

Final Oconto County Storms Frequently Asked Questions Update

Treat every wire as a live wire!

ATV Trails – OCONTO COUNTY ATV TRAILS WILL OPEN THURSDAY, AUGUST 29, 2019.

Oconto County - Please be advised that as of August 29, 2019 all ATV trails funded by Oconto County will be open for travel. Visit the county's website at www.co.oconto.wi.us for a map that shows the location of Oconto County trails that will be open for travel (Depicted in color BLUE).

Please be advised that segments of the trail are connected by Town and US Forest Service roads. Visitors are reminded to check the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest website (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cnnf/landmanagement/...>)

before visiting for the latest updates on what is open and closed. A closure order is in place for roads, trails and recreation sites that were damaged during the storm. Visitors should also contact each townships for riding ATVs on town roads.

Please review the updated maps and plan out a route before riding. Riding on closed roads and trails may result in law enforcement action.

For more information please visit Oconto County website at www.co.oconto.wi.us to review News & Announcements on the left of the home page. You may also contact the Forestry and Parks Department at 920-834-6995.

US Forest Service – The Forest has cleared ATV trails on the Lakewood-Laona Ranger District and trails will be open on August 29, 2019. A map showing ATV trails on the Forest as well as roads and their use designations can be found in the Chequamegon-Nicolet's Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)

at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/cnnf/maps-pubs>

For more information about the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest please visit our website at www.fs.usda.gov/CNNF or follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/CNNF002> or like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CNNF002>.

Please visit <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/cnnf/news-events/?cid=FSEPRD658450> for the full press release.

Riders are responsible for knowing where they can and can't ride. Safety is the main concern as hanging trees and debris are still potential hazards on trails.

Burning – Follow local DNR regulations. Burn permit required. Information on DNR website: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/forestfire/restrictions.html> or through 1-888-WisBurn.

Burning Permit Restrictions – Get a permit by calling 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) or click here:

<https://dnr.wi.gov/burn> permits. **On the day you wish to burn after 11 a.m.**, check the daily burning restrictions or call the hotline 1-888-WIS-BURN (947-2876) and select the county ([county codes for burning permit hotline](#)) where you plan to burn. Fire conditions change quickly, so it's important to check each day you burn to find out if burning is allowed, burning hours and any size limitations. For northern Oconto County including the Townships of Brazeau, Bagley, Breed or any Townships to the north, burn permits are required for a covered barrel, debris pile less than 6x6x6 feet in size, and grass or wooded area less than 1 acre. **Any burning in excess of this** requires a special permit through the local DNR Ranger Station.

Damage Assessment – Oconto County will have workers in the area over the next few weeks conducting damage assessments. Officials will have proper credentials – don't be afraid to ask to see an ID.

Debris Disposal – Residential Tree/Brush disposal is the individual property owner responsibility. Do not burn unauthorized materials and do not dump on public property. **Debris disposal sites listed below are specifically for town residents only. No contractor or construction debris is allowed.**

Bagley: Yard Waste Recycling Center on Deer Lake Road – Hours posted on gate
Brazeau: Town Leaf & Brush Center on corner of Parkway Rd. & County G
HOURS: 9AM-2PM the following dates

August: 17th, 24th and 31st
September: 7th, 14th and 28th
October: 2nd, 5th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 19th, 23rd, 26th and 30th
November: 2nd, 6th and 9th

