



The Finance Department (106 Jones St, City Hall first floor) is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to accept property tax payments.

The office will be closed December 24 & 25 and at noon on December 31. Payments can be made by check, cash, or credit card. **New in 2025:** Credit card payments can be made in person or via a link to First Data (Fiserv) on the City website: www.watertownwi.gov. Fiserv charges a managed service fee of 2.85% to credit card payments. Plan ahead if making an online payment in order to avoid late fees; processing takes two or more days.

A payment will be recorded as a 2025 deposit if either postmarked by December 31 or placed in the drop box (on wall outside of City Hall main entrance) no later than midnight on December 31, 2025. If mailing your payment, include the appropriate installment coupon (do not send your entire bill).

A receipt for payments mailed by you or a third party can be secured in person, emailed (send your name and parcel number to taxes@watertownwi.gov), or mailed (provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope).

This is the only tax bill you will receive. **No installment reminders are sent.** Installment payments are due **January 31, April 30, and July 31, 2026.**

To qualify for the Lottery & Gaming credit, you must be a WI resident, own the dwelling, and have used it as your primary residence as of January 1, 2025. If the Lottery & Gaming Credit **did not** appear on your bill and you meet the eligibility requirements described, apply at <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Form/lottery-home.aspx>.

Changes for 2026 Property Tax Processing

(starting in December 2026)

The City of Watertown has been utilizing the same tax collections software package that Dodge County uses. Dodge County will be transitioning to a new web-based solution from the same company that will no longer allow Watertown to continue its tax collections processing differently than the rest of the county. We have interacted with Jefferson County; a transition to its tax software wouldn't provide the city with a means to continue with its current practices either.

Effective with tax collections starting in **December 2026...**

- The City will transfer the task of calculating tax bills to Dodge and Jefferson Counties with each county computing parcels for their portion of the city.
- The counties will provide the City with tax bills that will be mailed to parcel owners.
- Collection changes:
 - ❖ **The number of payment installments will be modified from three to two. The two due dates are January 31, 2027, and July 31, 2027.**
 - ❖ **The City will collect only the first installment for all parcels through January 31, 2027.**
 - ❖ **All payments made starting February 1, 2027, will be collected by the Treasurer's offices in the two counties.**