

Citizen Guide

What Does County Government Do?

County government provides a wide variety of services and programs. The Washington County Citizen Guide is a quick and handy reference designed to help you locate the services you may need.

- Looking for more information on property taxes?
- Planning to go overseas and need to obtain a passport?
- Wondering how to dispose of an old appliance?

This guide will help you find answers to these questions and many more!

How this Guide is Organized

Each county department appears with a corresponding telephone number, followed by a list of key words describing the services provided by that department.

General Information Telephone Number

651-430-6000

If you cannot determine which department to contact, call this county general information telephone number. The operator will assist you in locating the correct department or office.

Washington County Web Site

www.co.washington.mn.us

Address

**Washington County Government Center
14949 62nd Street North
PO Box 6
Stillwater, Minnesota 55082-0006**

License Centers

Forest Lake - 651-275-7333

Stillwater - 651-275-7000

Woodbury - 651-275-8600

- All-Terrain Vehicle & Snowmobile Registrations
- Birth/Death Certificates
- Driver's Licenses and Renewals
- Game and Fish Licenses
- License Plates and Stickers
- Marriage License Applications
- Passports and Photos
- Watercraft Titling

Public Service Counters

County Service Center - Forest Lake

- County Park Vehicle Permits
- Homestead Application
- Notary
- Property Tax Payment
- Public Bus Ticket Sales

County Service Center - Cottage Grove

- Birth/Death Certificates
- County Park Vehicle Permits
- Homestead Application
- Marriage License Applications
- Notary
- Passports and Photos
- Property Tax Payment

Public Health and Environment - 651-430-6655

- Child Growth and Development
- Composting and Recycling
- Emergency Preparedness
- Food Service Licenses
- Garbage/Solid Waste
- Groundwater
- Hazardous Waste
- Health Education (Adult and Teen)
- Health Services for Seniors
- Immunizations
- Infectious Diseases
- Public Health Nursing
- Radon Tests
- Septic Systems
- WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

University of MN Extension Service - 651-430-6800

- Food Safety and Nutrition
- 4-H and Youth Development

Public Works - 651-430-4300

Transportation - 651-430-4300

- Adopt-a-County Highway
- Animal Removal (County Roads)
- Bridges
- County Highway Maps
- County Road Hazards/Pot Holes
- Driveway/Utility/Transportation Permits
- Road Construction
- Road Signs and Traffic Signals
- Snow Removal (County Roads)

Survey and Land Management - 651-430-6875

- Aerial Photos
- Flood Maps
- Land Use Planning and Zoning
- Parcel Maps
- Parcel Searches
- Plats
- Public Surveys/Monuments

Parks - 651-430-8370

- Campground Reservations
- Conference Facilities
- Equestrian Facilities
- Park Vehicle Permits
- Picnic Shelter Reservations
- Programs and Events
- Swimming Facilities
- Trails

Historic Courthouse - 651-275-7075

- Exhibits/Re-enactments
- Guided Tours
- Special Events/Festivals
- Wedding and Meeting Facility/Rental Information

Looking Forward – Campus 2025



Separate entrances provide direct access from public parking lot "A" to either the Government Center or County Courthouse in Stillwater.

Sheriff - 651-439-9381

(Non-emergency, answered 24 hours/day, 7 days/week)

In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Jail

- Adult/Juvenile Detention
- Warrants

Special Services

- Accidents/Police Reports
- Civil Actions
- Dispatch Fire/Rescue/Police
- Gun Permits

Patrol

- Countywide Patrolling
- Contract Patrolling (with cities)
- General Patrol
- K-9 Unit

Investigation

- DARE
- Fraud/Forgery
- Narcotics
- General Investigations

Did You Know?

- Washington County was founded on October 27, 1849, and is one of the nine original counties in Minnesota.
- The most recent county population estimate is 236,917 citizens.
- The projected county population for 2030 is 365,590 citizens.
- There are 27 cities and 6 townships all or partially located in Washington County.
- The Washington County Board of Commissioners conducts weekly Board meetings at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays. The County Board does not meet on the fifth Tuesday of a month.
- Stillwater is the county seat of Washington County.
- The county Environmental Center is located in Woodbury for recycling hazardous waste and to provide a Free Product Room.
- The county is "Looking Forward" with a four-year construction project to conclude in late 2011 at the Government Center in Stillwater to provide the facilities that will be necessary to service citizens through 2030.

