

Genoa Charter Township News

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NEW REFUSE CONTRACTOR ANNOUNCEMENT

On August 1, 2011 Genoa Charter Township will end its relationship with Waste Management and begin a new contract with Duncan Disposal.

Duncan Disposal is a family owned company based in South Lyon with a reputation for excellent customer service. Their number is 248-437-8600 and their website is at <http://www.duncandisposalsystems.com>.

In addition to weekly refuse collection, customers will have an opportunity to take advantage of some new programs all covered by the annual \$110 fee included in your winter tax bill as noted below:

Weekly recycling will be provided to all residential customers at no extra charge.

- An 18 gallon recycle bin will be delivered to every residence
- Recycling placed in the bin will be picked up along with your trash every week.
- Recycling customers will no longer pay a subscription fee for recycling and will realize a significant savings.

Residents will be able to sign up with Duncan for an optional monthly curbside yard waste collection.

- The cost is \$10 per month (April through November) and covers the cost for up to 10 bags or bundles of brush.
- Additional yard waste bags and bundles will be collected for \$1 per bag over 10 bags.
- The yard waste program is conducted April through November each year.
- Duncan will individually bill the homeowner if they choose to subscribe to this service.

Yard waste drop off events will continue to be provided, free of charge, at the Township Hall. There will be two spring events and two fall events.

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Large item stickers will still be available for purchase at the Township Hall.

- Fees will be reduced to \$5 for the first sticker per year and \$10 for each sticker thereafter.
- Stickers for the removal of appliances containing Freon will be available for the current cost of \$50.

Rental of 95 gallon Duncan Disposal curb carts will be available:

- The current monthly subscription is \$3.00 per month.
- All cart deliveries are scheduled before August 1st if ordered by July 15th.
- Please begin using only the Duncan cart after August 1st.
- Carts owned by the previous hauler will not be emptied after July 31, 2011.
- Duncan will individually bill the homeowners who subscribe to their cart service.
- Waste Management will pick up their curb carts at the end of July.

Questions regarding refunds on refuse carts or recycling bins should be directed to Waste Management at 1-(800) 796-9696.



As a result of our move to Duncan Disposal, refuse and recycling collection days will change beginning August 1st. Collection days will be Monday thru Friday each week. A mailed notice regarding your home collection day will be mailed in July. In addition, the township web site will be updated with a map showing the new pick-up routes starting August 1st.

Waste Management Company has served Genoa Township well and continues to be very professional and helpful throughout this transition. We expect no delays in service during

this period of change. This is sincerely appreciated.

Genoa Charter Township and Duncan Disposal are committed to making this transition as seamless as possible and look forward to providing a waste collection program that emphasizes (1) an increased environmental awareness through providing weekly recycling for all residences and (2) a convenient alternative to yard waste disposal for those wishing to participate in the monthly curbside yard waste program.

TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

The township ordinance for operation of a Waste Management project was first approved on Jan. 2, 1990. This ordinance does not allow for the collection of yard waste, hazardous material, construction material, and animal or human excrement. Residents are limited to 90 gallons of refuse a week (approximately four 30-gallon plastic garbage bags or three 30-gallon garbage cans. Refuse should be placed at the curb no later than 7:00 a.m. on the day of collection.

RECYCLING

With close to 30% of our residents paying for recycling, the board decided to include recycling in our contract with Duncan Disposal since we could provide that service at a much lower cost to our

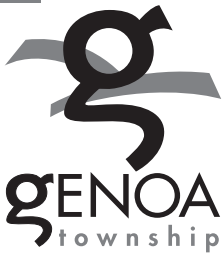


residents by providing this service to the entire township. Residents will no longer need to pay additional fees for twice-a-month recycling. Recycling would now be provided every week with a separate truck picking up recyclable materials.

Duncan provides free single stream curbside recycling. See the enclosed brochure titled **Put more in the bin** that outlines all the products that can be recycled. Recycling products would include cardboard and paper bags, junk mail, steel & tin cans, plastic jugs and bottles, paperboard, newspaper, aluminum cans, household plastic, magazines and catalogs, office paper, kitchen cookware, plastic bags, phone book and clear glass. Residents may want to retain the recycling brochure and save it for future reference.

*Thank
you*

**A Note of Thanks:
Genoa Township extends
a sincere “thank you”
to Rod Raether for his
donation of gravel and
topsoil used around the
Township Hall and the
Chilson Hills Cemetery.**



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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

To provide for Household Hazardous Waste Disposal, the Livingston County Drain Commissioner's Office, through its Solid Waste Program, will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection on Saturday, August 13th, at the corner of Alan and East Grand River in Green Oak Township, just west of the Green Oak Charter Township Fire Station.

This free event is open to all Livingston County residents to assist in safely eliminate unwanted hazardous chemicals from the home, workshop and/or garage. For a complete list of accepted items, please see our website @ <http://www.co.livingston.mi.us/SolidWaste/householdhazardouswaste.htm>

NEW PLAYGROUND IS READY

Our new playground is ready for use. The township has installed a state of the art playground for children 2 thru 12. Two separate facilities – one for the little ones ages two thru five and one for the bigger kids ages five thru twelve are open to the public. The new playground is located at the Genoa Township Hall between the two existing soccer fields. We welcome your use and hope that your children will have fun this summer. Picnic tables are available beneath the gazebo with restroom facilities attached.

SELCRA REIMBURSEMENTS STILL AVAILABLE TO GENOA RESIDENTS:

Genoa residents will be reimbursed for the difference between in-district and out-of-district fees related to SELCRA recreational programs. Receipts must be submitted within 30 days of enrollment/payment. Residents may submit by mail or hand deliver to the Township Treasurer's Office at 2911 Dorr Road, Brighton, MI 48116.