

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

Q. Who assigns address and street names in Wagoner County?

A. In the unincorporated portions of the County the E-911 Coordinator's office assigns addresses and street names. If you live in a city or town please call your city/town hall to find out who handles addressing.

Q. What constitutes naming a private road?

A. There must be three (3) or more separate dwellings down the same driveway. Also, if the road/driveway is over 800 feet long or the structure cannot be seen from the public road.

Q. How do you come up with the numbers you assign?

A. Our addressing scheme is based upon distance, every 5.28 ft is a potential address, and each 1,000 numbers equal a mile. We normally start at the beginning of the road (the intersection closest to the center of the country), and using a distance measurement indicator (DMI), measure the distance to the center of the structure for which we are assigning an address. The resulting number is the 911 address. We deviate only to designate addresses on the left or right side of the road.

Q. How long does it take to get an address assigned?

A. We make every effort to get addresses assigned within a few days; however delays can occur due to difficulties with addresses and out of town meetings and conferences. In the event your address is part of a new subdivision or private road, the road has to be named before an address can be assigned.

Q. Is the address you assign also my mailing address?

A. Yes, but check with your local post office concerning where to locate your mailbox.

Q. Now that I have the address, who do I need to give it to?

A. Make certain when you turn on your telephone service that you give them the correct address. When you dial 911 the information that is in their database is what we see at the 911 dispatch center. You will also need to provide the address to public utilities, Wagoner County Assessor's office, Wagoner County Treasurer's office, Wagoner County Election Board, US Postal Service, and perhaps others.

Q. Why does my car GPS not put me in the correct location?

A. The commercial GPS market is enormous and is not designed for public safety. Much of the time, the designated road points are not found in the same locations as the designated beginning points. The beginning points are used for dispatching public safety and 911. Our accuracy is much more important than those in the commercial market because public safety has to be as accurate as possible to save lives, not to have a package delivered or to find a restaurant.

Q. I have moved and I am unsure of my new address, how do I find out what it is?

A. Contact the 911 office and we will assist you in verifying your new address. [Contact Us.](#)