



**Meeting:** Village Board  
**Meeting Date:** 10/08/2012  
**Agenda Item:** 8c

**Mission Statement**

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

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## VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

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**REPORT TO:** Burt R. McIntyre, President  
Village Board of Trustees

**REPORT FROM:** Geoffrey S. Farr, PE, Director of Public Works

**AGENDA ITEM:** Public Works Report

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1. Leaf Collection
2. Discuss allowing additional garbage cans for residential properties at additional cost.
3. New garbage can manufacturer.

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### **Leaf Collection**

Leaf collection will begin Monday one week early. A new routing method will be used to track collection in designated areas as each pass is made through the Village. This information will be available on the Village's website at <http://www.villageofhoward.com/leaf-collection.cfm>. This will allow residents to see where the Village is currently collecting leaves and somewhat predict when we might be in their area. Hopefully residents can better plan raking activities and reduce the frustration of not knowing when we will be around to collect their leaves!

### **Additional Garbage Cans?**

Residential properties and single-family and duplex homes are permitted to have one garbage can, either a 60 gallon or 90 gallon can. The 60 gallon can is free. The 90 gallon can is free but with an annual fee of \$25 to the resident. Garbage cans are owned by the Village.

Recycle cans are purchased and owned by residents. A 95 gallon recycle can is available for \$50. Additional recycle cans are permitted but with a \$15 annual fee. This fee may not be reflective of current service costs.

Lost cans, either garbage or recycle, are replaced at property owner cost.

Businesses and multifamily properties are responsible to provide their own waste disposal.

Occasionally some residential properties would like an additional garbage can, due to a large family or group home setting for example, but that is not permitted. There is some question if a group home for example is a business. This practice may also inadvertently provide additional trash pickup service for home-based businesses.

If the Village Board would like to consider allowing additional garbage cans staff could investigate the actual costs to provide the service. My gut feeling is that annual collection costs would be around \$95 per year for an additional garbage can.

**New Trash Can?**

Currently garbage carts are a black polyethylene material. A 65 gallon can costs \$68, a 90 garbage can is \$XX and a replacement lid is about \$19 from Ameri-Kart.

Recycle carts are a green hard plastic material. A 95 gallon recycle can is around \$50 and a replacement lid is about \$15 from Cascade.

The Ameri-Kart garbage cans are more expensive and tend to lose their lids that require replacement. Delivery of orders also takes quite some time. If the Village is interested in obtaining garbage cans from Cascade or another company, staff could investigate other manufacturer's costs.