

WELCOME TO THE CITY OF WATERTOWN



ALL ROADS LEAD TO WATERTOWN

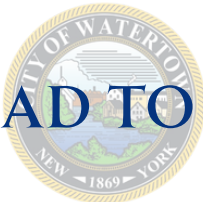


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EXPLORE THE CITY OF WATERTOWN



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear New Resident,

On behalf of the City of Watertown, welcome to our community! Whether you are moving here for work, family, military service, or simply beginning a new chapter, we are delighted that you have chosen to make Watertown your home.

Watertown is a city rich in history, opportunity, and community spirit. We are proud to offer residents the conveniences of city living alongside the natural beauty and small-town charm that make the North Country such a special place to call home.

As you settle in, I hope you will take time to explore all that Watertown has to offer—from our parks and recreational amenities to our historic downtown, local businesses, community events, and cultural attractions.

Most importantly, please know that City Hall is here to serve you. If you have a question, concern, or suggestion that could help make Watertown an even better place to live, I encourage you to reach out. I am always interested in hearing from residents and learning how we can continue improving our community together.

Welcome to Watertown. We are glad you're here, and I look forward to being part of your journey in our city.

Sincerely,
Sarah V.C. Pierce
Mayor, City of Watertown



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spierce@watertown-ny.gov

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sgarrabrant@watertown-ny.gov



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Emergencies

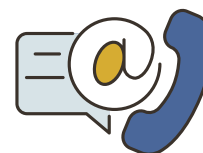
City Hall	315.785.7730	245 Washington Street
Department of Public Works (DPW)	315.785.7842	557 Newell Street
DPW (After Hours Emergency)	315.785.7845	
Water Department	315.785.7757	
Water Department (Non-Emergency)	315.785.7845	
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)	315.785.7800	224 S. Massey Street
Police Department (Non-Emergency)	315.786.2601	751 Waterman Drive
Flower Memorial Library	315.785.7705	229 Washington Street
Watertown Fairgrounds/Arena	315.785.7775	William T. Field Drive

Departments

<u>Assessor</u>	315.785.7760	<u>Assessment@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>CitiBus</u>	315.785.7772	<u>CitiBus@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>City Clerk</u>	315.785.7780	<u>CityClerk@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>City Court</u>	315.570.2720	<u>Watertown-City-Court@nycourts.gov</u>
<u>City Manager</u>	315.785.7730	<u>CityManagersOffice@watertown-ny.gov</u>
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<u>Fire Department</u>	315.785.7800	<u>FireDept@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>Flower Memorial Library</u>	315.785.7705	
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<u>Police Department</u>	315.786.2601	<u>WPD@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>Purchasing</u>	315.785.7749	<u>Purchasing@watertown-ny.gov</u>
<u>Water Department</u>	315.785.7757	<u>Water@watertown-ny.gov</u>

Local Numbers

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Jefferson County DMV	315.785.3023
Jefferson County Clerk	315.785.3200
Jefferson County Dog Warden	315.779.5900



OVERVIEW OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN

Welcome to Watertown, the largest city in New York State's North Country region and the seat of Jefferson County. Home to approximately 24,600 residents, Watertown is ideally located near Lake Ontario, the St. Lawrence River, and the Canadian border. Situated just 70 miles north of Syracuse, the City serves as a gateway to the Thousand Islands, the Adirondack Mountains, and destinations throughout Canada, making it a vibrant hub for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

Founded along the banks of the Black River more than 200 years ago, Watertown's history is deeply connected to the river that once powered the region's early industries. Today, the City has evolved into a thriving center for healthcare, education, retail, tourism, recreation, and government services. Nearly 20,000 people work in Watertown, which is home to many of Jefferson County's largest employers as well as numerous state, county, and federal agencies.

Watertown also benefits from its close proximity to Fort Drum, one of the nation's most significant U.S. Army installations. Fort Drum plays a vital role in the regional economy and national defense, supporting active-duty and reserve military training operations year-round. The community proudly supports military members and their families, contributing to Watertown's welcoming and diverse character.

