

City Departments

The **Police Department** is at 105 S 2nd St. and consists of Police Chief David Bloem and two full-time officers. For business calls: 643-5305. Emergencies: 911
www.westbranchpolice@lcom.net

The **Fire Department** is also at 105 S 2nd St. Fire Chief Kevin Stoolman and 35 volunteers provide fire suppression and emergency medical and rescue services to the City of West Branch. For business calls: 643-2110. Emergencies: 911

The **Public Works Department** is at 113 N 1st St. Public Works questions can be directed to City Office at 643-5888.

The **Parks and Recreation Department** offers a variety of activities and programs throughout the year. Park & Rec. Director is Melissa Russell; she can be reached at 643-4212 or 930-0393.

The **West Branch Public Library** is at 300 N Downey St. Library Director Nick Shimmin may be reached during business hours at 643-2633.

Library hours are:

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| M-Th | Noon—8PM |
| Fri | 10AM—5PM |
| Sat | 10AM—2PM |

Check with the Library for scheduled Story Times. The library's card catalog is also available online at www.wbpl.org.

Community Access Television (Channel 5), located in the Media Room at the West Branch Public Library, provides a unique opportunity for people to create their own television programming. Program Director is Arlyn Verlo. For more information, call 643-5778, e-mail: wbcatv@lcom.net or stop by and visit.

Council Meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the City Office building.

Mayor:

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Get involved!

We encourage you to become involved in the community. There are many organizations that serve the community and are looking for new volunteers and members. Visit the City's Web site at www.westbranchiowa.org to learn more.

City of West Branch

CITY UTILITIES AND SERVICE

A Guide for New Residents



City Office

110 N Poplar
PO Box 218
West Branch, Iowa 52358

Office Hours:
Mon-Fri: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Telephone: 319-643-5888
Fax: 319-643-2305

www.westbranchiowa.org
wbcity@lcom.net



Water & Sewer Service

is provided by the City of West Branch. Services can be scheduled by calling 643-5888. Water and sewer problems after hours, on weekends or holidays, should be reported to 319-631-0646.

Water meters are read the 20th of each month. Accounts are then billed and mailed the 1st of the next month with payment due on the 20th.

A \$100 deposit is required for all rental properties where the tenant establishes service. Upon disconnection of service, the deposit—less deductions for any unpaid water usage, penalties and interest—shall be returned.

Landscape meters may be used for outside watering. The meters track water usage only and are not charged sewer. Call the City Office for more info.

Water/Sewer Payments may be:

- Mailed to City of West Branch, PO Box 218, West Branch IA 52358, or
- Paid in person at the City Office, 110 N Poplar St. or
- Left in the drop box next to the front door of the City Office.
- Automatic billing is available. To sign up for EasyPay, contact the City Office.

Garbage Collection and Recycling is provided by Johnson County Refuse Inc. All recycle and garbage containers should be placed curbside on **Fridays by 7 a.m.**

Garbage that cannot be recycled must be placed in garbage bags or cans with the required yellow garbage sticker attached. Any bag or container over 20 gallons requires two stickers. Stickers cost \$1.25 each and may be purchased at the City Office and Dewey's Jack and Jill. Year-round garbage stickers may be purchased from Johnson County Refuse at 877-423-9877. To make arrangements for special pick-ups such as old appliances or other items too large for the garbage, call 877-423-9877.

Curbside Recycling is mandatory. A monthly fee of \$4.75 is included in your monthly water and sewer bill (whether or not you recycle). Each residence is provided with free red and a green recycling bins. Bins are available at the City Office.

Use the **RED** recycling bin for plastics, metal, glass and cardboard:

- **Plastics:** Plastic with recycle emblem #1-7. Containers must be washed clean.
- **Metal:** Tin and aluminum cans. Must be washed clean & labels removed.
- **Glass:** Clear, brown, blue and green. Must be washed clean.
- **Cardboard:** Corrugated or chip-board. Must be flattened and no larger than 2' x 2' pieces.

Use the **GREEN** recycling bin for:

- **Paper** (newspaper, magazines, phone books, old phone books, etc.)

The following items are NOT recyclable:

- Styrofoam
- Plastic Bags
- Broken Glass
- Window or mirror glass
- Cardboard not broken down
- Tissue Paper and Paper Plates.

Yard Waste may be taken to a brush pile located in the Industrial Park on 300th Street.

Leaf Pick Up is available each fall. You may rake your leaves to the curb for the City to vacuum or leaves may be bagged and left at the curb for pick up.



Christmas Trees (free of plastic, ornamentation and stands) may be placed at the curb to be picked up by the City. The trees are chipped for mulch, which is piled at the cemetery and available to the public for free.

Burning is only allowed as a recreational activity with an approved burning permit. Permits are available at the City Office. It is illegal to burn garbage or yard waste.

Registration is required for all dogs and cats within city limits. Tags cost \$5-\$10 per pet and must be renewed by January 31 of each year.



Other Local Utilities

Electric/Gas— Alliant Energy
800-255-4268

Electric/Gas—Linn Co. REC Greenview and Bickford Drives only.
800-332-5420.

Telephone Service—Liberty Communications
319-643-5353.

Cable Television Service—Liberty Communications, 319-643-5353 or Mediacom, 800-332-0245.

The Town Hall (a community building) is located at 201 E. Main Street and has a community room available to rent. There is a \$65 user fee for events without alcoholic beverages. Events serving alcohol require a \$100 user fee and a \$100 deposit. Non-profit organizations may use the facility for free. To make reservations, call the City Office at 643-5888.

Beranek Park has a shelter that may be reserved for use, free of charge. To reserve, call 643-5888.

Building Permits are needed before any type of construction can begin. Permit fees are calculated according to the cost of the project. The minimum building permit fee is \$23.50. Forms are available at the City Office. Construction projects must be completed within six months or you will have to renew your building permit.

Call Iowa One Call prior to digging: 800-292-8989.

Welcome to West Branch!