



**** ATTENTION RESIDENTS ****

Recently, the Town of Tonawanda made changes to its Sanitation Ordinance with regards to Recycling Collection. You will now be required to place all of your recyclable material into a Town-issued recycling tote. Please take a moment to review the changes:

The new tote recycling program will start on **September 18th** and will follow a **bi-weekly** schedule for collection after that. Please refer to the enclosed recycling calendar to determine which week your pick-up will begin. The color of the paper this letter is printed on indicates the color you are to follow on the calendar. For example, if your letter is yellow, your bi-weekly collection will begin the week of September 25th on your garbage day. If your letter is blue, your bi-weekly collection will begin the week of September 18th on your garbage day. The new schedule has been **specifically determined for your street** and may not encompass your entire neighborhood.

Each residence will be issued a 65-gallon black tote with a green lid. Simply place all of your recyclable material into your tote and wheel it to the curb on your scheduled day. You will not need to bag or separate your recyclable material in any way.

- a. **Your pick-up for all garbage and non-recyclables will remain the same. Your garbage collection day has not changed and will still be picked up on a weekly basis.**
- b. All recyclable materials must be placed in your new recycling tote. However, if there are items that cannot fit properly inside, please set them next to the tote.
- c. After September 18th, the orange recycling bins will no longer be collected at curbside. However, these bins are recyclable. If you would like to dispose of your bin, either place it inside your new recycling tote or next to the tote **EMPTY** to indicate it is to be recycled.

RECYCLING RULES

1. All recycling must fit in the tote with the lid closed in order for it to be collected.
2. Items such as plastic lawn furniture may be placed next to your recycling tote for collection.
3. Your tote(s) may be placed at the curb no more than 24 hours in advance of collection and must be at the curb by 7:00 am on collection day. Removal of the emptied tote must be done within 24 hours as well.
4. We will continue to monitor the contents of the containers as they are dumped into the trucks. If trash and non-recyclable material is placed into the recycling tote, it will not be collected.

Additional totes are available for purchase.

Please contact the Highway Department at 875-8822 or www.tonawanda.ny.us

RODENT CONTROL MEASURES



Improper Garbage Storage

Occupant to dispose of garbage. Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall dispose of and store all his garbage or any other organic waste which might provide food for insects or rodents, in a clean, sanitary safe manner. Garbage and non recyclable waste material, refuse and rubbish shall be placed in a Town provided tote.

Erie County Sanitary Code, Article IX, section 21.12

Town of Tonawanda Code 181-4A



Bird Feeding

No person shall feed in the open any domestic or wild fowl, birds, or animals other than in a suitable container and in such a manner so as to prevent scattering of food upon the ground or ground level which can or will provide food for rodents, insects, vermin or other pests.

Erie County Sanitary Code, article IX Section 21.16 (d)

Town of Tonawanda Code 181-17.1C



Rodent Harborage

Every occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall store and dispose of accumulated rubbish, boxes, lumber, scrap metal, or any other materials in such a manner as to prevent rodent harborage in or about any dwelling or dwelling unit. Materials shall be stacked neatly in piles elevated to a level high enough to permit effective cleaning.

Erie County Sanitary Code, article IX, section 21.16 (a)

Town of Tonawanda Code 181-17.1B



Dog Waste and Fruit Fallen From Trees

Every owner or occupant of a dwelling or dwelling unit shall not store, place, or allow to accumulate any materials that may serve as food or harborage for rodents in a site accessible to rodents.

Erie County Sanitary Code, Article IX, Section 21.1 (c)

Town of Tonawanda Code 181-17.1A

"Properly store garbage in Town provided totes."
IT'S THE LAW.