

PRESS RELEASE

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May 13 – 17 Lottery Credit Awareness Week

The Rock County Treasurer's office, in conjunction with the Wisconsin County Treasurers' Association, and supported by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, is dedicating the week of May 13 - 17 as Lottery Credit Awareness Week.

The lottery and gaming credit is a reduction on your real estate tax bill. To qualify for the lottery and gaming credit, the property owner must be a Wisconsin resident and must use the dwelling as their primary residence as of the certification date (January 1). If temporarily absent, typically for a period no longer than 6 months (hospital, vacation, incarcerated, etc), it is the home to which the property owner returns. A property owner may claim only one primary residence [sec.79.10 (1) (dm), (9) (bm), Wis. Stats.]. Rental properties are not eligible for the lottery credit and should have current lottery credits removed.

We are asking all eligible property owners to review their 2012 real estate tax bill to verify they received the lottery credit. Last year the average lottery credit in Rock County was approximately \$100.00. The exact amount is based upon the school district in which your home is located.

The lottery credit can only be obtained by having a signed application on file. Please contact the County Treasurer's office with questions at 608-757-5670. If you are an eligible property owner who did not receive the credit, the Rock County Treasurer's office will assist you in filing the late 2012 claim form filed with the Department of Revenue. If you were not a resident of your property on January 1, 2012 but were as of January 1, 2013, the Treasurer's Office will also assist in completing the form to ensure that the credit is applied to your 2013 and future years tax bill.

The lottery credit applications and instructions can be obtained at <http://www.dor.state.wi.us/forms/lottery/index.html>