



## **Welcome to Owatonna, Minnesota**

### **Utilities**

Owatonna Public Utilities is a community-owned, not-for-profit water, electric and natural gas supplier, created by residents more than 90 years ago to provide high quality, affordable services tailored to the unique needs of the Owatonna area.

You can pay bills by logging onto **SmartHub**, OPU's new customer portal or you can pay by phone with credit/debit cards - **1-888-228-2398 (available 24/7)**. Also, in the OPU office or drop box in the OPU parking lot.

### **Garbage & Recycling**

Owatonna has several sanitation providers that pickup refuse weekly. All homes are supplied with one 95-gallon recycling cart which is emptied bi-weekly. For more information you can contact **Steele County Recycling program**. Hazardous waste can be taken to the Steele County Landfill (507-583-7766)

### **Driver's License & License Plates**

If you have moved to Minnesota from another state, you may operate a motor vehicle for a period of 60 days in Minnesota with a valid driver's license from your previous state of residence. For Driver's licenses contact **507-344-2799** to set an appointment. Address updates and license plates can be taken care of at the **License Bureau, 1825 S Elm -507-451-2040**

### **General Parking Information**

It is illegal to park a vehicle on a public street for a period exceeding 24 hours. Watch for designated parking and no parking zone signs. If you park in a no parking zone, your vehicle will be ticketed and towed. Fines are up to \$200.

Downtown short-term parking is enforced Monday through Friday 9 AM until 5 PM. Short-term parking is not enforced on weekends or holidays. Parking ticket information is listed on the City of Owatonna Parking Control.

View the [Downtown Parking Map](#)

### **Winter Parking**

For those who must park in the street, you must park your vehicle on alternate side every night from Nov. 15 to March 31. Vehicles parked illegally between 12:01 AM and noon will be ticketed and towed. The winter parking ordinance exists to expedite and make more efficient snow removal in our community. Even-numbered calendar days on even-numbered side of the street and odd-numbered on the odd-number side.

### **Voter Registration**

Please register to vote! If you have any questions call your county Auditor's office  
**Steele County - 507-444-7410**

### **Barbecuing Basics**

Storing BBQs or BBQ fuels is not allowed on apartment balconies or ground floor patios. These items must be stored 15 feet away from any building, property line or vehicle. For more information call the **Owatonna Fire Department 507-444-2454**

### **Building or Remodeling?**

Before you start your project check to see whether a **building permit** is needed, and the zoning requirements are met. Call **(507-444-7475)**.

### **Burning Regulations/Disposal of Yard Waste**

The **Owatonna Fire Department** issues permits for burning within the city limits. You do not need a permit for recreational fires.

If you live outside the city limits, please contact the **Law Enforcement Center (507-444-3800)** to obtain a county burning permit.

### **Curfew Hours**

Because of Safety concerns, there is a **city ordinance** regarding curfew enforcement for individuals under 18. **10 PM for 15 and under—11 PM for 16-17 Sunday thru Thursday and midnight for Friday and Saturday.**

### **Dog Licenses**

You are allowed to have **three** dogs per household and will need to show a current rabies vaccination certificate. When walking your dog don't forget its leash and your pooper scooper. Owatonna has a city ordinance that requires all dogs to be leashed when not on their owner's property. There is an off-leash dog park, **Lake Chase**, located in the city. Please report dogs running loose to **Animal Control (507 451-8232)**

### **Noise Ordinance**

Creating an unreasonable noise disturbance is unlawful any time of the day. Between the hours of 10 PM and 7 AM you cannot disturb your neighborhood with noise from parties or gatherings, etc. If noise is plainly audible with 50 feet of your apartment, home or car and you live in a residential neighborhood a violation of the noise ordinance exists.

### **Rental Properties**

All rental properties must be registered with the city. Contact **(507-774-7318)** for rules and regulations.

**Snow & City Sidewalks**

To promote public safety, property owners are required to clear the snow and ice from sidewalks on their property within 24 hours of any snowfall. If you don't the Public Works Department will and bill you! View the City of Owatonna -Snow & Ice Control Policy or call **(507-444-4350)**.

**Area Education**

Owatonna area boasts high ranking public and private schools in the state and nation. 1600+ students attend our high school with a 93% graduation rate.

**Area Resource Directory**

For area information please go to [co.steele.mn.us/community resources](https://co.steele.mn.us/community-resources)

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