Residents and visitors enjoy convenient access to transportation and education opportunities throughout the region. Watertown International Airport, located just outside the City in Dexter, provides daily commercial air service with connections to destinations across the country. Jefferson Community College offers affordable and flexible educational opportunities, including associate degree programs and on-campus bachelor's and graduate degree options through partnering institutions.

Watertown offers something for everyone. The City features a walkable historic downtown, welcoming neighborhoods, and an extensive parks system highlighted by the Olmsted-designed Thompson Park. Residents and visitors can enjoy boating, fishing, rafting, hiking, camping, and year-round recreational activities throughout the North Country. The community also supports a vibrant arts and culture scene, local sports teams, and numerous events and festivals throughout the year.

History enthusiasts will appreciate Watertown's beautifully preserved homes, unique architecture, and local institutions such as Flower Memorial Library and the Jefferson County Historical Society, which help preserve and celebrate the region's rich heritage. Whether you are visiting, relocating, starting a business, or making Watertown your home, we are proud to welcome you to our community.



WELCOME TO WATERTOWN! HERE'S HOW TO GET STARTED

- ✓ Visit the [City Website](#) for local services and resources
- ✓ Set up water service with the City of Watertown Water Department
- ✓ Set up refuse services
- ✓ Follow the City's Website and Social Media for updates
- ✓ Sign up for emergency alerts and notifications
- ✓ Locate your nearest fire station, hospital, and pharmacy
- ✓ Update your address with the U.S. Postal Service
- ✓ Update your driver's license and vehicle registration with the DMV
- ✓ Register to vote, or update your voter registration
- ✓ Register children for school, if applicable
- ✓ Explore local recreation programs and community events



Click [HERE](#) to sign up for NY-Alerts related to your area

SEASONAL LIVING TIPS



Winter (November – April)

Watertown is known for its long winters and significant snowfall due to its proximity to Lake Ontario and the Tug Hill region. Snowfall can begin as early as October and continue into April.

- ✓ Allow extra travel time during lake-effect snow events.
- ✓ Dress in layers and invest in quality winter boots and gloves.
- ✓ Clear sidewalks promptly to prevent ice buildup.
- ✓ Residents are responsible for clearing sidewalks and driveways.
- ✓ Keep an emergency kit in your vehicle (blankets, flashlight, phone charger, snacks, and a shovel).
- ✓ Observe City winter parking restrictions: no on-street parking between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 through April 30.
- ✓ Download reliable weather apps and sign up for local emergency notifications.

New York residents can subscribe for [NY-Alert](#) to receive critical information and emergency alerts on what is happening in their area. NY-Alert contains critical, emergency-related information including instructions and recommendations in real-time by emergency personnel. Information may include severe weather warnings, significant highway closures, hazardous material spills and other emergency conditions.

CITY GOVERNMENT AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

Council Meetings

The City Council meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month at 7 PM in the Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, 245 Washington St, Watertown NY. The 2nd Monday of each month is held for Work Sessions, which are open discussions of topics requested by the Mayor and City Council. If there is a holiday on Monday, the Council Meeting or Work Session will take place on the following day, Tuesday.

The public is welcome to attend all meetings. City Council Minutes & Agendas are available online and the Meetings and Work Sessions are captured on video by Steve Weed Productions.



[Steve Weed Productions - Rumble](#)

All City Council meetings are live-streamed by Steve Weed Productions on Rumble, allowing residents to watch meetings in real time from anywhere. Recordings are also available after each meeting, making it easy to stay informed about City business, upcoming projects, and community decisions at your convenience.

Mayor of the City of Watertown

The Mayor is the head of the City Government and presides over all meetings of City Council. They are a voting member of City Council and represents the City at all civic events throughout the year. The Mayor's duties are to provide leadership, promote teamwork among City Council and coordinate City Council activities.

City Council

The City Council shall have vested in them all the legislative powers of the City and establish policy for the City. City Council shall have the power to control the finances and all property, real and personal, belonging to the City and determine expenditures each year through the approval of the annual budget. The City Council is the appointing authority for the City Manager and City Clerk.

