

### MARATHON COUNTY Conservation, Planning, & Zoning Department 210 River Drive, Wausau, WI 54403



## Official Notice: New Uniform Address

In the coming weeks, Marathon County will change this address:



Please keep this Official Notice for your records! You may need it later as proof of your address change.

### **UNIFORM ADDRESSING... EASY AS 1-2-3!**





# ① DIGGERS HOTLINE

will be contacted by Lange Enterprises and will spray-paint lines on your property to mark where it's safe to install the signpost.





### LANGE ENTERPRISES

will install a new, blue address sign on the side of your driveway.





After your sign is installed, you should use your

### **NEW ADDRESS**

and begin notifying others of your address change.

Para obtener una copia de este aviso en Español, llame al 715-261-6000. Rau luam Tsab Ntawv Ceeb Toom no hauv Hmong, hu rau 715-261-6000.



Typically, workers from Lange Enterprises will take no more than 15 minutes to install your new address sign. Workers do <u>NOT</u> need to come inside your home for any reason. You do <u>NOT</u> need to be present during sign installation.

Please take a moment to note the Lange Enterprises logo (see left) so you can recognize when their truck is in your area installing address signs (and, if needed, new road-name signs).

Lange has been directed to place the address sign on the left side (when entering the driveway). If there is an obstruction, the Lange workers have the authority to shift placement, including installing the sign on the right side of the driveway, if needed.

If you would like to keep your old address sign, place a noticeable band of duct tape (any color) around the post. The Lange Enterprises workers will check with your local municipality and, if allowed, will leave your removed, taped sign on the ground next to your newly installed address sign. If there's no duct tape around the post or your municipality doesn't allow for you to keep the sign, the old address sign and signpost will be removed from your property for recycling.

This Uniform Addressing project will help Marathon County in its goal to provide the RIGHT SERVICE to the RIGHT PLACE at the RIGHT TIME.

Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services personnel can lose precious time searching for an address because of confusing numbering or hard-to-read address signs. Such delays can result in the loss of property — and even lives.

Marathon County is one of only four counties in Wisconsin without a Uniform Addressing System. Charged with the goal of being the safest, healthiest, and most prosperous county in Wisconsin, the Marathon County Board voted in 2016 to implement a county-wide Uniform Addressing System to improve public safety by eliminating duplicate addresses, roads with the same or similar names, and numbering that is not sequential.

More than 20,000 addresses in Marathon County will change between April and November 2018.



Marathon County is committed to helping residents and businesses through this change. You do <u>NOT</u> need to file a Change of Address with the Post Office. We are partnering with the U.S. Postal Service to have them automatically forward mail sent to former addresses for a period of one (1) year from the date of sign installation.

In addition, we have created a dedicated Uniform Addressing website you can visit for details and assistance.



# www.MyMarathonCountyAddress.org

At this website, you can download a handy Address-Change Checklist of people and places you'll want to notify of your address change.



You also will find frequently asked questions and Quick Reference Guides to help you with the address-change process, as well as updates

and maps of when towns or villages are scheduled to receive their new addresses.

As workers from Lange Enterprises start installing signs, the County will upload corresponding cross-reference tables for current and completed municipalities, matching former addresses to the new Uniform Addresses. Businesses, nonprofits, utilities, and others will want to check the site often to download the latest cross-reference spreadsheets posted to help them update any address changes in their databases or contact lists.

Please visit the Marathon County Public Library (MCPL) at any of its nine locations for a FREE paper copy of an Address-Change Checklist, a FREE Quick Reference Guide, or one-to-one help with any questions you may have. You also may call the Reference Desk at MCPL Wausau for assistance during the library's hours at 715-261-7230.

The Lange workers will try to stay on schedule for installing new address and road-name signs. However, if inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances arise, they may run behind our projected timeline. Please visit www.MyMarathonCountyAddress.org for schedule and project updates, as well a current list of participating municipalities.

REMINDER: Businesses and residents will <u>NOT</u> be charged for the new County-issued Uniform Address signs. Marathon County has committed funds to cover the cost of replacement road-name signs and address signs related to this Uniform Addressing project for participating towns and villages. We understand there may be additional costs for you to change your address, but the change is necessary in the interest of public safety.