

Parking

Overnight Parking – Stevens Point does not allow overnight parking on City streets any time of the year. Overnight parking can be requested to the Police Department for certain circumstances. See *Stevens Point Ordinance 9.05 (1)*

*Call the **Stevens Point Police Department** at **(715) 346-1500** to request a special circumstance.

Property Parking – Vehicles must be parked on solid surface driveways. You must have the entire vehicle parked on the solid surface and not touching your lawn area or parked in front of a house/residence. See *Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (13)(a)*

*Contact the **Community Development Department** at **(715) 346-1567** with questions or concerns.

Vehicle Licensing & Repairs – All vehicles must have current registrations & licenses at all times. Additionally, it is not permitted or allowed to store or keep any disassembled, dismantled, junked, wrecked or inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicle, machinery or trailer in the open on a premise for a period in excess of three days. See *Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (18)*

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Tenant / Renter

Tenant & Renter Resources – Free resources are available to all tenants within the state of Wisconsin for landlord and rental concerns at www.tenantresourcecenter.org or by calling 877-238-RENT (7368).

City staff is also available upon request from any tenant with a current and valid lease to inspect and review concerns within rentals units. Please make your landlord aware of any issues in writing and provide them the opportunity to correct them prior to contacting the City.

*Contact the **Community Development Department** at **(715) 346-1567** with questions or concerns.

Pet Ownership

Prohibited Animals – No one shall keep, maintain, or possess any farm or dangerous or wild animal within the City limits, unless a special permit is granted. See *Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (16)*

*Contact the **City Clerk's** office at **(715) 346-1569** to apply for special permits.

Licensing – Every owner of a dog or cat must license each pet annually, which requires a valid rabies certificate and payment of a fee. See *Stevens Point Ordinance 14.14*

*Contact the **City Treasurer** at **(715) 346-1573** for a pet license.

Permits

Signs - Require a permit, except for construction signs, political signs, real estate signs, windows signs, and holiday display signs. Note that sections 25.04(7)(H) & 23.04(8)(L) of the sign ordinance require permit for temporary signs, except those used for business openings or special commercial events. New businesses are permitted to have temporary signage, not to exceed 45 days.

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Permits - Permits are required for most building and remodeling projects including: any structural work, siding, reroofing, replacement of a water heater/furnace/air conditioner, sheds larger than 100 sq.ft., building demolition, electrical upgrades, and plumbing work beyond fixtures. Please call and inquire prior to the start of your project if you are unsure to avoid a double permit fee.

Apply for permits online at: stevenspoint.com/cityview

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CITY OF STEVENS POINT

Frequently Violated Home Rental/Occupancy Ordinance Requirements

Submit complaints at:
stevenspoint.com/cityview

City codes & ordinances available at:
stevenspoint.com/ordinances

Occupancy / General

Occupancy and Licensing – Unless specified otherwise, properties in the City of Stevens Point allow occupancy for two unrelated adults or families only. Properties designated multiple-family with an applicable occupancy license shall be permitted to have more than two unrelated adults per the license. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 23.02 and 23.04*

*Contact the **Community Development Department** at **(715) 346-1567** with questions or concerns.

Detector Devices – At a minimum, one smoke detector per floor is required in residential housing units. Carbon monoxide detectors are required on floors in all residential units containing fuel burning appliances. Requirements and regulations vary based on construction date.

*Contact the **Fire Department** at **(715) 344-1833** with questions or concerns.

Fire Extinguishers – Portable fire extinguishers are not required in one and two family dwellings but are recommended.

*Contact the **Fire Department** at **(715) 344-1833** with questions or concerns.

Noise Violations – Excessive noise that is a disturbance to others is prohibited and if cited can result in fines. This includes, but is not limited to voices, loud music, engines, etc. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (14)*

*Contact the **Stevens Point Police Department** at **(715) 346-1500** with complaints or questions.

