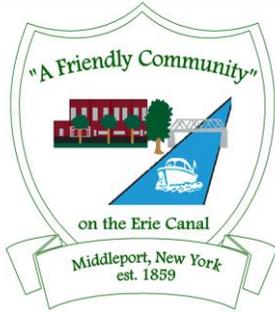


November 2020



## NOTES FROM OUR DPW

**Leaves** – Leaves are to be raked to the edge of the street and left in open piles. Leaf pick up will start once the leaves really start accumulating on the ground, and will end on **November 30, 2020**.

**Brush-As a reminder BRUSH** is to be placed at the curb with the **butt end toward the street** and stacked no more than 4 feet high. **Please DO NOT** place roots, stumps, vines or rose bushes out for chipping.

Under **NO** circumstances should yard waste be thrown into the street or ditches. This can cause ditch or storm drain blockage which in turn can cause flooding.

**PLEASE REMOVE ANY PORTABLE BASKETBALL NETS** from the streets. Snow plows **WILL** hit and damage them, and the Village will not be responsible for the damage. You could be held responsible for damage to the snow plow, too!

**LASTLY**, Coordinator Bobbitt would like to **REMIND EVERYONE NOT** to flush feminine hygiene products and "flushable" wipes. It has become a **MAJOR** problem within the Village. This causes sewer mainlines to back up so **PLEASE** be considerate of your neighbors and the Village. Thank you for your cooperation!

# VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT

## FALL NEWSLETTER

**PLEASE READ FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The Middleport Police Department will be enforcing the Village's overnight parking ban from Sunday, November 1, 2020, through and including Sunday, April 4, 2021. Parking is prohibited on Village streets from 3 am to 6 am during that time period to facilitate snow removal by the Public Works Department.

### *From the Mayor's desk*

*As some of you may be aware, the Village will be transitioning to refuse cart-based collection starting in January. While I am aware that we are all resistant to change, please know that this is the direction the solid waste industry is moving towards to increase worker safety and reduce labor costs. Our contract with Modern was expiring so the Village had to go out to bid for refuse collection. There were only two bids received, and they were both for cart-based collection with Modern being the lowest bid.*

*It was the Village's goal to provide convenient, yet ample service in a cost-effective manner. These refuse carts are 95 gallon capacity which will hold 5-6 kitchen trash bags worth of trash with **all recyclables removed**. It is important that you remember to condense and compact your trash in order to maximize the cart space.*

*Thank you for your patience and understanding as we transition to cart collection, and **PLEASE READ** the **FAQ sheets** included in this newsletter for important information. If you are a landlord, please share this information with your tenants.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mayor Westcott*

From the Historian...

*If you have photos of local people, places, yearbooks, or any kind of Village memorabilia, please consider donating to our Village Historian Christa Lutz. She's also looking for photos to scan so you can keep the originals. Mrs. Lutz is at the Village Hall Tuesday & Thursday from 10 am to 3 pm.*

# VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT FAQs for CART-BASED COLLECTION

## WHY DID THE VILLAGE MOVE TO CARTS?

The local solid waste industry is transitioning to cart-based collection as a means to increase worker safety and reduce labor expenses. Cart-based Trash Collection is a much more efficient means to collect solid waste.

## AM I ALLOWED TO THROW ANYTHING I WANT INSIDE MY TRASH CART?

You are allowed to place all household trash inside your carts. The following items are **PROHIBITED**-compressed cylinders (propane tanks), Liquid waste (oil, paint), electronics, hazardous, radioactive and explosive wastes.

## I DON'T WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM, CAN I "OPT OUT"?

**No**, all Single, Double, and Triple family parcels are required to participate in the Village's refuse collection program. Each property must have one cart issued per number of units on the property. For example, a double family home will be issued two carts.

## WHAT DO I DO IF I AM CLEANING OUT MY HOUSE OR GARAGE? I USED TO BE ABLE TO PUT EVERYTHING OUT AT NO CHARGE?

If you are doing a renovation or clean-out, you should contact a local private hauler for a dumpster or make arrangements with a debris removal company. Or, take advantage of disposing 3 bulk items during dedicated bulk week each month.

