



LET'S TALK TRASH!

(Garbage, Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste that is.)

For years, Township residents have enjoyed what is described as “unlimited collection and disposal service” from our garbage, recycling as well as household hazardous waste collection and disposal company. Put simply, when it came to the removal of trash, we put it out and they took it away. It did not matter how much or how many pieces of waste products we had; pick-up and disposal has been unlimited. Unfortunately, changes in the waste collection and disposal industry are eliminating unlimited service as it is being replaced with automated systems.

This fall the Township, along with several other North Hills municipalities, publicly bid a new garbage, recycling and household hazardous waste collection and disposal contract. **This new contract will go into effect on January 1, 2023**, and not only will it not allow for unlimited service, but the cost per month will also increase to \$30.51. As part of this new service Waste Management will be providing each customer with a collection container or cart. All garbage that you want taken away must fit inside this cart. If not, it will be considered a bulk item, one of which can be disposed of only one time per month as part of your monthly bill. If you have more than one item, you will be subject to an additional charge per item. There will be no changes regarding how recycling and household hazardous waste is collected and disposed of.

Over the next thirty (30) day period you will be receiving information from both Waste Management and the Township regarding this new contract. Besides the Township's Website and Facebook pages, information will also be disseminated by U.S. Mail. Please pay special attention to your mail because you will be receiving a postcard-type communication regarding cart sizes. There are three cart sizes, a 96-gallon, a 64-gallon (which is the size of your recycling container) and a 35-gallon cart (please see cart specifications that follows this letter). At this time, Waste Management plans to distribute to all customers a 96-gallon cart unless you communicate otherwise. Furthermore, failure to respond means that you will automatically receive a 96-gallon container.

Please understand that the Township is not particularly happy with the changes we are seeing in the waste collection and disposal industry. **This is especially true since under Pennsylvania Act 101 of 1989, and the Allegheny County Solid Waste Plan, Hampton residents are required to utilize the Township's publicly bid and sponsored collection services.** The loss of unlimited collection services will create some problems we will all have to work through together.

Again, the new Township garbage, recycling and household hazardous waste collection and disposal contract **begins on January 1, 2023**. As such, now is the time to dispose of those large (bulk) items (i.e., furniture, tables, chairs, a washer, dryer, dishwasher, toilet, stove, etc...) at no cost before this new contract goes into effect.

On behalf of Township Council, Township Staff, Waste Management and myself, we apologize in advance for any inconveniences that these changes in trash may cause you and your family. Change is always difficult, but I am confident that we can work through this effectively together.

Sincerely,

W. Christopher Lochner
Municipal Manager
November 22, 2022
(Cart specifications attached)