- Breed:** Town Recycling Center:
Monday 9AM – 12PM
Wednesday 4PM-6PM
Saturday 9AM – 2PM
- Crooked Lake:** Brush site closed until further notice. Residents should use the Riverview site.
- Doty:** Brush site behind Riverview Town Hall open as follows:
Wednesday 1PM-4PM
Saturday 10AM-3PM
Sunday 1PM-4PM
- Lakewood:** Town Recycling on North Road
Monday 9 AM-12PM
Wednesday 12PM-7PM
Saturday 9AM-3PM
Sunday 1PM-4PM
- Mountain:** Recycling/Brush Center on Old Hwy 32
Monday & Friday 9AM-12PM
Wednesday 3PM-6PM
Saturday & Sunday 1PM-4PM
- Riverview:** Brush site behind Riverview Town Hall open as follows:
Wednesday 1PM-4PM
Saturday 10AM-3PM
Sunday 1PM-4PM
- Townsend:** Town Recycling Center:
Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, and Sunday 9AM-3PM
Debris/Brush must be under 6”

Debris disposal on Federal, State or County owned land (unless approved) is not allowed. Dumping debris of any kind on public lands is illegal. Anyone found in violation may be cited and/or prosecuted.

Debris cleanup in lakes, rivers and wetlands – Questions about debris (garbage/trees) from a storm event that has fallen into a lake, river or wetland – The following link to the WI DNR website provides guidance to affected citizens on what can be removed from waterways & wetlands. <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/StormDebrisCleanup.html>

Demolition Debris Management – Buildings & Structure debris – Managing deconstruction debris during a storm event can be overwhelming. The following link to the WI DNR website provides information on the proper disposal techniques for building & construction materials. <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waste/stormdebris.html> For additional information please contact Oconto County Zoning & Solid Waste Department 920-834-6827.

DNR Wind Storm Timber Salvage Assistance – For more information on managing storm damage to your forests please visit dnr.wi.gov, keywords “storm damage” or type in <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/stormRecovery.html>
IF you wish to contact a forester directly, please contact Stephen Kaufman at 920-360-1290 or email Stephen.Kaufman@wisconsin.gov. DNR Forestry assistance is available for landowners with significant damage to their woodlands. Significant damage is several acres completely flattened by the storm.

Donations – Donations are being accepted to provide professional services for trail cleanup. If you would like to make a donation, please send a check to: OCEDC, 1113 Main Street, Oconto, WI 54153. Your donation may be tax deductible. All funds will be strictly used for trail cleanup only. For more information, please contact OCEDC at (920) 834-6969.

Electrician - The foregoing list of local electricians represents available services in the area. Oconto County does not specifically recommend or endorse any of the services listed herein. Oconto County does NOT guarantee the work of any of the listed service providers, and Oconto County is not responsible for the present or future performance of the listed providers. It is the customers' responsibility to research and verify any necessary licenses, bonding or liability insurance held by the listed service providers. To see a list of area electricians, please visit:

http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/news_and_announcements/?i=d96c6a57690e#sthash.C8HjlkK0.dpbs

FEMA – Local governments are now eligible for federal assistance and should contact county or tribal emergency management directors for further information. Under the program, FEMA provides 75 percent of eligible costs, while state and local agencies share the remaining 25 percent. Private landowners and businesses are not eligible for FEMA funds.

Gas Leaks – Leave area immediately and call 911.

Generator Safety – Do not connect a portable generator directly to a building's wiring or plug the generator into an electrical outlet. This will cause a "back-feed" condition, which is extremely dangerous to utility line mechanics when repairing the downed power lines as they are unaware of any "live" wires. Never operate a generator in an enclosed or partially enclosed area. For more tips click here:

<https://bit.ly/32MpLcP>

Housing – CDBG-EAP housing assistance is available to income eligible homeowners and tenants whose primary residence has been affected by a natural or man-made disaster event. **CDBG-EAP housing assistance is awarded as a grant not a loan.** Housing Rehabilitation Assistance is available through the Northwoods Housing Region CDBG Program. More information can be found by calling (715) 752-4620 or please visit http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/news_and_announcements

Local Government Point of Contact – Searchable on County website at <http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/municipalities> with contact of supervisors for storm areas listed below:

Town of Bagley – (920) 590-0198

Town of Brazeau – (920) 604-0514

Town of Breed – (920) 842-4039

Town of Doty – (608) 772-6098

Town of Lakewood – (715) 276-3579

Town of Mountain – (715) 276-2947

Town of Riverview – (715) 850-1473

Town of Townsend – (715) 850-1980

Parks and Campgrounds – Many recreation areas are closed. Please check websites for News & Announcements.

