

Census Arrives in March 2020

WHAT IS THE CENSUS? The census is a once-per-decade count of all people living in the United States that is mandated by the Constitution.

HOW DO I FILL IT OUT? Most households will receive a mailed invitation to respond online or by phone. For those of you who have been part of earlier censuses, you will appreciate how easy and efficient the online or phone response is.

WHEN WILL IT ARRIVE? Mid-March of 2020

WHY SHOULD I FILL IT OUT? The census usually takes less than ten minutes to complete, but brings ten years of benefits. The census determines how \$675 billion of federal funds (an average of more than \$2,000 per person) will be allocated for things like transportation, education, health care, housing, child care, and more. The census count is also important to ensure equal representation when drawing aldermanic districts, county board districts, state senate and assembly districts, and U.S. House of Representative districts. District boundaries are based on the total population count, not the number of voters or citizens. Lack of a complete and accurate census count can lead to underrepresentation in certain areas and a lack of funding for important community programs and infrastructure.

WHAT IF I DO NOT FILL IT OUT? Someone from the Census Bureau will contact you. This collection process is expensive, so filling out the form when you receive it is best for everyone. There is also a potential penalty for not completing or misrepresenting facts on the census.

IS IT CONFIDENTIAL? Federal law requires the Census Bureau to keep personally identifiable information confidential. The information cannot be shared with any other governmental agencies, landlords, credit agencies, or anywhere else outside the Census Bureau.

WHAT QUESTIONS WILL BE ASKED?

- How many People are living or staying at your house on April 1?
- Is the home owned or rented?
- What is the sex, age, race and relationship of each person in the home?
- Are any occupants of Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin?

The Census Bureau **will never ask** you for a Social Security number, your citizenship status, money, anything on behalf of a political organization, your bank account or credit card numbers. If anyone contacts you claiming to be from the Census Bureau and asks for any of these things, do not cooperate with them. If you did not complete your census and someone visits your home regarding the census, you can verify their identity by checking their photo ID from the Department of Commerce.

HOW CAN I HELP MY COMMUNITY? First, you should fill out your census. Next, you should encourage others to do the same. Think about those Edgerton residents who may be unaware of the importance of the census or those who do not have access to the internet. If everyone helped just one other person complete their form, we could have a remarkable response rate, and our community would maximize its representation and resources.

Lead in Drinking Water Notice

Since first having an exceedance of EPA standards for lead in water samples in 2017, the City of Edgerton's Water Utility has performed four rounds of water tests from 40 homes. Two of the testing rounds were in compliance with the EPA lead standard of 15 ppb. The other two rounds of testing had five or more samples that exceeded the lead limit, including the round just completed for the second half of 2019. If more than four noncompliant samples are detected among the 40 tested, the DNR considers this an Action Level Exceedance and requires the Utility take steps to further evaluate lead in the drinking water. The Utility will continue to work with the DNR to ensure proper testing and to make modifications to the system to reduce potential lead exposure.

The advice of experts regarding the most efficient way to reduce lead in drinking water is to **run your water in the morning** for two to three minutes (or until it gets as cold as it will get) before you drink it. Please visit the City website at www.cityofedgerton.com for more information on lead in drinking water.

The Utility will keep the public informed regarding the sample results. Testing from individual homes is a requirement of the WDNR Testing Program, and the Water Utility thanks those forty customers involved in the testing for their cooperation.

PUBLIC WORKS NOTICES



Winter Parking Rules: Winter snow parking regulations went into effect on November 1st. Parking is not allowed on

any street or highway after any snowfall until snow has been plowed back to the curb. Overnight parking in parking lots is restricted to the rear of the lots during any snowfall, as posted in all lots.

Sidewalks: Please have your sidewalks cleared of snow and ice from edge to edge no later than 24 hours after a snowfall. Failure to clear walks in the appropriate time may result in a fine. Please do not shovel snow into the street.



Christmas Trees: Starting January 6, and every Monday thereafter through January, the Public Works Department will pick up Christmas trees placed at the curb.

UTILITY NOTICES

Winter Vacations: Please consider shutting off your water in the basement if you will be out of town this winter. Shutting off water could prevent damage (and a large water bill) if you have plumbing problems while you are gone. Water cannot be shut off to some appliances, so make sure you review the requirements of your water-using devices before you shut off the water.

Snow Around Fire Hydrants: The Edgerton Water Utility and the Edgerton Fire Protection District encourage residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants that are located near their property. Having easy access to fire hydrants will save precious time if the hydrant is needed to fight a fire. Your assistance is appreciated.

DOG AND CAT LICENSES

Dog and cat licenses expire on December 31, 2019. Please renew your pet's license before March 31, 2020 to avoid a \$5.00 late fee. Proof of rabies vaccination is **required** by the County in order to obtain a license. If you do not have a copy of your pet's vaccination record, contact your veterinarian for a duplicate copy.

2020 Fees	Spayed or Neutered	Not Spayed or Neutered
Rock County		
Dog	\$10	\$15
Cat	\$10	\$15
Dane County		
Dog	\$16	\$21
Cat	\$10	\$15

PROPERTY TAXES

Taxes for City of Edgerton residents in Rock County are paid at the Treasurer's Office at the Rock County Courthouse in Janesville. Dane County residents within the City of Edgerton pay taxes at Edgerton City Hall.

Notice of Spring Election

The spring election will be held in the City of Edgerton on Tuesday, April 7, 2020. The following local offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents. Terms begin on Tuesday, April 21, 2020.

OFFICE

Mayor
Aldersperson District 1
Aldersperson District 2
Aldersperson District 3

TERM

2 year
2 year
2 year
2 year

The final day to file nomination papers is 5:00 pm on Tuesday, January 7, 2020. Papers are filed in the office of the City Clerk. Candidates can obtain papers at City Hall or at <http://elections.wi.gov>. If a primary is necessary, it will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at City Hall.

Please check out the Wisconsin Voter Information Center at www.elections.wi.gov/voters for everything you need to know about voting in Wisconsin. To learn more about the Voter Photo ID Law, go to BringIt.Wisconsin.gov

New Municipal Services Director Hired

Howard Moser was recently selected as Edgerton's new Municipal Services Director. Howard was hired on November 18 following the retirement of Public Works Director, Tom Hartzell. Howard comes to Edgerton with 23 years of municipal service experience in the Public Works field. During those years, Howard served as a public works operator, a foreman, a superintendent, and a Public Works Director. Howard is a certified arborist, a graduate of the Illinois Public Services Institute, has had specialized management training, and has water operator certifications in Illinois and Wisconsin. Prior to starting his career in municipal service, Howard served three years in the Army as a construction equipment operator.

The selection process for the Municipal Services Director was directed by the Personnel Committee and involved the assistance of three industry experts: City Engineer Dave Sauer with Cedar Corporation, Evansville Municipal Services Director Chad Renly; and Utilities Chair Jim Kapellen. Candidates were put to the test with two in person interviews, written tests, and a community tour.

The Municipal Services Director oversees operations of the Public Works Department. The areas of responsibility include parks, cemetery, streets, stormwater utility, urban forestry, municipal buildings, and property code compliance.

Please help us all welcome Howard to this important position in City operations

Home Compost Bins Survey

Many communities offer home compost bins to their residents. We are wondering if Edgerton should join in this practice. If you might be interested in purchasing a compost bin through a City sponsored program, please let us know by either completing the poll on the city's Facebook page or calling City Hall at 884-3341 in January. If there is enough interest, the City will explore a bulk purchase of bins.

