallium, Aldicarb, Atrazine, Pentachlorophenol, Toxaphine, Benzene, Styrene, Vinyl Chloride, and Xylene, just to name a few.

Thousands of water quality tests are performed annually to ensure that you are receiving the best possible quality of drinking water. Additional tests, including inorganic substances, disinfection byproducts, radioactive substances, unregulated contaminants, microbiological, volatile organic and synthetic organic substances which include pesticides and herbicides, are conducted on a three to five year cycle.

## Where Does Our Water Come From?

Wausau's drinking water comes from six municipal wells, all of which are located near the Wisconsin River. These wells range in depth from 95 feet to 160 feet and pump anywhere from 900 to 3000 gallons per minute.

From the wells, the water travels to our Water Treatment Plant where it undergoes treatment to remove iron and manganese prior to distribution to your home or business. Approximately 250 miles of mains deliver the water from the Treatment Plant to approximately 16,000 homes and businesses served by Wausau Water Works.

To obtain a summary of the source water assessment, please contact Dick Boers at 715-261-7286

## Did You Know?

All drinking water, including bottled water, may be reasonably expected to contain naturally dissolved elements/minerals. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk, and generally are required for a balanced diet. All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by constituents that are naturally occurring, or are man-made. Those constituents can be microbes, organic or inorganic chemicals, or radioactive materials. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.



## Routine Water Quality Testing...

The Water Quality Test Results shown on pages 4-5 only lists substances which were detected. **We run numerous tests for substances which are not detected.** We also run routine tests to help us evaluate water characteristics such as pH, alkalinity, hardness, etc. A summary of those results is shown below.

**pH** - Typical result: 8.5. Ideal range: 7 to 8.5. Measure of acidity—low values may indicate corrosive water.

**Alkalinity** - Typical result: 70 to 80 mg/l. Measure of water's ability to neutralize acids—is related to pH and hardness.

**Hardness** - Typical results: 80 to 100 mg/l or 4-1/2 to 6 grains/gallon. Wausau's water is moderately soft. Hard water is beneficial to health, but high levels can decrease soap's cleaning ability and cause scaling inside of pipes.

**Iron** - Typical result: less than 0.05 mg/l. Natural levels in our well water can be high, but it is removed by our treatment plant - not a health concern, but it can cause taste and odor problems as well as staining of laundry when bleach is used.

**Manganese** - Typical result: less than 0.04 mg/l. Like iron, a naturally occurring mineral that is removed at the treatment plant.

What these tests indicate is that we have high quality, good tasting water available right at our taps!



*Embarrassing moments in the life of a water drinker*

*Taking a shortcut and using the hot water tap when cooking.*

*That's taboo, and it can shortcut your health. Lead can dissolve into hot water from lead pipes and solder. Cold water is better. Heat it on the stove when cooking or making baby formula.*

Source: [water.epa.gov](http://water.epa.gov)

## Important Info

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

You may also contact our office at 715-261-6530 if you have any questions regarding your water quality, or to obtain information on lead testing in your home. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

## Definitions of Terms

*The terms listed below relate to the tables as shown on pages 4-5*

**AL - Action Level** - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**PPM - Parts Per Million** or milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

**PPB - Parts Per Billion** or micrograms per liter (ug/l) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

**pCi/l - Picocuries per liter** - measure of radioactivity.

**MCL - Maximum Contaminant Level** - the "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

**MCLG - Maximum Contaminant Level Goal** - the "goal" (MCLG) is a level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

**TCR - Total Coliform Rule.**

**ND - None Detected.**

MCLs are set at a very stringent level. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

**WATER QUALITY TEST RESULTS**

| Substance | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Violation Y/N | Likely Source Of Substance |
|-----------|------------------|------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|-----------|------------------|------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|

**Disinfection Byproducts**

|             |     |    |    |                      |  |   |
|-------------|-----|----|----|----------------------|--|---|
| <b>HAA5</b> | ppb | 60 | 60 | 16<br>(Range 14-16)  | <b>NO</b><br> | By-product of drinking water chlorination |
| <b>TTHM</b> | ppb | 0  | 80 | 10<br>(Range 9.2-10) | <b>NO</b><br> | By-product of drinking water chlorination |

