

August 26, 2015

ANNUAL REPORT - HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

2014 – 2015

The Sanitation Division of the Highway Department collected 3,002 tons of refuse, which reflects an increase of 42 tons from the previous year.

The Recycling Division of the Highway Department collected recyclable material, and since January 2013 we went to single stream recycling and now we do not have totals for tonnage collected.

SANITATION AND RECYCLABLE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

SANITATION - The City is divided into two sections by a line formed at West Elderkin, Elderkin and Rainville Avenue. North of this line, trash is collected on Tuesdays and Fridays. South of this line, trash is collected on Mondays and Thursdays. Trash will not be collected on City Holidays; it will be collected on the following scheduled day. Trash is to be placed in covered metal or heavy plastic containers, not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons or weighing when filled more than seventy-five (75) pounds.

RECYCLABLES - The City is divided into five (5) sections with each section collected one day per week. Please separate your recyclables in three (3) sections as follows:

- Bottles, Cans and #1 through #7 Plastics (please flatten all your plastic milk cartons);
- Newspapers and Magazines (please bundle up and tie or put in brown paper bags), we also take hard and soft cover books;
- Cardboard (should be cut into 2' x 3' sections, flattened and bundled).

Note: The Highway Dept. no longer gives out the orange recycling containers; you may purchase a container at your local department store.

If you have any questions on pickup day, etc. please call the Highway Department at 446-4127.

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NOTICE: Trash and Recycling Pickups on Holidays are as follows:

- Residents who have regular "**Trash**" collection scheduled for the holiday **will not** be picked up. Their trash will be picked up on the next scheduled day.
- Resident who have "**Recycling**" pickup scheduled for a holiday, see below:
- If a holiday falls on a **Monday**, and this is your recycling day, please put out your recycling on Tuesday morning and it will be picked up.
- If a holiday falls on a **Tuesday**, and this is your recycling day, please put out your recycling on Wednesday morning and it will be picked up.
- If a holiday falls on a **Wednesday**, and this is your recycling day, please put out your recycling on Thursday morning and it will be picked up.
- If a holiday falls on a **Thursday**, and this is your recycling day, please put out your recycling on Friday morning and it will be picked up.
- If a holiday falls on a **Friday**, and this is your recycling day, please put out your recycling on Thursday and it will be picked up.
- **Important:** If a holiday falls on **Thursday and Friday** (Thanksgiving Day and Day-After Thanksgiving Day), and these are your recycling days, please put out your recycling on Wednesday and it will be picked up.

LEAF COLLECTION - Is scheduled for the spring and fall. Only those leaves placed in biodegradable paper bags, cardboard boxes or trashcans not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons or weighing when filled more than seventy-five (75) pounds will be collected. Plastic bags are **not** accepted at the landfill. Therefore, leaves placed in plastic bags will **not** be picked up. Further information concerning this collection will be published in your local newspaper.

******Reminder******

Please do not sweep your leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems. Pick the leaves up and put them out in the proper container. Your help with this situation will be greatly appreciated. Together we can all keep our City Clean and Beautiful!

LEAVES WILL NOT BE COLLECTED IF PLACED IN PLASTIC BAGS

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NOTE: GRASS CLIPPINGS - are **NOT** acceptable at the landfills - compost or mulch on lawn. We cannot take grass clipping with the leaf pickup or trash collections.

Please do not sweep or blow your grass clippings into the street or road. Grass clippings accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems.

GRASS Clippings WILL NOT BE COLLECTED under any circumstances

BULKY WASTE COLLECTION - The City started Bulky Waste Collection on November 1, 2004. Bulky waste items are picked up on Wednesdays. Residents do not have to pay for this service but there is a \$20.00 fee per appliance. One-week notice is required for all appointments.

Call or stop by the Highway/Sanitation Office to schedule a bulky waste appointment, please call us at 446-4127.

Please Keep in Mind:

- Piles must be neatly stacked all items separated into piles of the following: wood, brush, metal, furniture, and miscellaneous.
- Items must be away from trees, telephone poles, wires or other obstacles.
- No brush or lumber over five feet in length
- Bulky Waste is picked up by hand.

SUMMER HOURS SCHEDULE - Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, sanitation and recyclable collections will begin at 6:00 a.m. The remainder of the year sanitation and recyclable collections will begin at 7:00 a.m. To eliminate problems with not being picked up - Please have your sanitation and recycling out by the proper starting time.

RESIDENTIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE PRODUCTS - Any container labeled: toxic, poison caustic, flammable or reactive should not be set out for collection.

“HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY” - Is scheduled in the spring in the Town of Groton and will enable residents to bring these materials for disposal. Further information concerning this collection will be published in your local newspaper.

******Reminder******

Winter Reminder: All property owners or occupants of land adjacent to a sidewalk have the responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks.

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HIGHWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

- ❑ Resurfaced Streets – Seven (7)
- ❑ Sidewalk Replacement (Concrete) – One Hundred Seventy-Five Feet (175')
- ❑ Sidewalk Replacement (Bituminous) – Zero (0)
- ❑ Catch Basin Repairs – Zero (0)
- ❑ New Catch Basins – Seven (7)
- ❑ New Drainage Installation – Zero (0)
- ❑ Curbing Replaced (Bituminous) – Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Five Feet (5,545')
- ❑ Curbing Replaced (Concrete) – Thirty-Five Feet (35')
- ❑ Installation of ADA Handicap Ramps – One (1)
- ❑ Manholes Repaired – Twenty-Three (23)
- ❑ New Manholes – Zero (0)
- ❑ Mosquito control – Zero (0)
- ❑ Trees Planted – Zero (0)

INCLEMENT WEATHER RESPONSE

- ❑ Seventeen (17) Snow
- ❑ Twenty (20) Icing

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Dear Resident:

We thank you for allowing us to serve you, the City of Groton Residents. We devote our time repairing sidewalks, repaving roads, mowing grass, landscaping, cleaning storm drains, repairing traffic signs, line painting, repairing equipment, snow plowing, picking up sanitation, recycling, and bulky waste. We also assist other City departments just to name a few of our many duties. We welcome your phone calls and we strive to handle all customer concerns as quickly as possible. All of your calls are important to us and we look forward to hearing from you. Check out our website at www.Cityofgroton.com We hope you appreciate the work we do, as much as we enjoy working for you, the City of Groton Residents.

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