

# The Town of Drammen, Eau Claire County

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## NEWSLETTER

December 2025

**From the Town Board.** As winter approaches and another year draws to a close, we extend our appreciation to all residents for their continued cooperation and community spirit. The changing season brings a time of preparation and reflection—making sure roads, homes, and farms are ready for the months ahead. We are grateful for the efforts of everyone who helps keep our town safe, welcoming, and connected through the winter season.

**Hello.** Gary Gritzmaker and Greg Lampman joined our Waste & Recycling Management Team in September. Additionally, Town Supervisor Mike Issacson is the Drammen Waste and Recycling Program Manager.

**Drammen Election Inspector (Poll Worker).** 4 Positions available. Pay is \$15.00 per hour (tax exempt). Looking for responsible, civic-minded individuals interested in serving for the 2026 election year. Applicants must complete state-required training online. If interested, please go to the Town Website or contact the town clerk, 715 926-5856.

**My Vote Wisconsin** is an essential online tool for Wisconsin voters, offering a range of services to simplify the voting process. Here's how **My Vote Wisconsin** can help you:

- Check Registration Status
- Register to Vote
- Find Polling Place
- Request an Absentee Ballot
- Track Your Absentee Ballot
- View Sample Ballot
- View Voter Participation History
- Get Information on Election Dates and Deadlines
- Learn About Voter ID Requirements

**myvote.wis.gov**

**Upcoming 2026 Elections.**

February 17 – Spring Primary (if needed)

April 7 – Spring Election

August 11 – Fall Primary

November 3 – General Election

**Plowing.** Tim Hoverson, our Township Maintenance Technician, is gearing up for winter plowing. As a reminder the township no longer provides plowing of personal driveways. Driveway Sanding will be done for a fee of \$35. Contact Tim at 715-926-3870 and leave a message.

**Property Assessment.** In 2026 Drammen will conduct another Maintenance Assessment vice the Full Market Evaluation as stated in earlier newsletters due to scheduling conflicts. In 2027, Drammen will undertake a Full Market Reevaluation of all properties as required by the state to ensure assessed values comply with state statutes. For more information contact the Town Assessor, Mark Garlick, at [garlick5@triwest.net](mailto:garlick5@triwest.net).

**Tree Cutting.** The township will trim/remove hazardous tree limbs overhanging town roads. For public safety, any trees within 10 feet of the road right of way, even if on private property, will be addressed. Affected property owners will be notified before work begins. If you encounter hazardous tree limbs that require removal, contact us by email [townofdrammen@outlook.com](mailto:townofdrammen@outlook.com) or call 715-926-5856.

**Fire and Emergency Services.** This year, the Town of Drammen had five calls requiring the Mondovi Fire Department/EMS, averaging \$895 per incident. There is a misunderstanding that the town should pay these bills because of property taxes paid. False - property owners are responsible for fire bill costs for their real estate and personal property. The town uses the collected property taxes to make Emergency services available to the town at cost of about \$35,000 annually, or 10% of its limited budget. For more information, please refer to the Town of Drammen Fire Protection Ordinance (see Drammen website).

**Dogs Running at Large.** Dogs running at large are a major concern within our Township. It is the dog's owner who is responsible for a dog off the owner's property. According to the Drammen and State ordinance all dogs will have current vaccinations, and a dog license bought from the Drammen Town Treasurer (renewed annually). If your dog is running at large and is caught it will be taken to the Eau Claire Humane Society (715) 839-4747.

**Town of Drammen Website <https://townofdrammen-wi.gov>**

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**Your 911/Fire Address Sign Could Save a Life — Keep It Visible.** 911/Fire Address signs are installed to guide emergency responders quickly and accurately to your location — often at the entrance to your driveway. In an emergency, seconds matter, and if your sign is blocked by snow, overgrown vegetation, or is missing altogether, it could delay lifesaving help. It is your responsibility to keep your sign clearly visible in all seasons and weather conditions. Trim trees, brush and remove snow as needed. If your sign is damaged, faded, or missing, contact the Town Clerk to order a replacement. Replacement signs cost \$50 and are the homeowner's responsibility. As outlined in the Drammen Fire Protection Ordinance, Section 8.2 – Access, residents are advised that there is no guarantee of emergency fire service if conditions prevent safe access to your property. This includes but is not limited to road conditions that do not permit safe travel; driveways or private roads that are too narrow, lack sufficient clearance, are structurally unsound (e.g., weak bridges or culverts), do not have turnarounds, or are not properly maintained for emergency vehicle maneuvering. Additionally, service may not be provided if weather conditions prevent access. The Town and City assume no liability if a fire apparatus becomes stuck, damaged, or otherwise unable to reach a site due to road failure, Acts of God, closures, or any other unavoidable obstacle. Ensuring proper and safe access is the responsibility of the property owner.

**Drammen Township Waste & Recycling Program.** The Waste & Recycling Center exists to serve residents - but only works if everyone follows the rules. We must all do our part.

### **What We Accept**

- Small household trash only – must fit into a 35-gallon bag (\$5 fee per bag)
- Loose household trash is NOT accepted! **BREAK IT DOWN** and **BAG IT**, and it will be accepted
- Clean recyclables and only items pictured on recycling containers
- Scrap metal – pile managed by Troy Shulner
- Acceptable: mostly metal appliances (washers, dryers, water heaters) (Scrap Metal)

### **What We DO NOT Accept**

- Mattresses, furniture of any kind
- Small appliances containing electronics
- Oil containers, oil filters (even if cleaned)
- Paint, solvents, or chemicals
- Aerosol cans (unless punctured & empty)
- Microwaves
- Refrigerators, freezers, or anything with Freon (Freon being the Key issue - No FREON)
- Large loads (barn clean-outs, renovations, truck/trailer loads) must go to the Eau Claire County Dump

**Proper Disposal of Restricted Items.** Take prohibited items to Eau Claire County Clean Sweep Events (3 times a year). Info: Call 715-834-9624 or see the **Beaver Creek Reserve Recycler Newsletter** (mailed annually in spring).

**Important Notice.** The Waste/Recycling center is under **24/7 VIDEO SURVEILLANCE** due to illegal dumping of refrigerators and other restricted items. Illegal dumping costs our township money. Citations will be issued if violations continue.

**Your Responsibility.** The Town of Drammen is proud of its clean, responsible program. To keep fees low and service available, everyone must follow the rules.

- Respect the program
- Dispose of items properly
- Help keep Drammen safe, clean, and sustainable

- ***Interested in getting the Drammen News via live updates right to email? Sign up to receive notifications at the Town of Drammen Website at <https://townofdrammen-wi.gov>.***

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