

TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP 2024 GARBAGE COLLECTION
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COLLECTION RATES FOR THE JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2024 BILLING YEAR

Regular Family - \$285.00
100% Disabled Veterans - \$190.00

Senior Citizen Couple - \$210.00

Single Senior Citizen - \$190.00
Active-Duty Military - \$190.00

PROPERTY OWNERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR GARBAGE BILLS

"A garbage fee must be paid for any property improved with a building, whether or not the building is used or unused, occupied or unoccupied." - Garbage Ordinance 1980-2

A **\$5.00 discount** will apply for all payments received in full by January 31, 2024. Payments received from February 1 to February 29, 2024, will be processed at the billed rate. If payment is not received by March 1, 2024, the account will accrue a \$20.00 late fee plus \$6.00 per month late fee thereafter. There is a \$30.00 returned check fee for all NSF checks.

The Township Office will now **ACCEPT** major credit/debit cards payable in person or on our website (2.65% fee applies). Payment Plans are also available.

Senior Single & Couple: You must be 62 at time of billing and have only seniors living with you. In order to receive senior citizen rates, you (couple or single) must be age 62 at the time of billing and have only senior citizens living in the home. Proof is required to receive discount (copy of valid ID), your fee will be reduced from the family rate of \$285.00 to \$210.00 (couple) or \$190.00 (single).

Disabled Veterans: 100% disabled veteran's fee will be reduced from the family rate of \$285.00 to \$190.00 for the calendar year. You must provide the Township with documentation from the United States Dept. of Veterans' Affairs, each and every year you want to receive the discount.

Active-Duty Military: If one or more of the heads of household are residing in the home for which garbage collection service is provided, and is on active military duty, your fee will be reduced from the family rate of \$285.00 to \$190.00. You must show proof to the Township Secretary to receive discount. Active-duty orders and military I.D. are required.

Garbage Information

Garbage must be set out for pickup by **6:00 a.m.** on your designated collection day.

All garbage must be in bags – no loose garbage in cans

Per week limits are as follows:

- **FAMILY – (4) 20 GALLON BAGS** or the equivalent of 80 gallons per week
- **SENIOR CITIZEN COUPLE - (3) 20 GALLON BAGS** or the equivalent of 60 gallons per week
- **SINGLE SENIOR- (2) 20 GALLON BAGS** or the equivalent of 40 gallons per week

There is a **\$6.00 per bag** charge for additional bags of garbage over the above, weekly limits.

Payment can be made by placing a check in an envelope attached to the additional bags or by paying in the office. You will be billed if prepayment is not made.

Large Item Pick-Up: There is a \$12.00 per item charge for pick-up of large items (no TVs or electronics). No more than one large item per week will be collected on your regular weekly garbage collection day. Please contact the office the week prior to placing the item outside. **Prepayment is required before pick-up.** We still encourage all residents to bring their large items and electronics to the Spring & Fall Cleanup Event (see back for details).

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS:

1. Animal waste will not be accepted.
2. NO televisions or computers. There will be Spring and Fall recycling events. (See back for details and dates).
3. NO construction material of any kind: carpet, dry wall, paneling, ceiling material, bathroom fixtures, lumber, flooring, cabinets, molding, shingles or other roofing materials.
4. NO yard waste: grass cuttings, leaves, branches, etc. Residents are allowed to burn yard waste.
5. Garbage will be accepted in 20-gallon bags, or smaller, weighing less than 50 lbs each.
6. Garbage cans broken in any way must be replaced.

7. Lids cannot be tied or chained to the cans. Cans or bags of garbage must be placed within 3 feet of the road, be clearly visible and should not be hidden by bushes or mail boxes.
8. Ashes must be bagged for pickup. Please make sure that the ashes are COLD before placing them in bags.
9. PLEASE **DO NOT** BRING BAGS OF GARBAGE TO THE TOWNSHIP BUILDING. If you have missed your pickup day, save the bags for the following week.

The garbage crew is not required to pick up any garbage over 50 lbs. or containers over 33 gallons. Crew is not required to pick up garbage that has been scattered on the ground, due to wind, animals or broken bags

Recycling Information

FOR WORKER SAFETY, PLEASE REMOVE ALL CAPS FROM THE PLASTIC AND GLASS

Acceptable Recycling Items:

Plastics #1 - #2 (soda/water bottles, milk jugs, detergent bottles)
 Newspaper (do not bundle or put in plastic bags)
 Glass bottles & jars
 Cereal & Cracker type boxes
 Office & school paper (all colors)
 Aluminum, steel & tin cans

Phone books
 Brown paper bags
 Magazines & catalogs
 Junk mail & envelopes
 Cardboard (broken down)
 Shredded paper (see below)

- Shredded paper (in bags) can be dropped off at the office.
- Scrap metal is accepted. Call the office for specific information on when and where to drop it off.
- Waste motor oil and cooking oil are accepted for use in our burner as long as water or anti-freeze is NOT mixed with the oils.
- Tires with or without rims, are accepted for recycling. **There is a charge of \$8 each for tires sized smaller than 22.5" and \$15 each for tires sized bigger than 22.5"** which must be paid in the office during regular business hours when dropping them off.

Unacceptable Recycling Items:

Garbage
 Paper Towels/Napkins
 Propane/Helium Tanks
 Plastic Strapping

Food Waste
 Aluminum Foil
 Wood
 Ropes/Cords

Food Tainted Items
 Styrofoam
 Plastic Toys
 Rubber Hoses

Plastic Bags
 PVC Pipe
 Batteries
 Tarps/Plastic Sheets

- **Not all plastics are recyclable. Plastic containers must have a recycling symbol & numbers 1 or 2 on the bottom of the container to be recycled.**
- **Please do not throw bags full of recycling into recycling slots. Place the individual items in their designated area.**
- **Please rinse bottles & cans before disposal.**

Spring and Fall Recycling/Clean-up Events - April 20, 2024 & September 14, 2024

Event Hours: Saturday 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.

Proof of Towamensing Township Residency is required

Towamensing Township does not pick up large, **recyclable** items at your residence. Please bring these items to the Township building on the above weekends. We will accept furniture, mattresses, box springs, computers, appliances, household items, paint (preferably dried), exercise equipment, etc. during these events. Flyers will be posted at the Township and on our website prior to each event.

There is a charge to dispose of some of these items above, please contact the office for more information.

THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS WILL AFFECT YOUR GARBAGE COLLECTION.

Week of January 1, 2024 (New Year's) pickups will be January 2, 3, 4

January 5, 2024 is **Christmas Tree** pickup day

Week of May 27, 2024 (Memorial Day) pickups will be May 28, 29, 30

Week of July 1, 2024 (Independence Day) pickups will be July 1, 2, 3 (no change to schedule).

Week of September 2, 2024 (Labor Day) pickups will be September 3, 4, 5

Week of December 23, 2024 (Christmas) pickups will be December 23, 26, 27

(There will be regular garbage pickup on November 25, 2024, which is the Monday after Thanksgiving.)

****If there is inclement weather, your trash collection will take place the next available work day. Please check website.**

Township Office hours are M – F, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact the office during regular business hours and the staff will be able to assist you.

The Supervisors, Staff and Crew want to thank you in advance for your cooperation!