The City of Watertown has a non-partisan Council. Council Members and the Mayor are elected to a four-year term and serve the City at-large. Elections are held during the general election in November, and the office is assumed on January 1st. All elected officials must reside within the City of Watertown.

Get Involved in Your Community

The City of Watertown offers residents the opportunity to serve on a variety of boards and commissions that provide valuable input on issues affecting the community. These volunteer positions help shape City policies, programs, and initiatives. Residents interested in serving are encouraged to submit a letter of interest outlining their background and experience. Board and commission appointments are made by the City Council, the Mayor with Council endorsement, or the City Manager. Serving on a board or commission is a great way to become involved in local government and help make a positive impact in the community. See the [City website](#) for more info.

CITY CLERK’S OFFICE

The City Clerk serves as the City's official record keeper and provides services including marriage licenses, dog licenses, handicap parking permits, public records requests, and access to City Council records and local laws. Contact the Clerk's Office for assistance with City information and services.

Common Reasons to Visit the City Clerk’s Office

- ✓ Certified Copies of Birth, Death, and Marriage Certificates
- ✓ Marriage Licenses
- ✓ Wedding Ceremonies
- ✓ Genealogy Searches
- ✓ Dog Licensing
- ✓ Handicap Parking Permits
- ✓ Notary Services



For further information, about these services, please visit the City Clerk’s webpage at - www.watertown-ny.gov/departments/clerk

Click [here](#) to access the City of Watertown Code of Ordinances, recently adopted local laws, resolutions, and other public documents. Residents can use this resource to learn about local regulations, City policies, and legislation affecting the community.

FLOWER MEMORIAL LIBRARY

HOURS

Monday	9 AM - 8 PM
Tuesday	9 AM - 8 PM
Wednesday	9 AM - 8 PM
Thursday	10 AM - 6 PM
Friday	10 AM - 6 PM
Saturday	9 AM - 5 PM
Sunday	Closed

229 WASHINGTON STREET
WATERTOWN, NEW YORK 13601



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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES & CIVIL SERVICE

The City of Watertown offers a variety of career opportunities in public safety, public works, administration, recreation, and other fields. Many positions are filled through the Civil Service system, which may require applicants to take a competitive examination. Visit the Civil Service Employment Portal to view current job openings, upcoming examinations, and application information.



Did You Know?

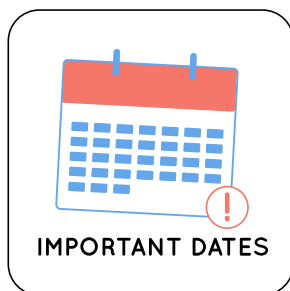
- Not all City positions require a Civil Service exam.
- Job openings and exam announcements are posted throughout the year.
- Applications can often be completed online.
- Civil Service opportunities may also be available with Jefferson County, local school districts, and other municipal agencies.

ASSESSMENT DEPARTMENT

The Assessment Department serves as a resource for property owners by maintaining accurate property records and helping residents understand the property assessment process.

Whether you are a new homeowner, have questions about your property assessment, need to update your mailing address, or would like information regarding property tax exemption programs, our office is available to help.

We work with residents throughout the year to ensure property records remain accurate and to help property owners understand programs and services that may benefit them.



- ✓ **Taxable Status Date** - December 1st - The deadline to file all paperwork for exemptions or anything to effect the following years taxes.
- ✓ **Grievance Day** - 2nd Tuesday in February
- ✓ **City Taxes Due** - August 5th
- ✓ **School Taxes Due** - November 5th
- ✓ **County Taxes Due** - February 15th

NEED TO MAKE PAYMENTS?

✓ **Water and Sewer Bills** - Due quarterly on the 20th of the month
*Payment due date month varies based on property location

✓ **Trash Totes** - Due Quarterly
*March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15 in advance of service provided

The City of Watertown offers an ACH Direct Debit Payment Plan for its Refuse Tote bills and Water & Sewer bills. This is a free and easy program that allows the City to electronically deduct the amount of the bill from a customer's bank account on the due date. It saves time and helps to avoid past due payments and service interruptions.

