

Town of New Holstein 2018 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 20, 2018
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 goods with Freon will not be accepted unless properly tagged. Tires and electronics will also not be accepted.

Remember, recycling should “NOT” be put into plastic bags. Also, if you are overfilling the bins (either garbage or recycling) a larger or second bin should be ordered. If either of these happens on a continual basis, then the Town will authorize that the driver tags your bin and not empty it.

It has also been brought to the Town's attention that residences are requesting changes in their bin sizes on a frequent basis. Our dates for calculating usage are from October of one year to October of the next. If you need to adjust the size of your current bin, the time to do so would be in October. The fees charged are based on a full year, and you will be charged for the largest of the size that you had throughout the current year. There will be no proration of fee. Also, multiple adjustments per family may result in an administration fee.

After you collect your cans, bottles and paper, then put them out by the road, do you ever think about where everything goes after the truck picks your recycling up? Largely, it goes to China!

Every day, nearly 4,000 shipping containers full of recyclables leave US port bound for China. China sends the US toys, clothes and electronics; in return, some of America's largest exports back are paper, plastic and aluminum. But that equation is changing. China is enforcing its new “National Sword” policy, which bans 24 types of solid waste, including various plastics and unsorted mixed papers, and sets a much tougher standard for contamination levels. Essentially they are saying the country would no longer act as the world's trash dump. Currently, China consumes 55 percent of the world's scrap paper and is a major destination for other recyclables. It is now difficult to send the bales of recyclables to China because of the contamination levels – the trash that's accidentally mixed in, something like the remnants of a greasy pizza box that gets thrown in with the recycling – almost certainly exceed China's rigorous new standards.

Selling the material in the US is simply not an option. “Because everything was going offshore, the mills have been slow to develop in the United States to handle this material. With the tightness in the marketplace, there might be more mills that will be built, but that takes four to six years to put in a mill that will handle the capacity that we're currently looking at.” In the meantime, there is growing concern as the bales of paper take over more and more storage space. If this stored recycling doesn't move, it can't be stored forever. At some point, it's going to start to degrade, the industry as a whole is going to stop bringing material into their storage facilities. And that's going to impact recycling programs throughout the country. In other words, trucks could stop collecting our curbside recycling. This is a bigger disruption to the industry than most people would think it is, because it's sort of an invisible process. You put your stuff out at the curb, and it goes away – nobody thinks about it as being a multibillion industry in this country.

Americans are making it hard on recycling collectors. About 15 percent of the recycling that is collected is unusable rubbish. So with that being said, we can all begin to do our part. Make sure that what you are putting in your recycling bin is truly a recyclable product. Take the extra time to clean and inspect before placing it in a bin. A small amount of contamination can make the whole bale of recyclables non-usable.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Jo Muellenbach

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BOARD MEMBERS:	PHONE:	CALL FOR:
Gary Winkler-Chairman	920-898-5575	Building Permits
Dean Konen -Supervisor	920-894-7452	Driveway and Culvert Permits
Ben Henke-Supervisor	920-418-3388	Raze Permits, Fire Dept. related issues
Mary Jo Muellenbach-Treasurer	920-898-5682	Taxes & Recycling/Garbage
Cheryl Heller-Clerk	920-898-5538	Town information, Voting information and Licenses

Building Permits & Raze Permits

Building Permits are required if the project is going to cost \$2000.00 or more, or the 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.

The Town of New Holstein requires a raze permit when you remove a structure in the town. Contact Ben Henke at 920-418-3388 for information or to obtain a raze permit.

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 & Right of Ways

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.** 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:

Accurate & Complete voting information can be found at: myvote.wi.gov or call Cheryl Heller at 920-898-5538

Town Assessor: Scott Tennesen 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

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For more information go to our website at: townofnewholstein.com