**Inorganic Contaminants**

|   |     |     |        |  |  |   |
|---|-----|-----|--------|--|--|---|
| <b>Arsenic</b><br>(Last sample date 09/09/2011) | ppb | N/A | 10     | 2  | <b>NO</b><br>    | Erosion of natural deposits.  |
| <b>Barium</b><br>(Last sample date 09/09/2011)  | ppm | 2   | 2      | .005   | <b>NO</b><br>   | Erosion of natural deposits   |
| <b>Copper</b><br>(Last sample date 06/22/2011)  | ppm | 1.3 | AL=1.3 | 0.886<br>(0 of 50 results were above the action level) | <b>NO</b><br>   | Corrosion of household plumbing systems   |
| <b>Cyanide</b><br>(Last sample date 09/09/2011) | ppb | 200 | 200    | 12   | <b>NO</b><br>   | Discharge from steel/metal factories; discharge from plastic and fertilizer factories   |
| <b>Fluoride</b>                                 | ppm | 4   | 4      | 1.1<br>(Range 1.0-1.1)                                 | <b>NO</b><br>   | Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth   |
| <b>Lead</b><br>(Last sample date 07/08/2011)    | ppb | 0   | AL=15  | 13.60<br>(5 of 50 results were above the action level) | <b>NO *</b><br> | Corrosion of service lines and household plumbing systems   |
| <b>Nickel</b><br>(Last sample date 09/08/2011)  | ppb |     | 100    | 1.3000<br>(Range 1.1000-1.3000)                        | <b>NO</b><br>   | Nickel occurs naturally in soils, ground water and surface waters and is often used in electroplating, stainless steel and alloy products |
| <b>Nitrate</b><br>(N03-N)                       | ppm | 10  | 10     | .98<br>(Range .80-.98)                                 | <b>NO</b><br>   | Runoff from fertilizer use: leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits   |

\* Systems exceeding a lead and/or copper action level must take actions to reduce lead and/or copper in the drinking water. The lead and copper values represent the 90th percentile of all compliance samples collected. If you want more information on the number of sites or the actions taken to reduce these levels, please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-6530.

| Substance | Unit Measurement | MCLG | MCL | Level Detected | Violation Y/N | Likely Source Of Substance |
|-----------|------------------|------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|
|-----------|------------------|------|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|

### Inorganic Contaminants (continued)

|  |     |     |     |  |  |   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|--|---|
| <b>Nitrite (N02-N)</b><br><small>(Last sample date 09/08/2011)</small> | ppm | 1   | 1   | .310<br><small>(Range .210-.310)</small> | <b>NO</b><br> | Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits |
| <b>Sodium</b><br><small>(Last sample date 09/09/2011)</small>          | ppm | N/A | N/A | 18<br><small>(Range 13-18)</small>       | <b>NO</b><br> | Naturally occurring, contained in corrosion control additive                                |

### Radioactive Contaminants

|  |       |   |   |                                       |  |                             |
|--|-------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| <b>Radium (226 + 228)</b><br><small>(Last sample date 7/15/2009)</small> | pCi/l | 0 | 5 | 1.5<br><small>(Range 1.4-1.5)</small> | <b>NO</b><br> | Erosion of natural deposits |
|--|-------|---|---|---------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|

### Unregulated Contaminants

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. The purpose of unregulated contaminant monitoring is to assist EPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water and whether future regulation is warranted. EPA required us to participate in this monitoring.

|  |     |  |  |                                    |  |                     |
|--|-----|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Sulfate</b><br><small>(Last sample date 09/09/2011)</small> | ppm |  |  | 75<br><small>(Range 49-75)</small> | <b>NO</b><br> | Naturally occurring |
|--|-----|--|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|

### Microbiological Contaminant

|                       |     |   |  |                          |  |                     |
|-----------------------|-----|---|--|--------------------------|--|---------------------|
| <b>Coliform (TCR)</b> | ppm | 0 | Presence of coliform bacteria in >=5% of monthly samples | Count of Positives<br>4% | <b>NO</b><br> | Naturally occurring |
|-----------------------|-----|---|--|--------------------------|--|---------------------|

*Data presented in these tables represent the most current test results. Some tests are performed on a 3 year cycle.*

**DETECTED CONTAMINANTS**—Your water was tested for many contaminants last year. We are allowed to monitor for some contaminants less frequently than once a year. The tables on these two pages list only those contaminants which were detected in your water. If a contaminant was detected last year, it will appear in these tables without a sample date. If the contaminant was not monitored last year, but was detected within the last 5 years, it will appear in the table along with the sample date.