Additional information can be found within the [ACH Debit Payment Plan FAQ](#).

How do I enroll in ACH Direct Debit Payment Plan?

Complete the [ACH Enrollment](#) Form for either the Refuse Tote account, Water & Sewer account or both by providing the appropriate account number(s).

Mail the form to City of Watertown, 245 Washington Street, Room 203, Watertown, NY 13601 or place in the City Hall Drop Box located at the Sterling Street entrance to the building.

Additional Payment Options

If you choose not to enroll in the City's ACH Direct Debit Program for your water/sewer and refuse bills, a variety of online payment options are available for your convenience. Residents may make payments online using eCheck, debit card, or credit card (Visa, Mastercard, and Discover) for water/sewer bills, refuse bills, property taxes, parking tickets, and other City-related charges.

An eCheck works similarly to a traditional paper check by withdrawing funds directly from your bank account, but enrollment is not required. Please note that convenience fees apply to all online payments and will be displayed before you submit your transaction.

More information can be found on the [City Comptroller's website](#).



TRANSPORTATION OPPORTUNITIES

CitiBus

CitiBus provides both Fixed Route and Paratransit transportation services throughout the City of Watertown. All buses are air-conditioned and equipped with kneeling capability for easier boarding, wheelchair accessibility, and bicycle racks.

Fixed Route Service

Fixed Route buses depart from the transfer station located at 117 Arcade Street, near Public Square in downtown Watertown, every 40 minutes, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:40 p.m. Saturday service operates from 9:40 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There is no service on Sundays.

Primary stops are made at the locations listed on the route schedules, with additional stops provided along the route as needed.

In addition to its regular routes, CitiBus also offers seasonal special routes throughout the year.

Paratransit Service

Paratransit is an appointment-based transportation service for individuals whose disability prevents them from independently using the CitiBus Fixed Route system or traveling to a Fixed Route bus stop.

For more information about Paratransit services, eligibility requirements, and how to apply, please visit the [Paratransit page](#) on the CitiBus website.





5 FIXED BUS ROUTES
Serving the City of Watertown



ADA PARATRANSIT
Complementary paratransit service for eligible riders



ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES
Wheelchair lifts and kneeling capability



BIKE FRIENDLY
Bicycle racks available on all fixed-route buses



REAL-TIME TRACKING
Track your bus in real time with the **Passio GO!** mobile app



AFFORDABLE FARES
Affordable fares and convenient options



GETTING STARTED IS EASY!

- ✓ Scan the QR code or visit our website.
- ✓ View route maps, schedules, and fare information.
- ✓ Download the **Passio GO!** app to track buses in real time.
- ✓ Call our office if you need help planning your trip.





CONTACT CITIBUS



CitiBus Main Office
544 Newell Street
Watertown, NY 13601



Main Office
(315) 785-7772



Paratransit Service
(315) 755-PARA (7272)



Website
watertown-ny.gov/departments/citibus



SCAN HERE
for Routes, Schedules and More!

CITY REFUSE OPPORTUNITIES

KEEP WATERTOWN CLEAN & GREEN!

CITY OF WATERTOWN REFUSE & RECYCLING



WEEKLY REFUSE PICKUP



WEEKLY RECYCLING INCLUDED



CONVENIENT OPTIONS
FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD



*Local Service.
Reliable Pickup.
Stronger
Community.*

➤ TWO EASY WAYS TO PARTICIPATE! ➤



BLUE STICKER PROGRAM

"PAY AS YOU GO" OPTION

- ✓ Purchase City Blue Refuse Stickers
- ✓ One sticker = one bag
- ✓ Up to 40 lbs per bag
- ✓ Great for smaller households or occasional use



Stickers available for purchase
at select local retailers and
at City Hall.



REFUSE TOTE PROGRAM

WEEKLY SERVICE – NO STICKERS NEEDED!

