

Frequently Asked Questions



Services

Accident Reports ~ Should I report an accident?

Accidents should be reported immediately. If an officer is not called to the scene of the accident, the Rothschild Police will not complete an accident report. You may obtain a Voluntary Accident Report from the Police Department which should be completed by you. If there is over \$1,000.00 in damage, the form should be mailed to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Bicycle Licenses ~ Should I register my bicycle?

For a \$2.00 fee you can register your bike at the Police Department, and the license is good for as long as you own the bike. You will need to provide a full description of the bike: Wheel Size, Speed, Color, Manufacturer, Model, and Serial Number. The sticker should be placed on the bike frame so it is easily visible.

Fingerprints ~ Does the Police Department do fingerprinting?

Fingerprinting services are available through the Rothschild Police Department for the general public or those applying for professional licenses. This service is provided for Rothschild residents or persons who work in the Village of Rothschild. There is a \$15.00 fee for fingerprinting. Appointments may be scheduled or walk-ins will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday if an officer is available.

Police Reports ~ How do I get a copy of a Police Report?

All records of the Police Department, with the exception of juvenile records, are presumed by law to be public with limited exceptions. Accident reports may be picked up in person, mailed, faxed, or e-mailed. Incident Reports may be obtained by filling out an Open Records Request and must be approved for release by the Custodian of Records. Fees for all record requests are listed under the Records tab on this web site.

Suspicious Activity ~ Should I report suspicious activity in my neighborhood?

The Police Department depends on citizens calling to report crimes or suspicious activity. Our officers are on duty 24/7 and will be dispatched to calls by the Marathon County Dispatch Center during evening or weekend hours. You may call our non-emergency number anytime of the day or evening, and an officer will be dispatched to handle your call.





Vehicle Lockouts ~ Can the police open my car if I locked my keys inside?

Yes, and there is no fee for this service. Just call our non-emergency number (359-3879) and provide the vehicle description and location. You will need to wait by the vehicle and sign a consent form.

Ordinances

All Night Parking ~ Can I park my car on the street overnight?

The Village does not allow vehicles to park on the street during the winter months at night from November 1 to April 1 from 2:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. Overnight parking is allowed April 1 to November 1.

A warning will be issued the first time and subsequent parking violations will result in parking citations as follows: 1st Offense - \$10.00; 2nd Offense - \$20.00; and 3rd or more offenses - \$30.00. Failure to pay your parking ticket will result in the suspension of your vehicle registration and all vehicles registered in your name.

Barking Dogs ~ Is there a barking dog or vicious animal ordinance?



Ordinance 11.15 explains animals and their care and control. No vicious dog shall be allowed off the premises of its owner unless muzzled or on a leash in charge of the owner or member of the owner's immediate family over 16 years of age.

No person shall harbor or permit to remain on his premises any animal that is habitually inclined toward attacking persons or animals, destroying property, barking excessively, making excessive noises, or running after vehicles.

No person shall own, keep, possess, or harbor any animal within the Village which disturbs other persons by frequent or habitual howling, yelping, barking, or wailing.

Boat Launch Permit ~ Do I need a boat launch sticker for the Kort Street landing?

Each trailer using the ramp to launch or take out water craft is required to have either a Daily or an Annual Boat Launch Permit. You may purchase a Daily Permit for \$3.00 at the Kort Street Boat Landing, or you can obtain an Annual Permit at the Village Clerk's Office. The fee is \$20.00 for Rothschild residents and \$25.00 for non-residents.

The sticker is only valid at the Kort Street Boat Landing in Rothschild.



Burning Permits ~ Can I burn in Rothschild?

Recreational fires consisting of fire pits and/or fire rings not more than 36" in diameter are allowed. They should be encircled with non-flammable material and shall be extinguished by 12:00 midnight or when left unattended.



Curfew Hours ~ What is the curfew for minors in Rothschild?

Minors are considered to be age 17 and under. The curfew hours are as follows:

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Midnight – 6:00 a.m..</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Midnight – 6:00 a.m.</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.</i>		
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.</i>		
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>11:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m.</i>		



Fireworks ~ Can I use fireworks in Rothschild?

Legal Without a Permit

The State allows the sale, possession and use, without a permit, of sparklers, stationary cones and fountains, toy snakes, smoke bombs, and caps, noisemakers and confetti poppers with less than ¼ of a grain of explosive mixture. Wis. Stat. §167.10(1). There is no age restriction on sale, possession, or use of these devices and the statute does not classify them as fireworks.

These are the only kinds of “fireworks,” as that word is commonly used, that a person may use or possess without a permit or that may be sold to a person who does not have a permit.

Illegal Without a Permit

Possessing or using any other fireworks, including, for example, firecrackers, roman candles, bottle rockets and mortars, without a valid permit is illegal. Wis. Stat. §167.10(3) A commonly used rule of thumb is that a permit is required if the device explodes or leaves the ground.

The sale of restricted fireworks to a person without a valid permit is illegal. Wis. §167.10(2)

Hunting ~ Can you shoot a gun or bow and arrow in Rothschild?

No person shall fire or discharge any firearm or air gun within the Village of Rothschild. The exception is the use of a shotgun, muzzle loader, and/or bow and arrow which may be used to lawfully hunt game on parcels of land 10 acres or more by the owners or lawful occupants of those parcels.

Scooters ~ Can you ride a scooter in Rothschild?



Because motorized scooters are not designed and manufactured for on-road use, and because they lack the equipment and certification needed to comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards, they cannot be registered for use on public roads in Wisconsin.



Selling Permits ~ Do I need a permit to sell door-to-door?

It is unlawful for any direct seller to engage in direct sales within the Village of Rothschild without being registered with the Clerk/Treasurer's Office.

Sign Posting ~ Can I post Rummage Sale signs or a House For Sale sign?

There is a Sign Ordinance in Rothschild that states signs are not allowed on utility poles or any other arterial signs.

House For Sale signs cannot be posted anywhere but in your yard unless it is an Open House sign. Open House signs may be used only during the open house and if it does not obstruct traffic.

Miscellaneous



Citation Payments ~ I received a citation from the Rothschild Police Department. Where can I pay the fine?

*Citations may be paid in person at the Rothschild Municipal Court, placed in the citation drop box in the Police Department foyer, or mailed to the Rothschild Municipal Court, 211 Grand Avenue, Rothschild, WI 54474. **Checks should be made payable to the Clerk of Court.** If you have any questions with regard to your citation, please contact the Clerk of Court, Phone: 715/359-8267.*

Weather Alert Siren ~ What is the siren for?

*The **Severe Weather Siren Test** will be conducted every Monday at 1:15 p.m. April through September. During October through March, the test will be conducted at 1:15 p.m. on the first Monday of each month. A **steady tone** represents a Severe Weather Warning.*

*The **Alert or Attention Signal Test** will be conducted on the first Monday of the month at 4:30 p.m. An **oscillating tone** designates an Alert or Attention Signal. It is issued to alert the population that important information will be given over the local Emergency Broadcast System.*

Regardless of where you are or what you are doing, if you hear a prolonged Siren Warning Signal, tune to a local radio or television station for warning information and instructions.