**LEAD INFORMATION**—Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure. If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Wausau Water Works is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).

**INFORMATION ON MONITORING FOR CRYPTOSPORIDIUM AND RADON**—Our water system did not monitor our water for cryptosporidium or radon during 2013. We are not required by State or Federal drinking water regulations to do so.

# How to Avoid a Water System Cross Connection

**What is a Cross Connection?** A cross-connection is an actual or potential connection between the safe drinking water (potable) supply and a source of contamination or pollution. State plumbing codes require approved backflow prevention methods to be installed at every point of potable water connection and use. Cross-connections must be properly protected or eliminated.

**How does contamination occur?** When you turn on your faucet, you expect the water to be as safe as when it left the treatment plant. However, certain hydraulic conditions left unprotected within your plumbing system may allow hazardous substances to contaminate your own drinking water or even the public water supply.

Water normally flows in one direction. However, under certain conditions, water can actually flow backwards; this is known as Backflow. There are two situations that can cause water to flow backwards: backsiphonage and backpressure.

**Backsiphonage** may occur due to loss of pressure in the municipal water system during a fire fighting emergency, a watermain break or system repair. This creates a siphon in your plumbing system which can draw water out of a sink or bucket and back into your water or the public water system.

**Backpressure** may be created when a source of pressure (such as a boiler) creates a pressure greater than the pressure supplied from the public water system. This may cause contaminated water to be pushed into your plumbing system through an unprotected cross-connection,

## In the Bathroom Hand Held Shower Fixture

The hand held shower fixture is Compliant if:

- When shower head is hanging freely, it is at least 1" above top of the flood level rim of the receptor (tub)



- Complies with ASSE #1014

Has the ASME code 112.18.1 stamped on the handle

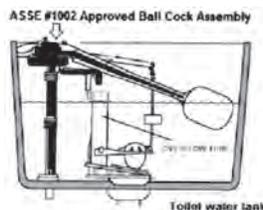
1" minimum AIR GAP above Tub from fixture outlet



## In the Bathroom—Toilet Tanks

There are many unapproved toilet tank fill valve products sold at common retailers which do not meet the requirements for backflow prevention.

- Look for ASSE #1002 Standard symbol on the device and packaging.
- Replace any unapproved devices with an ASSE #1002 approved anti-siphon ball-cock assembly. Average cost is typically between \$12 to \$22 at home improvement stores.
- Verify overflow tube is one inch below critical level (CL) marking on device.

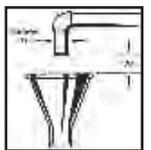


## Insights to Protect Your Drinking Water DO...

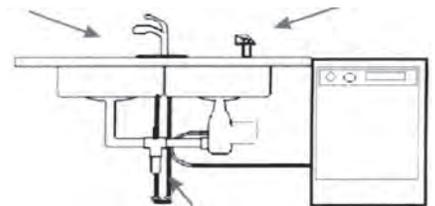
- Keep the ends of hoses clear of all possible contaminants
- Make sure dishwashers are installed with a proper air-gap device
- Verify and install a simple hose bibb vacuum breaker on all threaded faucets around your home

## DON'T...

- Submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or ponds
- Use spray attachments without a backflow prevention device
- Connect waste pipes from water softeners or other treatment systems directly to the sewer or submerged drain pipe. Always be sure there is an one inch "air gap" separation



## In the Kitchen



Hoses and water treatment devices may create a potential backflow hazard if not properly isolated with backflow prevention methods.

Source—Wisconsin Municipal Environment Group—Water Division

## Watch Your Bill...

Does your water bill have a message stating that it is time to upgrade your water meter? To ensure accuracy, we are required to exchange and test water meters every ten years. If your bill has this message, please contact our customer service staff at 715-261-6530 to schedule an appointment. There is no charge for this service, and appointments generally take less than one hour. Service technicians occasionally knock on doors or leave tags on doors requesting this service.



## Did You Know??

The sources of drinking water, both tap water and bottled water, include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring, or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas productions, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff and residential users.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum productions, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring, or be the result of oil and gas production and mining operations.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which shall provide the same protection for public health.