- ✓ 32, 64 & 96 gallon tote options
- ✓ Weekly curbside pickup
- ✓ Cost-saving option for many households
- ✓ Easy, clean, and animal-resistant



Call (315) 785-7842
to sign up for the tote program
or for more information!

OR



RECYCLING IS INCLUDED!

When you participate in the City refuse program,
weekly recycling pickup is included

AT NO ADDITIONAL COST.



WHY CHOOSE CITY REFUSE SERVICE?



LOCAL SERVICE
BY CITY CREWS



RELIABLE
WEEKLY PICKUP



FLEXIBLE OPTIONS
TO FIT YOUR NEEDS



HELPS KEEP OUR
NEIGHBORHOODS CLEAN



SUPPORTS A CLEANER
WATERTOWN COMMUNITY

SIGN UP OR LEARN MORE!

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
557 Newell Street, Watertown, NY 13601
(315) 785-7842
www.watertown-ny.gov/RefuseRecycling



REFUSE & RECYCLING
MUST BE CURBSIDE
BY 7:00 AM
ON PICKUP DAY.



CITY OF WATERTOWN DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
Keeping Watertown Clean One Street at a Time! ♥



WATER DEPARTMENT

The City of Watertown Water Department is committed to providing safe, reliable drinking water and excellent customer service. Below are helpful resources and information for new residents.

Contact Information

- ✓ Water Administration Office - 315.785.7757
- ✓ After-Hours Water Emergencies - 315.785.7845

For helpful information, visit the City of Watertown [Water Department](#) webpage. You will find:

- ✓ [Water billing information, including billing cycles and current water rates](#)
- ✓ [Annual Water Quality Report](#)
- ✓ [Hydro Release Schedule](#)
- ✓ [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Seasonal Reminders:

Prevent Frozen Water Lines

During the winter months, take steps to protect your home's water service lines and water meter from freezing. Frozen pipes and meters can result in costly repairs, which may be the responsibility of the property owner.

Outdoor Water Use

Please remember that all water usage—including filling swimming pools and watering lawns or gardens—is included in your water consumption and may affect your sewer charges.

Need Assistance?

If you have questions about your water service, billing, or other Water Department services, please contact the Water Administration Office. Staff are happy to assist you by phone, email, or mail.



Welcome TO YOUR NEW HOME IN WATERTOWN!



Small actions at home make a big difference for our community and our waterways!



ONLY FLUSH THE 3 P's



PEE



POOP



TOILET PAPER

"Flushable" wipes don't break down like toilet paper. They can clog pipes, damage pumps, and cause costly sewer backups.

DO NOT FLUSH:



WIPES



PAPER TOWELS



FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS



COTTON SWABS



TISSUES & OTHER ITEMS



KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR

Storm drains carry rainwater directly to local streams and rivers. They are **NOT** connected to the wastewater treatment plant.



YOU CAN HELP BY:

- ✓ Sweeping grass clippings back onto your lawn
- ✓ Disposing of leaves and yard waste properly
- ✓ Keeping trash and debris out of the street



NEVER place grass clippings, leaves, or trash on the road. Rain can wash them into storm drains, causing clogs, flooding, and pollution in our waterways.

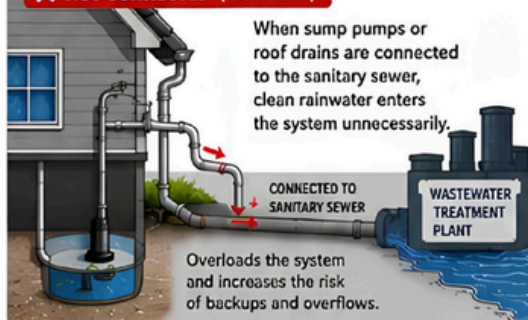


Clean storm drains protect our homes, our environment, and our community!

DISCONNECT SUMP PUMPS & ROOF DRAINS

Keep Rainwater Out of the Sewer System

✗ NOT CONNECTED (INCORRECT)



✓ DISCONNECTED (CORRECT)



WHY IT MATTERS

- 💰 Increases treatment costs
- ☁️ Reduces system capacity during storms
- ⚠️ Contributes to sewer backups and overflows
- 💧 Increases the amount of water that must be treated



Together, we can protect public health, our waterways, and the environment for future generations.
Thank you for doing your part to keep Watertown flowing!

