

Moon Township Residents or Property Owners:

**RE: MOON TOWNSHIP GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE**

**The Moon Township Municipal Authority (MTMA) would like to inform you of major changes coming to the garbage service.**

MTMA will be transitioning from manual collection of garbage to automated collection. Beginning in October of 2023, wheeled garbage collection containers (toters) will be delivered. This transition will be similar to the automated recycling collection transition that occurred in the fall of 2022.

MTMA solid waste customers receive garbage/recycling service through bids received by the South Hills Council of Governments (SHACOG). The current SHACOG contract ends December 31, 2023. The new SHACOG contract term is January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2028. SHACOG provided no option to continue our current service, because the expectation was that rates would more than double.

The contract was awarded to Waste Management as the lowest responsible bidder for this service. Even so, rates for service under the new contract will increase significantly to \$33.90/month. The good news is that MTMA will be able to maintain this same rate for the full 5-year duration of the contract.

All MTMA garbage customers will receive a 96-gallon garbage toter with a black lid. The toters will be owned by Waste Management. You may affix stickers to identify your house number. If you move, toters must be left with the property. Residents may dispose of old garbage cans on collection day. A large note must be taped on the can requesting removal. The can may contain bagged garbage subject to the 40-pound weight limit.

**Beginning in January 2024, the following will occur:**

- There will be no change to the current scheduled days of collection.
- Garbage and recycling will only be collected if placed in the appropriate toter; black lid for garbage and blue lid for recycling.
- Toters must be properly placed at the curb with the steel bar facing the street, and a minimum of three feet between any garbage/recycling toters before collection.
- Garbage and recycling in other containers or in bags placed on the ground will not be collected.
- Collection of up to (2) large/bulky household items will only occur one week each month. The large/bulky item collection weeks are identified on the Garbage Collection Schedule on page 2 of this letter and on [www.moontma.com](http://www.moontma.com).
- **Toter Exchange:** Residents must use the 96-gallon garbage toter until January 15, 2024. Afterward, residents may call the MTMA office to request a one-time, free exchange to a smaller 64- or 32-gallon toter. Exchanges will be made as supplies permit.
- The uniform cost for this 5-year contract will be \$33.90/month.
- **Additional Toters:** Residents may annually pay for the use of an additional 96-gallon garbage toter from Waste Management (WM). In 2024, the cost of this additional toter will be \$110. This cost increases 7% each year of the contract, and must be paid each year to continue this additional service. Contact WM at **800-866-4460** and say “**SERVICE CHANGE**” to the phone system to make these arrangements.

**The following garbage and recycling services will continue to be available:**

- Residents may take glass and cardboard, during normal work hours, to the Moon Township public works building at 1115 Stevenson Mill Road for recycling. Collection dumpsters are labeled.
- MTMA solid waste customers are eligible to receive scheduled collection of electronic and household hazardous waste at no additional cost. This can be scheduled by calling 1-800-449-7587 or by emailing [Atyourdoor@WM.com](mailto:Atyourdoor@WM.com).
- For disposal of construction debris or a large volume of household goods, you can arrange a special pickup at extra cost by calling Waste Management at [www.wm.com/us/en/home/bulk-trash-pickup](http://www.wm.com/us/en/home/bulk-trash-pickup) or 1-800-866-4460.

If you need additional information about garbage and recycling service, please check the MTMA website, [www.moontma.com](http://www.moontma.com). You may also email the MTMA office at [customerservice@moontma.com](mailto:customerservice@moontma.com), or call at 412-264-4300.

Thank you for your cooperation in this important matter.

Very truly yours,

John F. Riley  
General Manager, Moon Township Municipal Authority

**GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND LARGE ITEM COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

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 - Garbage/Recycling Collection       - Holiday       - Garbage/Recycling/Large Item Collection