

TOWN OF TROY

E9699 Fuchs Road, Sauk City, WI 53583

Re: Garbage and Recycle Pick-Up in the Town of Troy

October 2022

Dear Town Resident:

The town has entered into a five-year contract with Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation to have tote pick-up for garbage and recycling for all households. For the contract to be viable, it must include all households in the town. This will simplify garbage and recycle pick-up services, make them more efficient, and eliminate the need to dispose of garbage and recyclable materials in different methods. This practice is becoming more common in towns and municipalities.

As part of the contract, Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation will provide one 95-gallon tote for garbage and one 95-gallon tote for recyclables. Garbage will be picked up every week and recyclables will be picked up every other week. When the contract is approved by the board, Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation will send out more information, including pickup schedules, where to place your tote, and tote options.

Currently, every household in the Town of Troy is eligible to use the recycle services. The recycle pickups are on separate days than the garbage pickup. One challenge is that some households are putting garbage or non-recyclable items (food-stained cardboard, Styrofoam ,etc.) in with the recyclables. When nonrecyclable items are mixed in with recyclables, if they are picked up, they either must be sorted, or they are simply hauled to a landfill. This is counterproductive.

Currently, only a portion of households in the town contract for garbage pickup. Some households are simply dumping their garbage in the road right-of-way or on private property. The drivers run the same route, regardless of the number of people contracting. The drivers must keep track of who has paid and who has not. It is more difficult for a company to insure drivers that are required to continuously climb in and out of a truck. Using totes also offers the company the opportunity to maintain fewer fleets of vehicles, streamline routes at municipal boundaries, and provide consistent services for all. The company has found that when totes are used, more items are recycled, and less garbage is burned or dumped.

Enclosed are Frequently Asked Questions. Please read through the attachment.

THANK YOU!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Totes for Garbage and Recyclable Pickup in the Town of Troy

How much will this cost me?

- The total bill for garbage and recycling pickup during the first two years of the contract is approximately \$156.00 per household.
- The total bill in year three of the contract will be approximately \$162.00. Year four will be approximately \$168.00 and year five will be approximately \$173.00 per household.

Could this fee change?

- Yes, in certain circumstances such as:
 - If the total tonnage of recyclables pickup goes up.
 - If for any valid health or other reasons collection must be made other than from the road edge, an additional monthly fee may be charged.
 - If tipping fees or fuel surcharges change.

How do I pay for this?

- The cost for a year will appear as an itemized special charge on your property tax bill.

I have a dumpster on my property. Do I have to participate in garbage pickup as well?

- Each household will be charged.
 - If you have a home business or farm and can provide proof of a long-term contract for a dumpster, rental/pickup, you might be eligible for discounts.

When will tote pickup start?

- The tentative start date for garbage/recyclable pickup is January 2023. Totes might be delivered as early as December 1, 2022.

Who provides what size of tote?

- Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation provides one 95-gallon garbage and one 95-gallon recyclable totes on wheels.
- Smaller totes may be available. When the contract is approved Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation will send more information.

I occasionally have items that are not considered recyclable nor garbage, and/or I have items too large to fit in a tote. Now what?

- A separate fee may apply. Peterson/Town & Country Sanitation will send out more information after the contract is awarded.
- The Sauk County Clean Sweep Program might take certain items.

I only have garbage pickup once or twice a month. Can I get a discount?

- The price is the same per household regardless of how many times a month a tote is put roadside.