IMPORTANT PLEASE READ

12/15/2024

Dear Valued Oakland Collection Center (OCC) Users,

As we continue our mission to provide exceptional services, optimal value, and equitable treatment for all residents, we would like to inform you of important changes coming to the OCC in the coming year. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we navigate these updates together.

The current contract with Republic Services will expire in February 2025, and the renewal cost has increased significantly—over 30%, pushing the OCC's annual operating expenses to exceed \$200,000. We sought an alternative quote from Waste Management, but their proposed pricing was even higher.

Several factors have contributed to the rising costs, including:

- 1. Increased costs per ton of garbage collected, as dictated by the Republic Services contract
- 2. Non-resident usage of OCC services, such as borrowing cards or disposing of external garbage

To address these challenges while upholding our commitment to you, board members from each township have collaborated to devise a plan that aims to make the OCC self-funded. This plan consists of the following:

- 1. Property owners in Oakland, Swiss, or Union townships who wish to use the OCC must purchase an OCC card with \$50 worth of punches.
- 2. Garbage bag fees are as follows:
 - \$1 for 13-gallon tall kitchen garbage bags
 - \$3 for 33-55-gallon large garbage bags
 - Loose garbage will be subject to the discretion of OCC employees
- 3. Additional fees for appliances, tires, mattresses, and other items remain in effect.

To obtain a new OCC card, property owners will need to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to the OCC Manager, requesting the desired number of new cards (\$50 per card). OCC card payments must be separated from other township payments. Checks will need to be made out to "Oakland Collection Center".

By striving to make the OCC self-funded, we hope to reduce the burden on each township's General Fund and reallocate resources to other areas, such as road maintenance, thereby continuing to provide the best services and value to our residents. Your understanding and cooperation are essential to the success of this endeavor.

If property owners choose not to purchase OCC cards, alternative waste disposal options are available, such as:

- 1. Home garbage pickup through private companies like Waste Management (currently ~\$70/month)
- 2. Allied Waste at the Midtown transfer station (currently \$8/bag)

The new OCC process will commence on April 1, 2025. Current (2024) OCC cards will be accepted until this date. Please continue to present your OCC card on every visit to the facility.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

Sincerely,

Make check payable to: Oakland Collection Center

Please send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Town of Swiss - OCC

% OCC Dump Manager

P.O. Box 157 Danbury, WI 54830

OAKLAND COLLECTION CENTER 2025

The Oakland Collection Center (OCC) is open to all residential property owners of Oakland, Swiss and Union Towns for disposal of <u>residential</u> garbage and recycling. Unauthorized use of the OCC card will result in loss of OCC privileges.

The OCC is located at <u>28558 French Road</u> – approximately five miles south of Danbury. From State Highway 35, turn west on County Road U, then turn north on French Road and drive 9/10th of a mile to the OCC.

You do not need an OCC card to utilize <u>residential recycling services</u>; it is open to all county residents. Businesses should call their waste hauler for recycling information. Recycling and hazardous waste questions may be directed to the Recycling Control Commission at 715-635-2197.

Unlawful dumping outside the OCC gates - \$500.00 fine.

HOURS

WednesdayApril – September10 AM – 4 PMSaturdayAll Year10 AM – 4 PMSundayAll Year10 AM – 4 PM

The OCC is closed on the following holidays: Easter Sunday, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day

50% Off Prices (with OCC card) – May 3, 4, 7, 10, 11 & 14There is **NO** Free Day

Lost or in need of another card please mail \$50.00 check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to OCC Dump Manager at:

Town of Swiss - OCC P.O. Box 157 Danbury, WI 54830.

See reverse side for list of no charge items and fees for large items, refrigerant items, and other recyclables.



NOT ACCEPTED

- × Yard Waste: leaves, grass, stumps, trees, brush, etc.
- × Construction materials of any kind: wood, shingles, cement, concrete blocks, bricks, etc.
- × Snowmobiles, auto parts, used oil and oil filters.
- × Business generated garbage/recycling.

All Prices Subject to Change Due to Market Conditions

See Attendant for Payment and Drop-off Locations

NO CHARGE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS

Computer CPU's/Towers, laptops, tablets and computer related keyboards, mouse, computer wire connections and cell phones. Scrap metal, automotive batteries, and rechargeable batteries.

The following recyclables <u>must be empty, clean and dry</u>: corrugated cardboard (flattened), clean boxboard (cereal and pasta boxes), juice boxes and paper milk containers; newspapers, magazines, catalogs, paperback books, phone books, brochures, envelopes, office paper, junk mail, greeting cards and file folders; glass beverage and food jars/containers (clear, brown and green); metal food and beverage cans – steel, tin, bimetal and aluminum; and household consumer plastics <u>#1, #2 and #5</u> (absolutely NO automotive product bottles regardless of number).

FEES - LARGE ITEMS

\$10.00 each - Appliances, including but not limited to stoves, washers, and dryers.

\$10.00 each - Mattresses, box springs, dressers, stuffed chairs, kitchen tables and chairs, end tables, hassocks, foot stools, bicycles, sinks, doors, toilets, grills, metal kitchen cabinets, water heaters and each roll of carpet \$15.00 each - Couches

\$75.00 each - Floor Style Copy Machines

FEES - ITEMS WITH REFRIGERANTS

\$15.00 each - Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, and water chillers

FEES - OTHER RECYCLABLES

Swiss, Oakland, and Union Township Taxpayers Only

TELEVISIONS:

\$25.00 Televisions, \$25 Wood Console, \$75 Projection

TIRES:

\$5.00/auto or light truck tire

\$10.00/tire 17"- 25" \$15.00/tire 25" or more

\$30.00/Semi-Tire

COMPUTER MONITORS: \$10.00 any size

ELECTRONICS: \$5.00 each for VCR/DVD/Blu-ray Players, Radios, Stereo Speakers (set), Stereos, Desktop Fax Machines, Desktop Printers, Power Battery Backups, Vacuums, Satellite Receivers and Dishes, All Microwaves, Telephones (old styles), Electronic Typewriters, other powered electronics, etc.

FLUORESCENT BULBS: \$1.00 each for tubes 4 feet and under (this includes CFL's and circulars)

\$2.00 each for tubes greater than 4 feet \$3.00 each for any size LED bulbs

\$2.00 each for shatter-shield fluorescent tubes 4 feet and under

\$2.00 each for shatter-shield fluorescent tubes over 4 feet

\$2.00 each for tanning bed bulbs

\$3.00 each for HID bulb (High Intensity Discharge)

QUESTIONS

What do I do with used medical needles? Needles should be disposed of in a sharp's container. Check with your local clinic or hospital.

Where can I dispose of items not accepted by the OCC?

Allied Waste accepts items for a fee at the following locations:

7610 Midtown Road, Webster, WI 54893 (715-866-4835)

W5987 County Highway D, Sarona, WI 54870 (715-469-3356)