

Town of Barre Newsletter

Website: townofbarre.org

Tax Bills: Collections at the Town Hall at the following times:

Friday, **Dec. 26th** from 12pm-3pm

Friday, **Jan. 30th** from 1pm-4pm

Saturday, **Dec. 27th** from 1pm-4pm

Saturday, **Jan. 31st** from 9am-noon

Wednesday, **Dec. 31st** from 11am-4pm

Mailed taxes must be postmarked by Jan. 31st, 2026. If paying in two installments, the second half is due at the **County** Treasurer by July 31st, 2026. Refuse and forest crop taxes must be paid by January 31st, 2026. If you would like to pay your taxes before January 1st, 2026, please mail them or stop at the Town Hall during the hours listed. There is a drop box outside of the Hall where you can put your payment as well. DO NOT place cash in the drop box. ** If you would like your original tax bill date-stamped and returned as your receipt, please send **the full-page tax bill and a self-addressed, stamped envelope (SASE) with your check**, otherwise, no receipt will be mailed. Your cancelled check will be your receipt. If you send a SASE without your original tax bill, there will be nothing to stamp as your receipt and nothing will be returned to you. A \$25 will be charged for any returned checks. Copies of the 2025 tax roll are available online or at the town hall during the above tax collection dates.

Dog licenses: All dogs are required to be licensed annually. All licenses expire on 12/31 for the year issued. If your dog is currently licensed in Barre and he/she has gotten an updated rabies vaccine since last licensing, please send a COPY of the new rabies certificate with your payment. If your dog is current on rabies, simply mail your payment with your dog's name in the Memo. If you have a new dog, please print out and complete the licensing form on our website and send a copy of his/her current rabies certificate with payment. **Please pay your Dog license with your mailed taxes or at the collection times listed above. Neutered males and spayed females are \$12. All non-altered dogs are \$23.**

Due to a grace period, all dog licenses are due by March 31st. Any late licenses, after March 31st, must be paid directly to the La Crosse County Clerk with a \$25 penalty. A final, in-person licensing session will be on Saturday, March 28th from 9am-1pm at the Town Hall.

New Refuse and Recycling bins coming March 2026 The Town of Barre will be changing garbage service contractors in 2026. **Hilltopper** will continue service to the Town of Barre through the end of March 2026. During the final pickup on March 27th, Garbage and recycling containers will also be collected. **Big Hook** will deliver new 65 gallon (our current size) Recycling and Refuse bins to all residents in March. If you would like to upgrade to the larger 95 gallon size for no additional charge, please do so by email no later than January 31st to barretreasurer@yahoo.com.

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Large Dump will be offered two weekends in 2026. Large dump does not include garbage, building materials, mattresses, tires, white goods or E-waste.

Friday April 24 & October 23: 1pm – 5pm

Saturday April 25 & October 24: 9am – 3pm

White goods include: Refrigerators, freezers, washing machines, stoves, dryers, dishwashers, air conditioners, central htg/cooling units, microwaves, copy machines, electric motors, furnaces or dehumidifiers. **E-Waste includes:** computers, monitors, televisions, copy machines, printers, fax machines, tablets, video display devices, cell phones, stereos, DVD players and VCR's.

Alternative Large Item Pickup: Big Hook is also offering households in the township a large item pick option on the 2nd Friday of each month for those not wanting to or having the ability to participate in the Large Dump events. Residents must contact Big Hook a minimum of 24 hours prior to request the pickup of items left at the end of their driveway. Big Hook will only pick up large items if they are notified in advance. Please contact Big Hook for the fees charged for different items.

Brush Drop Off: The Town of Barre will accept clean brush at our site on Swamp Road by appointment only. Call Gary Loging 608-792-0160 to make an appointment during business hours. (Monday – Friday 7:00 to 3:30).

Monthly meeting: The Town Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. To be on the agenda please contact Chairman Don Fruit at 608-786-2707 at least one week prior to the meeting.

Rentals: The town hall and the park shelter are both available to rent. The application form and details regarding rentals can be found on the website. For more information Contact Treasurer Meri McKinney at 608-780-4651.

Burning Permit: Please contact Don Fruit 608-786-2707, Bob Miller 608-786-2040 or John McGowan 608-799-0568, 24 hours in advance to get a burning permit.

Reminder: No long-term parking is allowed on town roads at any time of the year.

Staff: Don Fruit, Chairman 608-786-2707, Bob Miller, Supervisor 608-786-2040, John McGowan, Supervisor 608-799-0568, Kristin Radde, Clerk 608-790-1667, Meri McKinney, Treasurer, 608-780-4651.

West Salem Senior Exit Project Opportunities: If you have a senior at West Salem High School looking for a Senior Exit Project idea, please contact Don Fruit 608-786-2707 for volunteer opportunities with the township.