

A lot of good questions were asked after the letter that went out in August of 2022, and at the Q & A session in September. Below is summary of the additional questions and points for consideration. Pages 3 and 4 include a summary of the Town Board decisions and important dates.

## FAQ Part 2

Will recycle pickup happen on the same day as garbage pickup?

Yes. Recyclables will be picked up every other week. Town and Country/Petersons will be sending a letter with a calendar enclosed.

Does this mean recyclables are mixed with the garbage in the truck?

No. Some trucks have two carrying compartments: one for recycle, one for garbage. Other times 2 different trucks will be doing the pick-up.

I have a dumpster for garbage collection. How will discount work?

- The discount applies to garbage collection only. All households will still receive a recycle toter.
- Call the Town and Country main office at 1 (608) 375 - 5856 for details regarding the garbage collection discount.

I would like to create flat area now, not in winter ... who do I contact if I have questions/want someone to look at it?

Call the main office at 1 (608) 375 - 5856 for details regarding creating an area sufficient for toter placement and pick up.

Where do you measure the toter to determine distance from each other objects?

- From the widest point of the toter. It is important that the hydraulic arms can work properly without damaging toters or other fixed objects.
- In addition, *toters should not obstruct*:
  - *Traffic*: Place front edge of toter approximately 2 feet back from the road edge. Do not put toters in the road.
  - *The mail carriers' approach to your mailbox*: Toter should be 6 or more feet from mailbox. If possible, place Toter on the opposite side of driveway.
  - *Fixed objects*: Toters should be at least 3 feet from other fixed objects.
  - *Do not block Drainageways*.
  - *Don not block Traffic views*.
  - *Do not block the view of fire number signs*.

I want to avoid problems with wide/oversized vehicles, heavy traffic, large equipment and/or snow plows. We have no curb. How far back from the road edge, should the toters be placed?

- The front edge of the Toter should be approximately 2 feet back from the edge of the road

We live in a high wind area. Where is the best place to put my toter?

- Town and Country/Petersons will be sending a letter with details.
- There may be times, because of weather or other reasons, you choose not to put a toter out.
- If you are trying to determine a suitable location, call Town and Country/Petersons main office at 1 (608) 375 - 5856 to help determine the best location.

Can I put loose stuff in the toters?

Yes, but for many reasons, one may choose to bag items first. Some reasons to bag first:

- Garbage in bags prevents smells from accumulating in toters.
- Putting items in bags first helps ensure items are not blown away on a windy day.
- Town and Country / Petersons will send out a letter explaining what can be loose, and what should be bagged, etc.

I am concerned that town-wide garbage pick-up will discourage composting.

- Yard waste shall be composted on site.
- Composting other items is still possible and encouraged
- 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' is still possible and encouraged
- The Town's webpage has more information regarding:
  - Benefits of composting
  - What can be composted
  - How to create a compost pile
  - What items can be recycled
  - Sauk County Ag Plastic recycling events
  - Sauk County Clean Sweep and alternative disposal information

I have a long driveway. Can I store my toter close to the road?

Yes, as long as the toters are **not** stored in the road right-of-way (the right-of-way is 33 feet from the center of a town road or county highway).

### **Town-wide Toter Garbage and Recycle Considerations:**

- Simplify garbage and recycle pick-up services
- Make services more efficient
- Neighboring municipalities are adopting this practice
  
- Fewer animals get into garbage when toters are used
- Wheeled toters are easier to get to the collection point than other trash cans
- For those that currently contract for these services, the cost is less than the current individual bills
- It is hoped that garbage will no longer be improperly disposed of at random businesses in the Villages or at any other locations.
  
- When the services are contracted town-wide, the company finds
  - More items are recycled.
  - Less garbage is burned.
  - Less garbage is dumped roadside, which lowers the town's road cleanup costs and helps beautify the town.

### **Decisions and Key Dates**

In October of 2022, the Town Board approved a Sanitation and Recycling Ordinance.

A contract has been signed with Town and Country/Petersons for garbage and recycle pick-up.

Toters will be delivered some time in December of 2022.

Garbage, recycle pick-up remains the same until Jan 1, 2023 (do not use the toters during the month of December, 2022).

Toter pick-up will begin January 2023 – the Calendar for 2023 is on the following page.

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