County Facilities

Washington County Service Centers

- **Washington County Government Center**
14949 62nd Street No., Stillwater, MN 55082
651-430-6000
- **Washington County Service Center – Cottage Grove**
13000 Ravine Parkway So., Cottage Grove 55106
651-430-4075
- **Washington County Headwaters Service Center – Forest Lake**
19955 Forest Road No., Forest Lake, MN 55025
651-275-7200
- **Washington County Service Center – Woodbury**
2150 Radio Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125
651-275-8600

Additional County Public Office Contacts

- **Washington County Sheriff's Office**
15015 62nd Street No., Stillwater, MN 55082
651-430-7600 (non-emergency)
- **Public Works Department**
11660 Myeron Road No., Stillwater, MN 55082
651-430-4300
- **Historic Courthouse**
101 W. Pine Street, Stillwater, MN 55082
651-275-7075
- **Environmental Center**
4039 Cottage Grove Drive, Woodbury, MN 55129
651-430-6655
- **Washington County Library System**
R. H. Stafford Library
8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN 55125
651-275-8500
- **Washington County Parks**
Lake Elmo Park Reserve
1515 Keats Avenue No.
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
651-430-8370
- **Minnesota Workforce Center**
2150 Radio Drive
Woodbury, MN 55125
651-275-8650

County Departments Services and Programs

Administration/ Board of Commissioners 651-430-6001

Washington County Board of Commissioners

- District 1 – Dennis C. Hegberg
- District 2 – Bill Pulkrabek
- District 3 – Gary Kriesel
- District 4 – Autumn Lehrke
- District 5 – Lisa Weik

Administration

- Census Data/Demographics
- Committees/Commissions
- Contracts and Bid Openings
- Long Range/Comprehensive/Strategic Planning
- County Communications
- Ordinances

Attorney - 651-430-6115

- Adult Felony Prosecutions
- Civil Representation of County
- Juvenile Prosecutions
- Victim/Witness Assistance

Community Corrections

Adult - 651-430-6970

- Pre-Sentence Investigation
- Pre-Trial Supervision
- Probation Supervision
- Sentence to Service

Juvenile & Family - 651-430-6900

- Child Custody and Visitation Resolution
- PLACE Program
- Probation Supervision
- Restorative Justice Programming

Community Services - 651-430-6455

- Child and Adult Abuse Reports
- Child Care Assistance
- Child Care Licensing
- Child Protection
- Child Support Collection
- Emergency Assistance
- Financial Assistance
- Foster Care
- Medical Assistance
- Social Services for:

- Chemical Health
- Developmentally Disabled
- Mental Health
- Seniors

MN Workforce Center - 651-275-8650

Veterans Services - 651-430-6897

Court Administration - 651-430-6263

- Adoptions
- Bail Bonds and Refunds
- Civil Filings
- Conciliation/Small Claims Court
- Court Date/Schedule
- Custody
- Divorce Filings
- Divorce Decree Copies
- Evictions (unlawful detainer)
- Fine Payments
- Guardian Ad Litem
- Hearing Officer
- Judgments (personal)
- Jury Duty
- Mediation
- Name Changes
- Order for Protection/Restraining Orders
- Probate Court/Wills
- Restitution
- Service Center for Non-Represented Litigants
- Speakers Bureau
- Summons (civil, family)
- Traffic Tickets
- Weddings (scheduling and officiating)
- Writ of Execution

Human Resources - 651-430-6081

Employment Opportunities with Washington County

Job Line - 651-430-6084

Library - 651-275-8500 (Administrative Office)

For Library Hours - 651-275-8525

To Renew Materials - 651-501-6049

- Hardwood Creek (Forest Lake) - 651-275-7300
- Hugo Library Express (Hugo) – 651-275-7300
- Marine on St. Croix - 651-433-2820
- Newport - 651-459-9631
- Oakdale - 651-730-0504
- Park Grove (Cottage Grove) - 651-459-2040
- R. H. Stafford (Woodbury) - 651-731-1320
- Rosalie E. Wahl (Lake Elmo) - 651-777-7415

- Valley (Lakeland) - 651-436-5882
- Wildwood (Mahtomedi) - 651-426-2042
- Law Library (Government Center) - 651-430-6954

Associate Libraries

- Bayport - 651-275-4416
- Stillwater - 651-275-4338

Property Records and Taxpayer Services - 651-430-6175

Assessment, Taxation and Taxpayer Services

- Escrow Agent for Property Tax Payment
- Homestead Application
- Market Value
- Birth and Death Certificates
- Marriage Licenses Applications and Certificates
- Notaries
- Property Tax Information
- Property Tax Payment
- Property Valuation and Classification
- Taxation Description of Property
- Tax Forfeited Property
- Taxpayer of Record

Elections

- Voter Registration
- Voting Information

Property Records

- Abstracting Records
- Affidavits of Survivorship
- Bankruptcy
- Certificates of Title
- Deed Recordings
- Foreclosures (after paperwork is filed)
- Judgments (real estate/property)
- Liens on Personal Property
- Mortgage and Deed Tax
- Mortgage Recordings
- Plat Recordings
- Real Estate Documents
- Torrens
- Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) Personal Property Mortgage

(See next page for License Centers and Public Service Counters.)



County Mission: To provide quality public services in a cost-effective manner through innovation, leadership, and the cooperation of dedicated people.