



## Welcome to the Lake Move-In Checklist

This Move-In Checklist will help you relocate. Since 1995, I've lived on the lake and can help you. Text me at the number below if you need something. For a full list, please visit my website for additional recommendations on things to do, restaurants, pet care, places to shop, place to stay and services:

<https://www.lakehomeinfo.com/whitewater-area-directory>

### **Basics**

#### **Township**

Whitewater and Rice Lake are located in the town of Whitewater, not the city of Whitewater. The town phone number is 262-473-4639 their website is <https://townofwhitewater.org/>. Town Board Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month (except April) at 7:00 pm.

#### **Post Office**

Stop on by the post office and let them know you have moved in. The post office is located in the City of Whitewater at 213 W Center St, Whitewater, WI 53190.

#### **Fire & Ambulance**

The City of Whitewater provides these services. There is a fire call charge of at least \$1,000 per call, even for a false alarm or an unreported controlled burn. Property owners are encouraged to check with their homeowner's insurance to verify their fire call coverage. The City will bill all ambulance call charges to the hospital. Payment is due upon receipt. To report a controlled fire burn, call the Whitewater Fire Department at 262-473-0555 and/or Walworth County Sheriff Department at 262-741-4400. Someone must remain at burn site until the fire is out.

#### **Road Maintenance**

The Town of Whitewater provides snowplowing, sanding, mowing, and maintenance for town roads. The snow plowing schedule is determined by road usage, please be patient.

### **Community**

#### **Whitewater Lake Facebook Page**

An excellent lake resource for residents. You can use the search bar to find answers to your questions. Visit the page, request to join the group, and answer the applicable questions (note that you just bought a house), <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Whitewaterlake/>.

#### **Whitewater Lake Homeowner's Association**

I'd recommend joining the homeowner's association for \$25 per year. They have a very informative website, <http://whitewaterlake.org/>

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## **Lake Services**

### **Food Delivery:**

There are a few places in town that deliver food to the lake. The list changes from time to time. Toppers Pizza has delivered for a long time, call 262-473-4343 or visit <https://www.toppers.com/>.

### **Boat & Dock Services**

Stop by JNT's Parkside Marina and ask for Nicole Widner. Provide your new address, and see if they service your new house's piers, lifts, canopies and or boats. Nicole will help you through the process and knows exactly what is currently being done for your address. I am not putting her phone number here because this is one of those things best done face to face. Stop by JNT's Parkside Marina at N8066 County Road P, Whitewater, Wisconsin 53190.

## **Taxes & Licenses**

### **Real Estate Taxes**

The full real estate tax payment is due January 31<sup>st</sup>. You can pay in-person at the Whitewater Town Hall during office hours, place your check in the drop box in the brown door at the Whitewater Town Hall, or make a check payable to and mail to: Town of Whitewater at W8590 Willis Ray Rd, Whitewater, WI 53190-3802. A payment receipt is sent to the address the tax bill was mailed to. Please include a phone number with payment in case of any questions.

If you plan on paying in installments, the first installment is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> to the Town of Whitewater. The second installment is due by July 31<sup>st</sup> to the Walworth County Treasurer at PO Box 1001, Elkhorn, WI 53121. Walworth County does not send second installment reminder notices.

### **Personal Property Taxes**

Personal property tax payments are due January 31<sup>st</sup> to the Town of Whitewater.

### **Dog Licenses**

Dog licenses must be purchased annually for dogs 5 months and older. Please write a separate check to the Town of Whitewater for dog licenses – different rates apply for Spayed and Neutered versus unaltered. A \$5 late fee applies to licenses purchased after March 31<sup>st</sup>. For the application & additional details, please visit <https://townofwhitewater.org/dogs/>

### **Recreational Licenses**

The State of Wisconsin requires licenses for ATV/UTV, off-road motorcycles, boating, fishing, hunting, burning, snowmobile, trapping, etc. To purchase licensing, please visit <https://dnr.wi.gov/>

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## **Utilities**

### **Gas & Electric**

Both provided by We Energies, call 800-242-9137 or visit <https://www.we-energies.com/>

### **Garbage & Recycling**

Weekly garbage and recycling pickup is early Monday. There are no rules as to when you put your garbage out. Recycling and garbage are picked up separately. You are entitled to a monthly bulk or electronic pickup, but they must be scheduled in advance with John's Disposal at 262-473-4700.

### **Internet**

Internet services on the lake are provided by a number of companies. If it is available, most people prefer Edge Broadband, a local service.

- Edge Broadband – Call 262-458-4220 or visit <http://www.edgebroadband.com>
- Netwurx – Call 800-638-9879 or visit <https://www.netwurx.net/>
- Wild Blue – Call 855-263-7591 or visit <http://www.wirelessatelliteinternet.org/>
- Hughesnet – Call 866-293-8945 or visit <https://hughesnetplans.com/>
- AT&T – Call 877-357-0815 or visit <https://www.att.com/internet/>

### **Phone**

Cell service is very address specific. The best way to see what works at your new house is to look at the number of bars on your friends' phones when they are over and choose the provider with the highest number of bars. You can also talk to your provider about "boosters." Once you have Internet, consider turning on Internet assisted calls in your phone settings. It might help. Most landline services have disappeared from the area, so I cannot provide recommendations.

### **Septic**

Most homes on the lake have a septic system. Here is some information on what they are and how they work <https://www.epa.gov/septic/how-your-septic-system-works>