

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,

Town of Oakland
Town of Swiss
Town of Union

Oakland Collection Center Dump Card Order Form

Number of OCC cards requested _____

X - \$50.00 each

Total _____

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