

*In The Heart Of The Mohawk Valley*

# VILLAGE OF MOHAWK

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Dear Village of Mohawk Resident,

I am very pleased to announce the Village of Mohawk's new recycling collection program. The goal of the new program is to increase recycling and make collection more efficient in the Village of Mohawk. Through recycling, we are able to conserve landfill space, raw materials, and energy. Through the use of the new recycling carts, we can reduce litter and help beautify the village.

Households that utilize the Village of Mohawk garbage bags or the cart system will receive a new cart for **recyclables**. Distribution of the new carts will take place at the end of January. The carts are property of Spohn Disposal and are not to be transferred to another location. All recyclable items must be placed loosely, with no plastic bags, string, or twine, inside the new recycling cart with the lid closed to be eligible for weekly pick-up. **Do not place garbage/trash in the recyclable carts.**

Remember to mix all recyclables (paper, plastic, metal, & glass) in your new car labeled "RECYCLING". Each recyclable cart is clearly labeled depicting acceptable recyclable items. Recyclable items must be placed in your recycling cart loosely, **with no plastic bags, string, or twine.**

Included with this letter is information that will guide you and your family through the new recycling and trash collection process. Also included are the updated Village of Mohawk Solid Waste and Recycling guidelines. Please keep the information handy as it contains answers frequently asked questions, telephone numbers, and website information.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this new recycling initiative.

Sincerely,

James M. Baron  
Mayor

# VILLAGE OF MOHAWK

## SOLID WASTE/TRASH/RECYCLING/GREEN WASTE GUIDELINES - EFFECTIVE 02/01/2017

Residents have the option to use either Village of Mohawk garbage bags or carts. The bag and cart system applies to all Village residents and businesses that do not have private dumpster service or a private collection dumpster contract. **Please note: Residents who do not participate in the public solid waste collection system will not receive service for recycling, bulk items, electronic waste, steel/metal items, major appliances/white goods, and/or green waste collection.**

Households that utilize the Village garbage bags or the cart system for garbage/trash will also receive a cart for recyclables. Recyclables must be placed inside the cart loosely, *with no plastic bags, string or twine*. See reverse side for recycling guidelines.

### VILLAGE GARBAGE BAGS

If you choose to use Village of Mohawk orange garbage bags, they are available at:

**Mohawk Fastrac Market – 1 West Main Street**

**Cost for the Bags: Large = \$2.95 Small = \$2.30**

### CART SYSTEM

If you choose to participate in the cart system, please contact the Oneida-Herkimer Solid Waste Authority Office via email at [haileyh@ohswa.org](mailto:haileyh@ohswa.org) or by phone at (315) 733-1224 ext. 2000 to arrange for cart service.

**Cost for Carts [Payments to be made quarterly, in advance]:**

**32-gallon = \$57.00 per quarter**

**64-gallon = \$72.00 per quarter**

**95-gallon = \$90.00 per quarter**

### LARGE QUANTITIES OF TRASH [This includes all construction and demolition material]

- Call a private hauler to rent a dumpster.
- Small pieces of wood, lumber, or construction debris can be placed in Cart or in Village trash bags (**DO NOT** mix with yard waste).
- Construction & demolition debris must be removed by the resident or by arrangement with a private hauler.

### SCHEDULE/RULES FOR SETTING OUT GARBAGE AND RECYCLABLES

- Garbage and recyclables will be collected on **Wednesday**.
- Garbage should **NOT** be out before 3:00 PM on Tuesday but **SHOULD** be out before 12:00 Midnight on Tuesday.
- Garbage Bags **SHOULD NOT EXCEED 50 pounds**.
- Empty carts or cans must be removed from the curbside by 8:00 PM on Wednesday.
- If your garbage or recyclables are not collected, contact Spohn's Disposal Service at (315) 866-3665.