Oconto County Forestry/Parks

<http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/departments/?department=7d5b8fc3b3f8&subdepartment=0c1bb6165cf2>

US Forest Service

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/cnnf/>

Power Outage Update – Treat every wire as a live wire! For updated information the best information is available from your personal provider. The following contact information is provided.

Wisconsin Public Service: (800) 450-7260 <https://accel.wisconsinpublicservice.com/>

WeEnergies: (800) 662-4797 <https://www.we-energies.com/>

Oconto Electric Cooperative: 800-472-8410 <https://ocontoelectric.com/>

Power Restoration – Treat every wire as a live wire! Power is restored to meters by the utility companies. Meter to home power is the responsibility of the home owner and should be handled by an electrician.

Roads – At this point all State and County roads are passable. Local agencies continue with cutting to clear roads. Be advised local agencies will not cut on private property.

Safety Clothing – Wear appropriate attire during storm clean up: Closed toed shoes, long pants (no loose clothing), gloves, eye protect, ear protection and cutting chaps if operating chain saw.

Stump Removal/Excavating – Residents are reminded to contact Digger’s hotline prior to any digging or bulldozing. Removal of stumps may disrupt gas/power lines. Digger’s hotline may be contacted by dialing 811 or visiting <https://www.diggershotline.com>

Timber Cutting Notices – Before entering into an agreement with a logger/cutter, land owners should ask for identification and proof of insurance. Timber cutting notices must be submitted to the Oconto County Clerk’s office. Below is a link to the Notice of Timber Cutting located on the Oconto County website: http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/i_oconto/d/notice_of_timber_cutting_fillable.pdf Call 920-834-6800 for information or assistance in completing the notice.

*Property enrolled in the **Managed Forest Law requires a separate cutting notice** along with the county timber cutting notice. One of the requirements of the harvesting process is the submittal of a Cutting Notice and Report ([form 2450-032 \[PDF\]](#)) to the DNR tax law forestry specialist. Forms can be found here <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestLandowners/cuttingNotice/> and or you can reach out to Rob Bessert at 715-850-0356 or robert.bessert@wisconsin.gov

Tree Cutting/Removal – *The foregoing list of local tree removal and logger services represents available services in the area. Oconto County does not specifically recommend or endorse any of the services listed herein. Oconto County does NOT guarantee the work of any of the listed service providers, and Oconto County is not responsible for the present or future performance of the listed providers. It is the customers’ responsibility to research and verify any necessary licenses, bonding or liability insurance held by the listed service providers.* To see a list of area tree cutting/removal contractors, please visit:

http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/news_and_announcements/?i=8a58f05356a6#sthash.6cfyyDXh.dpbs

*Individuals with general questions, please call the US Forest Service at (715) 276-6333.

Zoning Building Repair & Construction – An Oconto County Land Use Permit is required prior to new building construction, additions, alterations & structural work (may include repairs) that are done to roofs, windows, trusses, walls, etc. In addition, check with town building inspector for town building permits and to schedule project site visits. Keep track of associated permit fees for inclusion in insurance claims.

Contact Oconto County Zoning at 920-834-6827 for more information and permit fee schedule or visit: http://www.co.oconto.wi.us/departments/forms_and_documents/?department=a67c24bc2735&subdepartment=b68dd8d30ab0#sthash.lhhv8CCI.dpbs

Zoning Solid Waste Disposal – Oconto County Zoning regulates solid waste disposal. It is illegal to burn or dump solid waste including building materials such as shingles, vinyl siding, & plywood. Only paper and clean lumber can be legally burned, all other materials must be land filled.

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