

# Town of Florence Residents and Property Owners Changes to Garbage Collection Services in 2024

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## What is changing:

- The Town is required to transition to an automated refuse collection service. Similar to how our recycling is being picked up. Your day of garbage collection will not change.
- The pick-up route will be similar but may change slightly in order to help keep costs down.
- The exact date of the start of automated collection is not known at this time.

## Cost of Service:

- The sale of garbage stickers will be eliminated when this new service is implemented. More information on the timing of this transition will be provided at a later date.
- A “special charge” will be assessed to all properties that are identified being able to create garbage. By spreading the cost over all properties, the charge will be minimal. The “special charge” will reflect the actual charge for services for the prior year. This “special charge” will begin on your 2024 tax bill which is payable in 2025 and will occur each year going forward.
- Please note: There will be no charge on the upcoming 2023 tax bill payable in 2024 because the town is required to pay for the service before placing a “special charge” on the tax bill.

## How is the cost determined by Garbage Collection Contractors:

- This automated service is charged for the number of stops the truck makes on the Florence collection route as well as mileage. 2024 Charges will be at a monthly rate of \$12.55/bin.

## Carts to be serviced:

- The Town is purchasing 96-gallon carts and will be owned by the town and will have the Town of Florence logo. All garbage still needs to be bagged and needs to be placed in the cart. Each cart holds 8-9 thirteen-gallon bags.
- In an effort to keep costs down, the Town is going to identify locations where neighbors will share a cart. The carts are numbered and addresses will be assigned to that cart number.
- Some areas will be identified to where a Green for Life (GFL) 300-gallon cart will be placed to be used by several property owners. GFL owns these 300-gallon carts and charges the town for 3 stops per 300-gallon cart.

## More Information:

- A public informational meeting will be held after the regular town board meeting beginning at 6 pm on Monday, November 13, 2023 at the Community Center.
- As additional information is known about the implementation of this automated refuse collection service it will be posted to the town website. Please visit [www.townofflorencewisconsin.com](http://www.townofflorencewisconsin.com)