Sanitary Sewer Service Areas

About 51.6 square miles (15% of Racine County) and an estimated 169,900 people (90% of the population) were served by public sanitary sewers in 2000.

In 2007, seven public sewage treatment plants were serving Racine County.

As of June 2007, about 124.7 square miles, or 36% of the County, are located within the planned sanitary sewer areas.

Private Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems (POWTS)

In 2000, approximately 18,900 people (about 10% of the County’s population) were served by POWTS.

Between 2000 and 2005, permits for 921 were issued by Racine County to support new development.

Stormwater Management Facilities

Stormwater management facilities are designed to assist in meeting the water quality goals set forth in Wisconsin Administrative Code NR 151, including: 1) control and direct stormwater runoff due to increase in impervious surfaces in urban areas, and 2) help manage pollutants in runoff.

The types of facilities are based on the amount of impervious surface and local conditions. In Racine County, the Cities of Burlington, Racine and the Village of North Bay use a curb and gutter storm sewer system. The Villages of Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mt Pleasant, Rochester, Sturtevant, Union Grove, Waterford and Wind Point, and the urban areas of the Towns of Dover, Waterford, and Yorkville, rely on a combination of storm water systems and roadside swales and ditches.

Water Supply Systems

In 2005, 12 municipal, community water supply systems provided water supply to approximately 147,000 people (about 76% of the population). Eight rely on Lake Michigan as the source of supply; four rely on groundwater.

There were also 12 privately owned, self-supplied residential water supply systems, providing services to about 1,600 people (less than 1% of the County’s population). Each of these relied on groundwater as the source of supply. The remaining 24% of the population was served by private domestic wells.

An additional 198 private water supply systems in the County provided services for a variety of land uses, including industrial (14 systems), commercial (113), institutional and recreational (53), agricultural (15), and irrigation (3).
Electric Power Services
We Energies provides Racine County with electric power services. There are no electric power generation facilities located within the County. In 2006, American Transmission Company owned, maintained and operated the County’s major transmission facilities.

Natural Gas
We Energies provides and distributes natural gas to Racine County. ANR Pipeline owns and operates a system of pipelines in Racine County and the surrounding area.

Telecommunication Facilities
In 2005, three telephone wireline carriers served Racine County: AT&T Communications, Centurytel, Inc., and Telephone and Data Systems, Inc. Time-Warner Cable was the only cable service provider. There are also numerous antenna sites throughout the County, providing wireless services for private mobile cellular phones and fixed wireless networks (primarily internet service providers).

Solid Waste Management
In Racine County, in 2006, there were two active, licensed, privately-owned landfills in the City of Racine and the Village of Caledonia. The majority of communities provide curbside collection service through contract with private haulers. There is no countywide hazardous household waste drop-off program.

**COMMUNITY FACILITIES**

Government and Public Institutional Buildings
In 2007, government and public institutional buildings in Racine County included 17 municipal halls and five public libraries. Other institutional buildings include County offices, State offices, and post offices.

Police Services
There are nine municipal police department stations and 2 Racine County Sheriff Department facilities in the County. There are 316 full-time officers and 25 part-time officers serving with the Police Department; 161 full-time officers serve with the Sheriff Department.

The Villages of Elmwood Park and North Bay and the Town of Yorkville have appointed Constables to provide law enforcement and related services.

Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Facilities Services
There are 14 fire departments (11 public and three private) located in 27 fire department facilities in Racine County.

There are 11 fire departments providing both fire protection and emergency medical services. Four private ambulance companies also provide services in the County.

Dispatching Services
The Racine County Sheriff’s Department Dispatch Center handles telephone requests for police and fire and rescue services for the majority of the County, answering 911 emergency telephone calls 24 hours per day.

Libraries
There are five public libraries in Racine County, located in the Cities of Burlington and Racine and the Villages of Rochester, Union Grove, and Waterford. All libraries belong to the Lakeshores Library System, which also services Walworth County.
Public and Private Schools
In 2006, Racine County had 56 public schools in 14 school districts, and 31 private schools. In the 2005-2006 school year, there were approximately 31,000 students enrolled in public schools and 5,600 students enrolled in private schools. An additional 500 students in the Racine Unified School District were home-schooled that year.

There were also three technical college facilities in the County, all operated by Gateway Technical College, located in the Cities of Burlington and Racine and the Village of Sturtevant.

Health Care Facilities
In 2007, there were three hospitals offering a full range of medical services: St Luke’s Hospital and St Mary’s Medical Center in the City of Racine, and Aurora Health in the City of Burlington.

There were also 23 clinics located in cities and villages throughout the County, providing a variety of medical health services, such as physical therapy, radiology, and laboratory.

Child Care Facilities
There are two main types of child care facilities: 1) family child care facilities, providing care for four to eight children; and 2) group child care centers, providing care for nine or more children.

In 2007, there were 43 licensed family child care centers and 95 licensed group child care centers. There were also three licensed day camp child care centers in the County. (Day camp centers are seasonal programs that provide experiences for four or more children under the age of seven in an outdoor setting.)

Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities
In 2007, there were six nursing homes providing skilled nursing care and one nursing home providing both skilled and intermediate care in Racine County. There were also 41 licensed assisted living facilities.

Facilities Serving People with Developmental Disabilities
In 2007, there were two facilities serving people with development disabilities: Racine Residential Care (private) in the City of Racine, and Southern Wisconsin Center (public) in the Town of Dover.

Cemeteries
In 2007, there were 40 cemeteries in Racine County, encompassing about 515 acres.