City of Watertown Pollution Control Facility

700 William T Field Dr
Watertown, NY

315-785-7840
<https://www.watertown-ny.gov/WaterResourceRecoveryFacility>

IF YOU WITNESS IT, REPORT IT!

DPW

- ✓ Dead Animal
- ✓ Sewer Break
- ✓ Sink Hole
- ✓ Pothole
- ✓ Sign Down
- ✓ Tree Issues

315.785.7842

Codes

- ✓ Homeless Encampment
- ✓ Grass, Weeds, Brush
- ✓ Infestation
- ✓ Property Maintenance
- ✓ Working without a Permit

315.785.7735

Police

- ✓ Crimes
- ✓ Suspicious Animal
- ✓ Vehicle Crashes
- ✓ Threats to Life or Property

315.782.2233

Fire

- ✓ Smoke
- ✓ Uncontained Fire
- ✓ CPR and First Aid Classes

315.785.7800

Parks & Rec

- ✓ Playground Issues
- ✓ Park Facility Cleanup
- ✓ Arena Concerns

315.785.7775

Water

- ✓ Water Break
- ✓ High/Low Water Consumption
- ✓ Meter Read Trouble
- ✓ Leaking Water Service
- ✓ Water Quality

315.785.7757

PARKS, RECREATION & FACILITY RENTALS

Enjoy Watertown's Parks & Recreation

The City of Watertown Parks & Recreation Department enhances the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing a wide variety of parks, recreational programs, events, and outdoor spaces for all ages. With more than 570 acres of parks and playgrounds, there are countless opportunities to stay active, enjoy nature, and connect with the community.

Some of the City's amenities include:

- Neighborhood parks and playgrounds
- Athletic fields and sports courts
- Walking and hiking trails
- Picnic areas and pavilions
- Thompson Park, featuring scenic overlooks, trails, a golf course, playground, and the New York State Zoo
- Veterans River Walk, Waterworks Park, Bicentennial Park, and Marble Street Park along the beautiful Black River
- Seasonal recreation programs, special events, concerts, and community activities for all ages



Residents can register for recreation programs online through the City's recreation registration system.

Rent a City Facility

Planning a family reunion, birthday party, company picnic, wedding, or community event? The City offers several facilities available to reserve throughout the year.

Rental opportunities include:

- Thompson Park pavilions and picnic areas
- Marble Street Park Pavilion
- Veterans Memorial Pavilion
- Mayor Butler Pavilion
- Fairgrounds Pavilion
- Band Stand
- Rotary Pavilion
- Pinnacle Pavilion
- Other designated park picnic areas



Reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Rental fees vary depending on the facility and residency status.

For additional information about recreation programs, facility rentals, and online registration, please visit the City's Parks & Recreation [webpage](#) or contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (315) 785-7775.

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

- ✓ Watertown City School District
 - ✓ Knickerbocker Elementary School
 - ✓ North Elementary School
 - ✓ Ohio Street Elementary School
 - ✓ Sherman Street Elementary School
 - ✓ Starbuck Elementary School
 - ✓ H.T. Wiley Intermediate School
 - ✓ Case Middle School
 - ✓ Watertown High School
- ✓ Immaculate Heart Central School (IHC)
- ✓ Faith Fellowship
- ✓ Jefferson Community College
- ✓ Jefferson-Lewis BOCES



HEALTHCARE RESOURCES

- ✓ Samaritan Medical Center
- ✓ WellNow Urgent Care
- ✓ QuikMed Urgent Care
- ✓ Watertown Urgent Care



LOCAL NEWS RESOURCES

- ✓ 7 News - WWNYTV
- ✓ Spectrum News
- ✓ Watertown Daily Times
- ✓ Newzjunky.com
- ✓ InformNNY (ABC50)
- ✓ NBC 50 - Watertown
- ✓ Community Broadcasters (Radio Stations)



ANNUAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

✓ Summer

Concert and Fireworks in the Park

Jefferson County Fair

Farm and Craft Market

Mount Carmel Feast

Downtown Block Parties

Trinity Summer Concert Series

Pools, Swim Lessons, Splash Pads

✓ Fall

Bravo Italiano Festival

Harvest Festival

✓ Winter

North Country Goes Green Irish Festival

Christmas Parade

Snowtown USA

Public Skating and Cross Country Ski Trails

✓ Spring

Dairy Parade

Armed Forces Day Parade

Flag Day Parade

Monster Yard Sale - Fairgrounds Arena

Comic Con

✓ Sports/Activities & Leagues

Pickleball and Tennis

Baseball, Softball, Football, Lacrosse

Hockey, Figure Skating

Golf

Walking Trails

✓ Local Sports Teams

Watertown Wolves - Pro Hockey

Watertown Rapids - Collegiate Baseball

Watertown Red & Black - Semi-Pro Football



EXPLORE WATERTOWN AND BEYOND



Arrive Downtown is your guide to everything downtown Watertown has to offer. Explore local restaurants, shops, attractions, events, parking information, and more. Visit [Arrive Downtown](#) to discover all that downtown has to offer.



[Visit 1000 Islands](#) is the official tourism resource for the Thousand Islands region. Discover local attractions, outdoor adventures, waterfront activities, dining, lodging, events, and trip-planning information to help you make the most of your visit to Northern New York. Check out Visit 1000 Islands for inspiration and information on exploring one of the region's most scenic destinations.



[Visit Adirondacks](#) is the official travel guide to New York's Adirondack Region. Explore breathtaking mountain scenery, hiking trails, lakes, paddling routes, scenic drives, charming communities, year-round events, and outdoor adventures. Whether you're planning a weekend getaway or a longer vacation, Visit Adirondacks provides inspiration and resources to help you experience one of New York State's most iconic destinations.

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

Historic Thompson Park is one of Watertown's most treasured destinations and a centerpiece of the community. Designed by the renowned Olmsted landscape architecture firm, the park features scenic overlooks, walking and biking trails, playgrounds, picnic areas, tennis courts, a splash pad, a golf course, and year-round recreational opportunities. The park also serves as home to Zoo New York.

Zoo New York offers visitors the unique opportunity to experience the only zoo in the world dedicated exclusively to animals native to New York State. Families can enjoy exhibits featuring black bears, wolves, mountain lions, otters, birds of prey, and other wildlife in a beautiful natural setting.

Scenic Walkways in our region provides a diverse range of areas that are suitable for family outings, which might consist of leisurely walks and picnics. Pack a lunch, bring your camera, and enjoy the North Country's scenic and bountiful beauty. The Parks and Recreation Department provides and maintains several trails and walkways. Find out more about local trails [here](#).

Downtown Watertown combines historic charm with modern dining, shopping, and entertainment. Visitors can explore the historic Paddock Arcade, recognized as the longest continuously operating indoor shopping mall in the United States, along with local boutiques, restaurants, and community events throughout the year.

Jefferson County Historical Society and **Flower Memorial Library** showcase the City's rich history and architectural beauty. The Historical Society, housed in the historic Paddock Mansion, offers exhibits highlighting the region's past, while the library remains one of Watertown's most recognizable landmarks.

The City is also home to the popular **Watertown Farm & Craft Market**, held weekly from late spring through early fall. The market features local produce, baked goods, crafts, flowers, and artisan products and has become a favorite gathering place for residents and visitors alike.

Outdoor enthusiasts can enjoy whitewater rafting on the Black River, boating and fishing throughout the Thousand Islands region, hiking and biking trails, golf courses, and nearby winter recreation opportunities, including skiing and tubing. Watertown's location also makes it the perfect starting point for day trips to destinations such as Boldt Castle, Sackets Harbor Battlefield State Historic Site, and the scenic St. Lawrence River waterfront communities.

