



Town of Verona Public Works Staff
Would Like You To Know!

Right-of-What? Right-of-Way. What's that mean?

A “right-of-way” is a type of easement owned by the public that extends beyond the centerline of a public road, typically 66’ in total width, or 33’ from the centerline of the road.

The Town has the responsibility established by several state statutes to maintain and manage the right-of-way. The Town’s oversight is designed to:

Allow for the cutting of vegetation to ensure that roads are safe
[Sec. 82.03](#) of the Wisconsin State Statutes

Allow for the placement of utilities within the right-of-way
[Sec. 86.16](#) of the Wisconsin State Statutes

Allow for appropriate road design
[Sec. 82.50](#) of the Wisconsin State Statutes

In addition, the right-of-way provides space for drainage, snow storage, and signs. Regulatory signs, such as stop signs, yield signs and speed limit signs notify drivers of traffic regulations and must indicate clearly what the driver must do. No sign should be posted unless the Town feels it is essential to traffic control because if the signs are used too frequently they will not be taken seriously.

The Town Road Patrolman routinely maintains signs, mows the grass, picks up trash, removes fallen trees and brush, and cuts back vegetation in the right-of-way. You can help by:

Keeping the right-of-way free of obstructions: Walls, large plantings, or ill placed trees can cause dangerous situations and can be accidentally damaged during routine right-of-way maintenance. In fact, the Town can require the removal of “encroachments” on the right-of-way. See Sec. [86.04](#) of the Wisconsin State Statutes

Keeping things that need to be in the right-of-way, like mailboxes and fire numbers, in good repair.

Notifying Town staff (845-7187) of downed trees, blocked views, broken signs, and other issues.

Permits are required when an individual or company needs to do work in the right-of-way. Please contact the Town Hall office for more information.