## Ride the Water Cycle With These Fun Facts

- There is the same amount of water on Earth as there was when the Earth was formed. The water from your faucet could contain molecules that dinosaurs drank.
- Water is composed of two elements, Hydrogen and Oxygen.  
 $2 \text{ Hydrogen} + 1 \text{ Oxygen} = \text{H}_2\text{O}$ .
- Nearly 97% of the world's water is salty or otherwise undrinkable. Another 2% is locked in ice caps and glaciers. That leaves just 1% for all of humanity's needs — all its agricultural, residential, manufacturing, community, and personal needs.
- Water regulates the Earth's temperature. It also regulates the temperature of the human body, carries nutrients and oxygen to cells, cushions joints, protects organs and tissues, and removes wastes.
- 75% of the human brain is water and 75% of a living tree is water.
- A person can live about a month without food, but only about a week without water.
- Water is part of a deeply interconnected system. What we pour on the ground ends up in our water, and what we spew into the sky ends up in our water.
- The average total home water use for each person in the U.S. is about 50 gallons a day.

Source: [water.epa.gov](http://water.epa.gov)

## Private Well Permits

Property owners in the City of Wausau are required to have a permit for wells on their property. Wells that do not meet code requirements or that are not operational must be properly abandoned.

The procedure for obtaining a permit has changed in response to changes in the Wisconsin Administrative Code. To obtain or renew a well permit the property owner must submit an application form, an inspection report from a licensed well driller or pump installer certifying that the well is in compliance, a passing bacteria test, and a \$15 fee.

Wells that are not in use must be properly abandoned by a licensed well driller or pump installer. DO NOT attempt to fill a well yourself as it is very expensive to remove unapproved materials from the well casing.

Please contact Wausau Water Works at 715-261-7262 if you need an application for a well permit or information on well abandonment.

## Questions About This Water Report?

If you have questions regarding this water quality report, or concerns about your water, please contact Brad Marquardt, Director of Public Works and Utilities at 715-261-6745 or Dick Boers, Drinking Water Superintendent at 715-261-7286.

If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works visit our website at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks.aspx](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us/Departments/WausauWaterWorks.aspx).

## Utility Commission Meets Monthly

The Wausau Water Works Commission typically meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in City Hall. (some exceptions do apply).

If you'd like to learn more about Wausau Water Works, please feel free to attend any of our regularly scheduled Commission meetings. If you wish to have an item placed on the agenda for Commission consideration, please contact Lori Wunsch at 715-261-6742 two weeks prior to the next scheduled meeting.

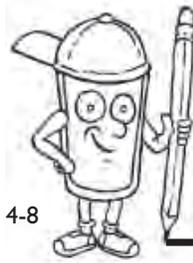
Meeting agendas and minutes of prior meetings are available on the City of Wausau website at [www.ci.wausau.wi.us](http://www.ci.wausau.wi.us).

## Utility Security Starts on the Home Front

Providing safe drinking water is very important to Wausau Water Works. Security of our drinking water and wastewater systems remains a top priority nationwide, and tampering with water supply systems is considered a Federal offense.

Wausau Water Works has put numerous security measures in place to avoid contamination or disruption of service for our customers. Residents who live around remote facilities are reminded that they can also help by keeping their eyes and ears alert to suspicious activities.

Although major terrorist attacks seem unlikely for communities like Wausau, vandalism or tampering can occur just the same. If you notice any suspicious behavior, please do not hesitate to contact us at 715-261-6530 or the police department.



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## Word Scramble

Put the letters in the right order to complete the sentence!

All living things need \_\_\_\_\_ to live.  
t a w e r

When water evaporates, it travels into the air and becomes part of a \_\_\_\_\_.  
d l o c u

Less than 1% of all the water on the earth is \_\_\_\_\_ water.  
s e f r h

We \_\_\_\_\_ water in the liquid form.  
i k r d n

Check for leaks and save hundreds of \_\_\_\_\_ of water a day.  
a l l o g n s

You'll save water by taking a quick \_\_\_\_\_.  
h o w s e r

Wash bikes and cars with a \_\_\_\_\_ and sponge instead of a running hose.  
k e c b u t

Ask your \_\_\_\_\_ to look for ways to save water.  
m f a i y l

Source: [water.epa.gov](http://water.epa.gov)



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*Embarrassing moments in the life of a water drinker*

### Waiting a week to fix a leak

Assume little leaks only waste a little water? You can lose up to 200 gallons of water a day from a leaking toilet. And a faucet can drip 604,800 drops while you are waiting.

### Watering your lawn at high noon

Caught with your sprinkler on? The hot sun will evaporate the water your lawn needs. Better water early in the day.

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