

Town of New Holstein Annual Large Item Disposal

Date: October 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 am til noon

Location: New Holstein Town Hall & Garage; W1465 Tecumseh Road

As in the past, this service is available to the Town of New Holstein residents only. Proof of residency may be required. No items with freon will be accepted. Tires, electronics, fluorescent lights, and batteries are also not permitted. If you have any questions, please contact me at 920-898-5682.

This year I was asked to write about the garbage in the ditches. At first I thought this has nothing to do with recycling, which is normally what I write about, but then I thought about the questions that I get. "How do I stop the recycling bins from tipping over when at the roadside", or "when the bins get dumped into the trucks and some of it flies away in the breeze, how do we stop this". This does create some mess in the ditches. There are no easy answers. There are a few things that have worked for me.

- 1) I save up all of my newspapers and magazines for the month and put them into a paper bag or box. Right after the recycling bin is emptied, I place this box or bag into the bottom of the bin. The added weight at the bottom keeps the bin more stable.
- 2) Place some heavier recyclables as the top layer in the bin before you take it out. This way, if the wind does open the cover, your recyclables are less likely to blow out.
- 3) Make sure the cover is completely closed. This goes for both the recycling and the garbage bins.

There are a few more things to remember and that need to become common practice. Most of you do an excellent job, but reminders are helpful to all.

- 1) Please have your bins placed at the roadside by 6:00 am and removed before nightfall. I get phone calls all the time with "they always pick-up at 1:00 pm and this time they went through in the morning, so I was missed. Can they come back?" The answer is NO. The routes of the drivers get changed periodically, therefore so will the service time. Be prepared.
- 2) Please keep your bins at least 4 feet apart when placed at the roadside. They need this much room for the arms to operate properly.
- 3) Do not overfill your bins. The covers must be closed completely. If you repeatedly abuse by overfilling your bin, GFL will be asked to bypass pick-up at your location. You are can get additional bins.
- 4) Because the cooler weather is coming, please remember to always make sure that nothing hot is put into the bins. Damage is then your responsibility.

Lastly, we hit the real issue. All the garbage in the ditches. My husband and I maintain the ditch by our home. So, before cutting, we always have to check/clean the ditch of debris. Last week right after I just got done cutting the grass in the ditch, a truck drove by and threw out a bag of McDonalds garbage. If I would have been faster, I would have loved to get the plates and called it in. This is the type of garbage in our ditches that I am talking about. Caused by the laziness and disrespect of humans. People, use some common sense. Someone has to clean these ditches. When the town road personal has to do it, it takes our tax dollars to cover these salaries. Watch for these offenders, or heaven forbid, you are one, **STOP IT!!!!!!**

Respectfully,

Mary Jo Muellenbach