## WHEN CAN I PUT OUT LARGE TRASH ITEMS?

Residents are allowed to place out a total of three (3) bulk items each month during a dedicated "bulk waste" collection week. Please review the material mailed to you and also posted on the website to determine when bulk collection will take place. Normal bagged household trash is not considered a bulk item and must be placed in your trash carts or have an "additional capacity tag" attached to be collected.

## WHERE CAN I DISPOSE OF LEAF AND YARD DEBRIS?

Village residents are directed to place leaves at the curb in front of their property **during the fall months ONLY**. DPW personnel will remove the leaves in a timely fashion. Brush is chipped during the spring, summer, and fall months. You may place yard and leaf debris into your cart. ***If you have an excessive amount, you are encouraged to find alternate disposal or composting means.***

## WHAT IS ALLOWED AT THE CURB?

Each week you are allowed to place your trash cart out for collection. Please be sure the lid can close on your cart. Any additional waste outside of the cart must have a *Village issued sticker* for collection. **Additional "bag tag" waste** is limited to **ONE 30-gallon bag of waste that DOES NOT weigh more than 40-lbs.** During bulk week, **three bulk items** are allowed out for placement. Recycling shall be placed out every-other-week.

## WHAT IF I WANT TO PUT OUT MORE WASTE?

**There are options** if you have more waste than what will fit inside your cart. You may purchase additional capacity stickers for \$5 per tag at Village Hall, or if you need more consistent capacity, you may purchase an additional cart. **Additional carts**, however, will not be available until after April 1, 2021. There will be a fee for the additional cart **AND** an annual fee for disposal service for your additional cart.

## CAN I PURCHASE AN ADDITIONAL CART FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEPORT?

**No.** The Village has contracted with Modern for collection from ONLY Village issued carts unless a prior agreement was made. Any other cart or container placed out for collection will not have the contents emptied. If you have previously purchased carts from Modern, and wish to not receive a Village issued cart, please contact the Village Clerk's office

## IF I MOVE, CAN I TAKE MY CART WITH ME?

**No.** The carts are the property of the Village of Middleport and must remain with the property

### **WHAT DO I DO IN THE WINTER WHEN THERE IS SNOW IN MY DRIVEWAY?**

We encourage you to clear a spot to place your cart when snow is on the ground. If you would like to place your cart in your driveway, you are welcome to, but please expect your cart in the same location after it is emptied.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF A CAR PARKS IN FRONT OF MY CARTS?**

We respectfully request that you place your carts out of the way of obstructions such as telephone poles, bulk waste, hydrants, parked cars and mailboxes. If a car parks in front of your carts, often the driver will collect them anyway, but if the issue is persistent you may be requested to relocate your carts.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CART BLOWS OVER?**

We request that you make every effort to place your cart on stable ground. On very rare occasions, if a full cart blows over, please attempt to stand it up. If not, seek assistance or let your hauler know.

### **MODERN DID NOT COLLECT MY TRASH or RECYCLING**

For all missed collections, please contact Modern customer service at **1-888-648-0928**.

### **HOW DO I PLACE MY CARTS OUT FOR COLLECTION?**

*All carts should be a minimum of 3 feet away from cars and other objects and handles must face towards the house. Please have carts out by 6am on day of collection. Contents must fit inside cart/No overflow/lid should close. ANY material outside of cart will not be collected unless fitted with proper "additional capacity tag".* Also, only waste in a Village issued Cart will be collected.

### **WHAT DO I DO WITH MY OLD GARBAGE CONTAINERS?**

If you wish to dispose of your old containers you may do so **THE WEEK AFTER** your new cart arrives. Simply place a "Take Me" sign on them and place out with your cart for collection. **However, bulk trash pickup will be in effect through the end of 2020. CART-BASED ONLY collection begins in January 2021.** If you decide later to throw them out, please place them out during bulk collection week with a "Take Me" sign on them. If you have previously purchased carts from a home improvement store and do not want to dispose of them, you are encouraged to identify an alternate use for them.