### BULK ITEMS COLLECTED WEEKLY [NOT BULK ITEMS: Wood, Lumber, Construction Debris, Plaster, Wall Board & Plywood]

- Bulk items are defined as large household items (i.e., couch, chair, mattress, table, rug (rolled & tied), lamp, cabinet, dresser etc.).
- **ONE** bulk item **per each property** may be put out on the same day as your garbage pick-up (i.e. dining table set of one table and four chairs equal five items, which will take five weeks to dispose).
- Items must not be too large or heavy for two men to lift.

### ELECTRONIC WASTE, STEEL, METAL ITEMS, MAJOR APPLIANCES & WHITE GOODS COLLECTED TWICE A MONTH FOR PROPER RECYCLING

- These items will be collected on the first and third Friday of each month.
- These items need to be called in to Spohn's Disposal Service at (315) 866-3665 to be put on a pick-up list. Please call before the collection day and state what needs to be picked up (i.e., computer, TV, washer, dryer, refrigerator, water heater, etc.) so that special collection arrangements can be made.

### GREEN/YARD WASTE COLLECTION [GREEN/YARD WASTE MUST BE CONTAINERIZED OR TIED/BUNDLED]

- Set out **Sunday** night for **Monday** pick-up beginning April 1<sup>st</sup> – last Monday in October. No container should exceed 50 pounds.
- Green waste (grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and shrub clippings) must be placed in a reusable container only. **\*ALL containers must have handles\***.
- **DO NOT** place green waste in plastic bags, galvanized barrels, laundry baskets, cardboard boxes or brown paper bags.
- Green waste should be free of stones, wood, paper, plastic pots/trays and animal waste.
- Lumber and other construction debris **IS NOT** considered brush or yard waste.
- Brush and shrubs cannot exceed four feet (4') and must be placed in a reusable container or tied and bundled.
- **Christmas trees will be collected at the end of December and during the month of January.**

**FALL LEAF COLLECTION:** The Village of Mohawk DPW will continue to pick up seasonal leaves in the Fall. Leaves must be placed loose at the curb for collection. Scheduling and preparation for this service will be announced by the Village of Mohawk DPW. **(November 1<sup>st</sup> – As long as weather permits).**

### SPECIAL ITEMS

**Tires:** Residents can deliver tires to the Authority's EcoDrop Utica on Leland Ave or contact a private hauler to have them removed.

**Used Motor Oil:** Take to a service station/oil redemption center or to the Authority's EcoDrop Utica.

**IF YOU ARE NOT SURE HOW TO DISPOSE OF SOMETHING, PLEASE CALL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING FOR ASSISTANCE:**

**VILLAGE OF MOHAWK: (315) 866-4312**

**SPOHN'S DISPOSAL SERVICE: (315) 866-3665**

**ONEIDA-HERKIMER SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY: (315) 733-1224 or visit [www.ohswa.org](http://www.ohswa.org)**

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON YOUR RECYCLING CART**

Each property that utilizes the Village garbage bags or cart system for garbage will receive one cart for recyclables (at no additional charge).

### **LOADING YOUR CART**

Each cart has easy to follow instructions on what items are accepted for recycling. All recyclable items must be placed inside the cart loosely, with no plastic bags, string, or twine.

*Please note: Cardboard boxes should be cut into smaller pieces so that they fit loosely inside the cart. Cardboard **will not** be accepted if it is placed outside of the recycling cart.*

### **DO NOT PLACE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR RECYCLING CART:**

GARBAGE	PLASTIC BAGS	STYROFOAM
ELECTRONICS	PAINT CANS	HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
BATTERIES	LIGHT BULBS	YARD WASTE
CERAMICS	WINDOW GLASS	SHARPS (NEEDLES/SYRINGES)

### **PLACING CART FOR COLLECTION**

- Make sure the lid is closed.
- Lid opening must face the street
- Place cart no less than two (2) feet from the curb.
- Carts should be placed at least four (4) feet from obstructions such as garbage bags, garbage carts, mailboxes, parked cars, fire hydrants or utility poles.

