



Current

New 911 Rural Address Sign FAQ's



Proposed

1) How much will my new 911 rural address sign cost?

Current estimates for your new address sign and post will cost approximately \$50 to \$75.

2) When will I have to pay?

Your final assessment amount will be calculated upon completion of the project. The County Board will then activate the assessment allowing prepayment if desired. A special assessment will be levied on your property at 0% interest and collected when you pay your 2013 property taxes. For ease of collection and no financial disincentive, Rice County is urging benefited landowners to not prepay allowing it to be billed with your taxes.

3) How can I pay?

Property tax payments including this special assessment in 2013 can be paid online at <http://www.co.rice.mn.us> or by phone by calling 1-800-2PAYTAX using the jurisdiction code 3321. A convenience fee will be applied to your payment for this service. Payments may also be mailed or paid in person at the Rice County Auditor/Treasurer's Office in the Rice County Government Services Building located at 320 3rd Street NW in Faribault or at the Northfield Satellite Office (801 Washington Street) located in Northfield City Hall.

4) Why is the new 911 rural address sign necessary?

The Rice County Board of Commissioners acted on a recommendation from emergency response personnel in Rice County to update address signs to make them more visible and make finding people easier in an emergency.

5) Who will install the new 911 rural address sign and when will they be installed?

A contractor will be hired by Rice County to install your new 911 address sign in the spring or summer of 2012.

6) Where will my new 911 rural address sign be installed?

Your new address sign(s) will be installed based on the address sign installation standards to be approved by the Rice County Board of Commissioners on October 25, 2011. A typical sign placement is on the right side of the driveway approximately 15 feet from the shoulder of the road. If this location does not work, field staff will decide the next best location.

7) Do I have to have a new 911 rural address sign installed?

Yes, new address signs will be installed at all rural addresses in Rice County.

8) What locations will receive a new 911 rural address sign?

All rural addresses in the unincorporated areas of Rice County will receive a new 911 address sign. Addresses are assigned to buildings on each parcel based on driveway access to the road. If a parcel has more than one driveway access to more than one building, or more than one house, it will have more than one address and sign. Addresses are also assigned to some parcels without buildings such as parks, cemeteries and gravel pits.

9) Can I install the new rural 911 address sign myself?

No, a contractor hired by Rice County will install the new address signs to ensure that installations are consistent throughout the county.

10) What will happen to my old sign?

Your old address sign and post will be removed by the contractor and recycled.

11) Can I keep my old sign?

No, your old address sign and post will be removed by the contractor and recycled.

12) Will I get my same address?

All rural addresses in Rice County will be reviewed, if your address follows the [Rice County Uniform Naming and Numbering System](#), you will keep your current address. If your address does not follow the County's Uniform Naming and Numbering System, your address will change.

13) How will I be notified about the FINAL costs of the new 911 rural address sign?

You will receive a letter from Rice County in November or December 2012 indicating the FINAL cost of your new address sign(s). The cost will be assessed on your 2013 taxes, if not pre-paid.

14) Who can I contact to discuss other concerns I have with 911 rural address signs?

If you have concerns or questions call 507-333-3891, go to the County web site at <http://www.co.rice.mn.us> or click [here](#) to complete the comment form.

15) Who will maintain my new 911 rural address sign?

Property owners will be responsible for maintenance of their own 911 signs. Replacement signs and signs for new addresses will be available for purchase through the Environmental Services Department once the contractor has completed installation of signs throughout the whole county.

16) Who will replace a damaged sign?

Property owners will be responsible for maintenance of their own 911 signs. Contact Rice County Environmental Services at 507-332-6113 to get a new sign.

17) Can I request a new address?

No, addresses are assigned based the Rice County Uniform Naming and Numbering System.

18) I have more than one rural property. Will I have to pay for each new 911 rural address sign?

Yes, you will pay for each new address sign on each property.

19) I have a property that requires two or more 911 rural address signs. Will I have to pay for both signs to be replaced?

Yes, you will pay for all new address signs on your property.