### **MY CART WAS NOT DELIVERED YET**

Cart delivery is anticipated to begin the week of November 9, 2020. It will take approximately one week to complete delivery of all carts. If you have not received your cart by December 1st, please contact the *Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303*.

### **THIS CART IS TOO BIG/TOO SMALL**

Cart sizes and quantities were selected based on data from surrounding communities. It was the Villages goal to provide convenient, yet ample service in a cost-effective manner. A 95-gallon trash cart will hold 5-6 kitchen bags worth of trash with recyclables removed. We recommend that if you need more capacity, that you are sure to remove bulky recyclables from your trash stream. Additional carts will be made available after April 1, 2021.

### **HOW MUCH DO THE CARTS COST?**

The Village is in the process of procuring carts. Each 95-gallon trash cart is anticipated to cost \$46.29. The expected life span of a trash cart is 14 years.

### **THE LID ON MY CART(S) IS BENT**

The rigid plastic lids may need a little time to return to their original form after delivery. Please allow one week or place your cart in the sun for a few hours.

### **CAN I WRITE MY HOUSE NUMBER ON MY CART?**

Each cart is assigned a unique set of numbers and bar code. You are encouraged to write that number down in the event your cart is missing. Also, all carts are scanned with your address upon delivery. If you wish to write on your cart, do so on the interior of the lid.

### **WHAT HAPPENS IF SOMEONE STEALS MY CART?**

If your cart is lost or stolen, please contact the Village Clerk's office. Often after a heavy wind event carts may blow

over. Please double check with your neighbors that your cart did not blow over to their property. If your carts are lost/stolen or damaged, please contact The Village to report your incident. Each Cart is equipped with a serial number to assist the Village with identifying the address of a recovered cart. If your cart is found, you will be notified. As far as replacement, if a pattern of abuse is identified (such as multiple replacements in a short period of time) the Village may charge a fee for replacing each cart.

### WHAT ARE THE DIMENSIONS OF THE CARTS?

All Village properties will receive a 95-gallon cart for their trash.

<b>Depth</b>	33.3 in
<b>Width</b>	29.2 in
<b>Length</b>	43.5 in
<b>Empty Weight</b>	32 lbs.

*Mayor Westcott is pleased to announce that he has formed a Police Reform Committee to comply with Governor Cuomo's Executive Order. The Governor is requiring that all law enforcement agencies MUST adopt a Police Reform Plan by April 1, 2021. Please watch for more details on our website.*

### MORE INFORMATION FROM THE DPW

We are in the process of upgrading our water meters and software, and *we need your help*. Please contact the Village Clerk's office at 716-735-3303 to schedule an appointment to have your meter replaced. It only takes a few minutes to change out the old meter for the new meter which has a battery life of 20 years.

The Village Clerk's office would also like to update their contact information for all residents. The new software can detect leaks within your home so we want to alert you as soon as possible rather than *only* being notified when we do the quarterly readings.

*Thank you!*

### INFORMATION FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT

**NYSDEC:** Open burning is permitted for small recreational fires including small cooking and campfires. Burning of waste products or garbage is *prohibited*, including newspaper, paper products, plastic, chemically treated wood (pressure treated) and plywood.

**Complaints call NYSDEC @ 1-877-457-5680 (24 hours)**

**Premise Identification:** New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification plainly legible and visible from the street. Numbers shall be a *minimum* of 4 inches.

**Fire Code of NYS §507.5.5:** A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of fire hydrants. Please keep snow and other obstructions away from hydrants.

*The Hometown Hero program is continuing for 2021. There was such an overwhelming response in its first year that our Historian Christa Lutz is taking orders for the banners between November 1 and December 15. Guidelines and application forms can be downloaded from [www.villageofmiddleport.org](http://www.villageofmiddleport.org) or they can be picked up at the Village Hall, 24 Main St. Completed applications should be mailed to Christa Lutz, 24 Main St., Middleport, NY 14105 or emailed to [MdptHometownHeroes@gmail.com](mailto:MdptHometownHeroes@gmail.com)*

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