



WEST BRANCH TOWNSHIP

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

Smoke & Carbon Monoxide Detectors Available

The Skandia-West Branch Fire Department has smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors available for free, including installation. Contact the Fire Chief, Kevin Downs, at 906-361-0364 to schedule an installation.

Santa Claus is coming to town!

Come to downtown Skandia for the Santa Claus parade, December 19th at 7:00pm sharp. Fun for the whole family, including cookies and hot chocolate for the community. This event is hosted by the Skandia Lions Club and the Skandia-West Branch Fire Department.

Emergency Services Reminder

As the snow starts falling, please remember to keep your home address visible from the road or driveway entrance (i.e. fire number). Additionally, ensure you have TWO methods of accessing your home clear of snow for emergency services. If you have a missing or damaged fire number contact the township at admin@westbranchtownship.net or call 906-942-7400.

Winter 2025 Property Tax

Property taxes for winter 2025 have been mailed out and will be collected starting December 1st. Winter property taxes are due March 2, 2026. Payments can be made by cash or check. Please try to have exact change for cash payments in person.

2026 Transfer Station Passes Available

Starting December 1, the 2026 transfer station passes will be available for purchase at the township. Payments can be made by cash or check. These punch cards must be presented every time you visit the transfer station. January - June 2026 (\$60) and July - December 2026 (\$60)

Holiday Hours : Closed December 24, 26, 31 & January 2

Office open December 29 from 9am-5pm. Special Office Hours for Property Tax Collection and Transfer Station Passes



REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!

Did you know that the more you recycle the more likely we can lower costs for using the transfer station? The Marquette County landfill charges \$87 per ton of household waste. Currently, the Skandia-West Branch transfer station recycling percentage is low (less than 10%) – so every bit of recycling helps. We can do better as a community!

Recycling Accepted

Transfer Station:

- Cardboard (flattened)
- Aluminum and Steel (soup cans, pop cans, etc.)
- Paper, books, magazines
- Plastics – water bottles, etc. (No compostable plastics)
- Glass – separated from other recycling, glass only bin outside
- Tires*
- Pop Cans (with \$0.10 deposit) – can be donated to local community efforts
- Working Household items – can be donated for others in community

**Must pay \$10/tire at West Branch Township Hall prior to drop off (cash & check only)*

Other Locations for FREE drop off

Marquette County Solid Waste Management Authority, 600 County Rd, MQT
Yard Waste – Dirt, Grass, Hay/Straw, Leaves/Brush, Plants

Note: no stumps or limbs that are more than 2" in diameter

Food Waste – Bones; Bread, pasta, and grains; Coffee filters, coffee grounds, and tea bags/leaves; Cooking Oil/Grease; Eggshells and Nutshells; Fruits and vegetables – scraps or whole; Meat, fish, and poultry scraps; Soiled paper towels and napkins; Soiled pizza boxes and paper food wrap

Hazardous Waste & Confidential Documents – Please call or email to make an appointment, landfillmqt@gmail.com or 906-249-4125.

Meijer, Walmart, Target, Lowe's in MQT

Plastic Bags – typically at the store entrance. Includes shopping bags, packaging supplies (bubble wrap, air pocket, bubble mailers, produce bags, bread bags, Ziploc bags, overwraps, plastic wraps)

Unsure about an item?

Check out the 906 Materials Wizard at:

www.westbranchtownship.net/index.php/transfer-station

Or visit www.recycle906.com, call 906-249-4125, landfillmqt@gmail.com