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NEWS RELEASE

Frenchtown Charter Township has awarded a 5-year contract to Stevens Disposal for Township trash and yard waste collection. Stevens will replace Republic Services with service commencing on December 1st, 2019. After much deliberation and consternation, the Board also determined time to eliminate curbside recycling collection services. While we understand that this is concerning, you should know that it was a very difficult decision for the Township which was driven by several factors:

1. Elimination of numerous materials from the list of acceptable recyclables including but not limited to glass, greasy pizza cardboard and plastic grocery bags and other items considered "contaminated" or "unacceptable" which are placed in recycle containers.
2. Declining market for purchase of recyclables. The business of recycling is undergoing big changes worldwide. China is no longer accepting much of the material it formerly would have. As a result the decline of recycling collection is occurring in municipalities nationwide.
3. Substantial cost to the taxpayers to continue to provide recycling service. The Township was paying for recycling services on a per household basis regardless of whether a particular residence participated in the recycling collection program or not.
4. Projected loss of tax revenue over a series of years due to two pending DTE tax appeals as to the Coal Plant and Fermi properties. DTE is the Township's largest taxpayer. The Township, along with all other county taxing bodies will experience a reduction in taxes due to DTE's appeal to reduce its valuation of the Fermi Plant and the Coal Plant. DTE has requested a 60% reduction. Although a final determination has not been made by the Tax Tribunal, this reduction in service will provide a necessary and substantial decrease in cost to the Township over the term of the new contract at a time when tax dollars are projected to decrease due to these DTE appeals.

The Township must budget with your tax dollars accordingly and in the most prudent way. The cost of trash, recycling and yard waste pickup has been approximately \$1,400,000.00 per year which the Township has paid from its general operating millage with no special tax levy for providing such services. With this change the Township is expected to reduce that cost to approximately \$960,000.00 per year. Many communities do not provide such services and home owners are responsible for disposal of their own waste by contracting with individual haulers. In the event circumstances change the Township will revisit the possibility of reinstating recycling services. As we provide for this transition the Township will be working with Stevens to provide sufficient carts for each residence and we ask for your consideration and cooperation as well. Thank you.

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Frenchtown Charter Township Solid Waste & Yard Waste Collection

Effective December 1, 2019

Frenchtown Resident:

Beginning December 1, 2019 Stevens Disposal is excited to partner with Frenchtown Charter Township for the collection of your household and yard waste needs.

There will be minimal changes to your current collection process. The most important change for you to be aware of is that Frenchtown Charter Township has determined to eliminate curbside recycle collection. While this might be concerning, it was a difficult decision for the Township driven by the current state of recycling nationwide, including contamination rate, the elimination of numerous materials from the list of acceptable recyclables including but not limited to glass, greasy pizza cardboard and plastic grocery bags, declining market for purchase of recyclables and increase cost associated with the processing of recycled material. This change will provide a substantial cost savings to Frenchtown Charter Township over the term of the new contract and is a change occurring in many municipalities nationwide.

Below are other important items to make note of that will become effective December 1, 2019:

1. Stevens Disposal will deliver one new 96-gallon cart the week of November 18th 2019 to be used starting December 1st 2019. (This cart will be registered by serial number to you address. (Please do not move carts to another address). *Information on the availability of additional carts will be provided to residents at a later date once details are finalized.*
2. The current containers can be used in addition to the new cart. (*if you wish to have any of the old containers removed please contact the township office*).
3. **Service Days:** Friday will be added to the collection schedule by taking small portions from Monday through Thursday routes. Please consult the map on the reverse side of this document for your collection day.
4. **Cart Placement:** Carts should be set curbside either the night before or **no later than 7:00am** on collection day.
5. **Prohibited items include but, may not be limited to the following:** Liquid filled containers of any kind, building/construction material i.e. wood, brick, concrete, asphalt, rocks, automotive parts & tires, hazardous waste material. Refrigeration units must have refringent removed and tagged by a licensed technician.
6. **Bulk items** must be scheduled at least 24 hours in advance of collection day by calling Stevens Disposal @ 800-779-0344 or the Township office @ 734-242-3282 Ext. 5.
7. **Yard Waste:** The collection of yard waste will be on the same day as your household trash. The dates for yard waste collection will be determined annually by the Township. (Generally, sometime in April through November or early December depending on weather). Material must be placed in a container clearly labeled as "YARD WASTE" (stickers are available at the Township office) or in approved paper yard waste bags. "**NO PLASTIC BAGS PLEASE**". Limbs cannot be larger than 1" in diameter and 4' in length bundled/tied or taped 24" in diameter or less.
8. **Christmas trees** will be collected on your normal collection day January 2nd through January 16th.
9. **Holiday Schedule** Stevens Disposal will observe the following six major holidays and will run your collection schedule one day behind. i.e. Christmas December 25th 2019 is on a Thursday so those with a regular collection day on Thursday will move to Friday the 26th and Friday collection will move to Saturday the 27th. **New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Day**

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- Monday
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- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