**Please Note:** The best placement for recyclables and garbage is on opposite sides of the driveway.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Visit: [www.AmlRecyclable.com](http://www.AmlRecyclable.com)



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**ONE BIN** | **MIX ALL**  
**NO BAGS** | **RECYCLABLES**  
EASIER. MORE CONVENIENT. LESS COST. | **TOGETHER**

## HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

★ All Recyclable Items Mix Together In One Bin For Collection ★

1. All recyclable items—paper, plastic, metal, and glass—need to be mixed together loosely in one container.
2. Recyclables must be placed in the Village recycling cart.
3. Lids and labels should be left on recyclable containers. Containers should be empty and rinsed before recycling.
4. Do not place recyclables in plastic bags for collection. No string, no trash or green waste allowed.



### PAPER

Newspaper & Inserts  
Junk Mail, Circulars,  
Magazines & Catalogs  
Phone & Paperback Books  
Brown Grocery Bags  
Lightweight &  
Corrugated Cardboard  
Beverage Cartons  
(Milk, Juice and Juice Boxes)

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
Hard Cover Books, Napkins, Paper Plates,  
Tissue Paper, Soda & Beer Cartons,  
or Construction Paper



### PLASTIC

Plastic Bottles & Containers  
(With and Without Recycling Number Codes)  
Milk & Water Jugs  
Cottage Cheese,  
Yogurt & Pudding Cup  
Containers  
Soap & Detergent  
Containers

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
Plastic Bags, Styrofoam Containers,  
Toys, Motor Oil Bottles, Prescription Bottles  
or Clothes Hangers



### METAL

Food & Beverage Cans  
Deposit Cans  
Aluminum Foil  
Aluminum Plates  
& Trays  
Aerosol Cans  
Metal Lids

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
Propane Tanks, Metal-Cardboard Containers  
(Cocoa & Motor Oil), Clothes Hangers, Silverware  
or Small Appliances



### GLASS

Green, Amber &  
Clear Containers  
Canning Jars  
Deposit Bottles  
Liquor & Wine Bottles  
Food & Beverage  
Containers

**DO NOT INCLUDE:**  
Broken Glass, Drinking Glasses,  
Ovenware or Ceramics, Dishes, Mirrors,  
Window Glass or Light Bulbs

★ ONLY ONE EXCEPTION TO THE RULE: SHREDDED PAPER – Place in a clear plastic bag with your recyclables ★

#### Items That **SHOULD NOT** Be Placed In Your Recycling Bin

- **Sharps**  
Do not set out with your recyclables!  
Place used needles, syringes and lancets in a puncture-proof plastic container like a laundry detergent bottle with a top. When full, tape lid/top shut, label as "sharps" and place in the garbage.
- **Plastic Bags**
- **Batteries**
- **Ceramics**
- **Clothes Hangers**
- **Drinking Glasses**
- **Electronics**
- **Garbage**
- **Household Hazardous Waste**
- **Lawn & Yard Waste**
- **Light Bulbs**
- **Paint Cans**
- **Propane Tanks**
- **Styrofoam**
- **Window Glass**

#### EcoDrop

**Residents & Businesses May Drop Off Recyclables At Our Two EcoDrop Facilities:**

**EcoDrop | Utica** – 80 Leland Ave.  
Mon – Fri 8am – 4pm, Sat 7am – 2pm

**EcoDrop | Rome** – 575 Perimeter Rd.  
Mon – Fri 8am – 4pm, Sat 8am – 12pm

#### AmIRecyclable.com?

Download the AmIRecyclable digital reference guide for your SmartPhone to learn how to properly recycle or dispose of various items including plastic toys, garden hoses, plastic bags, Styrofoam and more.



For more information on RecycleOne, waste disposal and special programs, visit [ohswa.org](http://ohswa.org) or call **315.733.1224**.

\*RecycleOne decals can be obtained from the OHSWA Main Office