



Town of Island Falls

Growing Into Modern Times

Town Water Department

Our Comprehensive Plan is designed to attract new businesses and grant money for improvements. Key to the plan is to point out the advantages Island Falls has over our competition. Aside from our natural beauty that make this a great place to live and our easy access to I-95, a portion of our town infrastructure is second to none – town water.

As residents, we take it for granted and often complain. However, there are very few communities in the entire country that can guarantee a business 2 million gallons of food grade water per month!

Managed by a Level 2 licensed professional in both water distribution and chemical testing, the Water Department currently has 180 active customers (down from 300), and pressurizes 40 fire hydrants. Here is what our system has to offer:

- 5 wells – 4 of which are active. The wells are 400 to 500 feet deep in bedrock to ensure no surface contamination.
- 2 fully equipped pumping stations -- located at 130 Houlton Road and at the dead end of Willis Road. The Willis Road station is backup now that the Starch Factory is closed.
- Each station has a propane generator backup that is tested monthly under load, an aerator system to remove radon gas, sodium hypochlorite addition to eliminate bacteria, and sodium fluoride addition for dental health.
- A 500,000 gallon concrete reservoir that ensures 75 psi water pressure at the hydrants and consistent pressure to the homes.
- Relatively new (2012) 12 inch main line compared to other towns that have water mains nearing the 100 year mark.

The Town of Island Falls has the potential to serve any business in need of high quality water. However, what goes in must come out. If we expect to attract new businesses, give our young people job opportunities, and grow and upgrade our community – it is the Board's opinion that we need a sewer system.

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