Fire-Pit and Burning – Open Burning is allowed without a permit if: fire is contained within a commercially manufactured outdoor fireplace, or within a below ground pit (four inch min.) and less than three feet in diameter. Only clean dry firewood may be burned, and must be at least ten feet from any structure.

*Contact the **Fire Department** at **(715) 344-1833** with questions or concerns.

Exterior Maintenance

Lawn Care / Weed Control – Lawns should be mowed as needed. Likewise, you must take steps to minimize and/or eliminate noxious weed issues. Noncompliance will result in abatement issued by the City with the costs of abatement being assessed against the real estate as a special charge, in addition to a service charge. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (17)*

*Contact the **Community Development Department** at **(715) 346-1567** with questions or concerns.

Trees & Shrubs – Trees and shrubs shall not obstruct the use of streets, alleys, or sidewalks, nor shall they obstruct visibility of street signage. A clearance of eight feet shall be maintained over sidewalks and 16 feet of clearance above streets and alleys. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 11.06 & 11.07*

*Contact the **Parks & Recreation Department** at **(715)346-1532** with questions or concerns.

Snow / Ice Removal – Snow and ice must be fully removed from the sidewalk surrounding your property within 24 hours of the ending snowfall. Streets where no boulevard exists shall have 48 hours. The entire sidewalk must be shoveled and free of hazards. Noncompliance will result in abatement issued by the City with the costs of abatement being assessed against the real estate as a special charge, where the special charge would be based on the linear feet of the property, in addition to a service charge. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 16.06*

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Exterior Furniture & Appliances – Furniture and appliances that are designed for interior use are prohibited to be used in areas exposed to weather. Exterior use may result in a citation and fine from the City. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (9)*. Bulk item pick-up tags are also available at the Treasury Department for \$10.00 a tag. Bulk item classification excludes: appliances, demolition material, electronic waste, hazardous waste, household garbage (bagged), recyclables, tired, wet paint, and yard waste.

*Contact the **Community Development Department** at **(715) 346-1567 with questions or concerns**, or the **City Treasurer** to purchase a bulk item tag at **(715) 346-1573**.

Garbage Rules

Garbage Day – Carts for refuse and recyclable materials collected by the City shall be placed at the curb **no sooner than 6:00 p.m. the day before collection to midnight the day of collection**. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03 (b)(2)*

*Collection schedules can be obtained at: StevensPoint.com/garbage

Garbage/Recycling Carts – Garbage & recycling containers can be visible from the street so long as they are stored at or beyond the front plane (or side plane for a corner lot), or the closest protrusion of the dwelling towards the street. Garbage and recycling is only allowed in the City's approved carts. The brown lid carts are for garbage and the green lid carts are for recycling. All cart contents must fit inside the carts with the lid closed.

It is against City ordinance to dispose of recyclables in the garbage. Recycling must be separated from trash and only recyclable materials shall be placed in the green lid cart that is provided by the City. Recyclable materials shall include all those materials as mandated by Portage County Solid Waste Department. *For more information see Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03*

*Contact the **City Garage** at **(715) 346-1537** to order City approved carts or with any other waste disposal questions.

Trash and General Refuse – City Ordinance states, 'Every owner or occupant of a premise or premise unit shall maintain in a clean and sanitary condition that part or those parts of the premise or premise unit that he occupies and controls.'

Rubbish, by definition of ordinance, shall mean, 'solid wastes (excluding ashes) consisting of either: (a) combustible wastes such as paper, cardboard, plastic containers, yard clippings, and wood; or (b) Noncombustible wastes such as tin cans, glass and crockery'. Debris is defined as, 'remains, remnants of anything broken down,' this term includes but is not limited to: tires, lumber, wood panel, brush or yard waste (see City ordinance 21.03 (4) (b) (5) (a) for yard waste defined), metals, trash or garbage, vehicle parts, pallets, wires and/or cables, doors, construction materials, bricks or blocks. *See Stevens Point Ordinance 21.03.*