



CITY OF TWO RIVERS

ATV/UTV FACT SHEET

What is an ATV?



All-terrain vehicle — is defined by state statute (Section 23.33) and is representative of the adjacent pictures. Generally, an ATV has 3 or more wheels and is equipped with a seat that is straddled by the rider. ATV's Weigh 900 pounds or less.



What is an UTV?

Utility terrain vehicle — is also defined by statute and common variations of a UTV are shown here. Generally, a UTV has 4 or more wheels and is designed to carry passengers in addition to the driver. UTV's can weigh up to 3,000 pounds.



ATV/UTV USE ON PUBLIC STREETS

GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

- ATVs/UTVs are only permitted on city streets if allowed by ordinance. The City of Two Rivers currently does not allow the use of ATVs/UTVs on streets within the City.
- UTVs can be allowed or restricted on designated ATV routes, but if the City allows UTV's on any street, it MUST also allow ATV's. CITY CANNOT allow only UTVs on streets.
- Local Ordinances cannot be more restrictive than WI State Statute relating to operation and penalties for ATV/UTVs [WI Statutes 23.33(11)(am)]

COMPARED TO GOLF CARTS

- Golf carts can be allowed on both County Hwy's & State Hwy's without special DOT permission
- Golf carts are more neighborhood friendly –quiet, slow moving
- **ATVs/UTVs have the ability to operate at far higher speeds than golf carts.** Most ATVs/UTVs can travel as fast as 65-70 MPH
- Golf carts governed under the motor vehicle statutes (Chapter 346 Rules of Roadway) and are subject to the SAME penalties as a motor vehicle
- ATV's/UTV's are governed under DNR Regulations (Chapter 23)
 - ATV/UTV OWI: \$500-600 forfeiture, no 2nd or subsequent OWI violations apply to other vehicle types (e.g. Boats-ATV-Car)
 - UTV/ATV OWI's do NOT count towards other motor vehicle OWI's
 - Open intoxicants ARE allowed on an ATV/UTV
 - No driver's license required if born after 1988-safety certificate (2 hr. online course)

OTHER FACTS

- ATV/UTV use on public streets is allowed by State Statute under these circumstances only:
 - Farm use
 - Snow removal within 2 miles of residence only
 - Police/Fire/City maintenance exemption on roadways
 - By ordinance created by a city, town or village in strict conformity with statute
- Majority of ATV/UTV fatalities are on roadways (paved surfaces)
- Manitowoc County has not given permission for operation on any County Highways
 - Approx. 2/3 of Manitowoc County allows ATV/UTV on Township roads only
 - No authorization has been given to operate on County or State Highways.
 - No ATV/UTV routes or trails connect to the City of Two Rivers
 - ATVs/UTVs not allowed in Point Beach State Park
- Motor vehicles always have right of way – UTV/ATV generally at fault in accidents
- State law doesn't require helmets 18+
- Seatbelt laws: Not applicable to ATV - Seatbelts required for passengers only on UTV
- Persons with suspended, revoked or no WI Driver's License can operate an ATV/UTV
- State Statute allows ATV/UTV emitting sound levels of up to 96 decibels; the standard stationary noise limits in Two Rivers are:
 - 60 decibels DAYTIME - 50 decibels NIGHTTIME (after 10PM)
 - 70 decibels ALL TIMES for industrial/business districts
- State doesn't require insurance for UTV's/ATV's
- **There is no mandatory reporting for NON-injury accidents for UTV's/ATV's – as a result, accident data is greatly under-reported**
- Signage needed for ATV/UTV roads-trails per guidelines by DNR – Often paid for by local ATV clubs
- Manufacturer warnings against operation on roadways due to: soft tires, tire tread, rear differential lock, seating, high center balance vs golf carts
- Two Rivers Police Officers are neither trained nor experienced in enforcing DNR regulations