# Town of New Holstein 2017 Fall Recycling Newsletter

The Town of New Holstein will be holding our annual large item drop off at the following:

Location:

Town of New Holstein Town Hall and Garage; 1465 Tecumseh Rd.

Date:

October 14, 2017

Time:

10:00 AM to Noon

This drop off is a service for the residents of the Town of New Holstein only. Please be prepared to show proof of residency. Our town employee, Nick Brownson, will be at the drop off site to aid in unloading your items. Any good with Freon will not be accepted unless properly tagged. Tires and electronics will also not be accepted.

As a reminder, recycling should "NOT" be put into plastic bags. Also, it you continually are overfilling the bins (either garbage or recycling) a larger or second bin should be ordered.

I have received several calls about the recycling bins tipping over because they are too light. A suggestion that I use to help solve this problem is to collect all of your newspaper and light paper products and put them into a cardboard box or large paper bag. Do this for the whole month. Then after the normal monthly collection, and the recycling bin is empty, place the filled box or paper bag at the bottom of the bin. This puts the greatest weight at the bottom and then helps support the bin and it will not tip over as easily.

As for the recycling blowing out – there is no fool proof idea for this, but what I find the most effective is to flatten all of your plastic jugs and cans. The wind does not pick them up out of the bin as easily and also gives you additional space in the recycling bin.

If anyone has additional ideas, I would love to hear of them. This information would get passed on to everyone in future newsletters. We could also add this helpful information to our website. The town's website and the Calumet County website are great sources of information on upcoming recycling events.

I thought that I would add in here some interesting facts that I found at a website at: <a href="www.dosomething.org/us/facts">www.dosomething.org/us/facts</a>. Check it out!!!!

- 1) The average person generates over 4 pounds of thrash every day and about 1.5 tons of solid waste per year.
- 2) Americans make more than 200 million tons of garbage each year. Enough to fill Busch Stadium from top to bottom twice a day.
- 3) The EPA estimates that 75% of the American waste stream is recyclable, but we only recycle about 30% of it.
- 4) We generate 21.5 million tons of food waste each year. If we composted that food, it would reduce the same amount of greenhouse gas as taking 2 million cars off the road.
- 5) Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to listen to a full album on your iPod. Recycling 100 cans could light your bedroom for two whole weeks.
- 6) The Container Recycling Institute (CRI) estimates that the 36 billion aluminum cans landfilled last year had a scrap value of more than 600 million.
- 7) Americans throw away about 2 billion bottles and jars every year.
- 8) Over 7% of Americans have access to curbside or drop-off paper recycling programs.
- 9) In 2009, Americans threw away almost 9 million tons of glass.
- 10) In 2010, paper recycling has increased over 9% since 1990.
- 11) A glass container can go from a recycling bin to a store shelf in as few as 30 days.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jo Muellenbach

## Town of New Holstein - Fall 2017 Newsletter

BOARD MEMBERS:	PHONE:	CALL FOR:
Gary Winkler-Chairman	920-898-5575	Building Permits
Dean Konen -Supervisor	920-894-7452	<b>Driveway and Culvert Permits</b>
Ben Henke-Supervisor	920-898-4650	Raze Permits, Fire Dept. related issues
Mary Jo Muellenbach-Treasurer	920-898-5682	Taxes & Recycling/Garbage
Cheryl Heller-Clerk	920-898-5538	Town information and Licenses

## **Raze Permits & Building Permits**

The Town of New Holstein requires a raze permit when you remove a structure in the town. Contact Ben Henke at 920-898-4650 for information or to obtain a raze permit. Building Permits are needed in the township if a remodeling project changes the footprint of the buildings, or makes changes to plumbing, electrical, heating, etc. For more information, or to obtain a building permit call: Gary Winkler 920-898-5575

## **Driveway and Culvert Permits**

Anyone putting in a new driveway or culvert or changing existing ones are required to get a permit from the town before the work has begun. For more information or to obtain a driveway/culvert permit call: Dean Konen 920-894-7542 If you are building a new home or changing an existing driveway entrance that exits onto state or county highways you will need to contact the State of Wisconsin or the County for permits prior to work being done.

#### **Ditches**

Do not use ditches for stones, dumping, or excess snow removal. Do not enter or exit ditches where there are no existing driveways. Do not plow snow across town roads. **Violators will be prosecuted.** 

#### **Right of Ways**

Please remember that tall vegetation and or crops are not to be planted in the town road right-of-ways (33 feet in either direction from the centerline). Per town ordinance said vegetation and crops will be removed by the town.

#### Mailboxes

Town policy states that mailboxes need to be 36" from the edge of the blacktop.

Abiding by this policy will aid our snowplow drivers and will help to ensure your mailbox stays upright when the plows come through.

\*For your protection and that of your family please have your trees trimmed and driveway kept clear so emergency vehicles can easily access your property in the case of an emergency.

### Special points of interest:

Town Assessor: Scott Tennessen 920-423-3502

Diggers Hotline: 800-242-8511 Call 3 days in advance when digging.

Calumet Co.: 920-849-2361

Call before you burn: 920-849-2335

Town of New Holstein W1465 Tecumseh Rd. New Holstein WI 53061 920-898-4606

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