

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BREITUNG

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April 25th, 2023

Dear Residents,

Monday April 24th the Charter Township of Breitung Board of Trustees updated Chapter 50: Garbage Ordinance to allow for immediate dispersal and use of 96-gallon refuse carts. The Township received ONLY bids for automated carts therefore requiring this adjustment. The refuse collection contract expired last fall, and the Township worked to extend the contract until we received a 60-day notice to terminate service requiring the search and advertising for refuse collection. Waste Management began refuse collection for the township April 1st and we appreciate all your patience and support in making the first few weeks successful. Cart delivery is expected to begin immediately, with most if not all the township receiving their carts this week or next.

Regarding 96 Gallon Carts:

- One Cart provided per account / residence.
- Sufficient for 4-7 People
- Option for Additional Carts
- Typically holds Seven 13-gallon (Kitchen Sized) Trash Bags
- Place 3 feet from the curb, 3 feet from other objects such as cars and trees
- The lid to the cart should be closed and nothing should be placed on top of it.
- It's best that all trash be bagged.

As a reminder, routes start as early as 6AM. It is recommended to put your refuse out by 6AM or the night before.

If you'd like to contact Waste Management directly, the following options are available:

24 Hour Number: 1-888-960-0008

Local Number: 1-906-875-3781

Webpage: [https://www.wm.com/us/local/mi/breitung-township/residential?](https://www.wm.com/us/local/mi/breitung-township/residential?cmp=ag_home_2023-03-30_usa_mi_breitung_township)

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A copy of the Bid comparison report between the two contractors is attached per Board direction in the interest of transparency. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to visit our website for more information about the Refuse Ordinance and Bid Process.

You can also contact the township by calling 906-779-2050.

Sincerely,

Steve Mulka
Superintendent
Charter Township of Breitung

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April 24, 2023

TO: Members of the Township Board

RE: Contract and Bid Comparison-evaluation for Refuse pickup

The Bid specifications stated, “Preference will be given for a three (3) year contract.” WM was the only bidder who offered 3 years.

Fuel Surcharges were to be based on actual fuel costs, above or below the quarterly benchmark price of fuel set at. GFL did not meet those bid specs. They proposed a percentage of the total monthly contract cost. (Their January and February invoices for fuel surcharges were \$4,810.29 for each month). Actual cost above or below the benchmark would provide more stable costs for the Township.

No contractor would bid the option for hand collection. Automated loading and carts are the only option available for refuse collection in our area.

Contractor	Minimum Term	Per customer charge	Provide Dumpster	Fuel Surcharge Benchmark	Pays back to TWP if below Benchmark	*
GFL	5 yrs.	\$12.00	No	\$4.00	No	
WM	3 yrs.	\$12.44	Yes	\$4.427	Yes	
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WM would provide dumpsters at no cost if residents on secondary or private roads combine their pickup locations at an approved turnaround with a dumpster, saving wear and tear on those roads.

GFL would receive a fuel surcharge immediately as their proposed benchmark of \$4.00 is below current diesel pricing as set by the U.S. Energy Information Administration. They did not meet the published bid specifications on the fuel surcharge. It was to be based on the actual cost of fuel and not a percentage of the contract.

There is currently no fuel surcharge billed to the Township. Waste Management would pay back (credit our bill) if the fuel price falls below the set benchmark for the quarter of \$4.427. GFL would not credit the township if it went below their benchmark of \$4.00.

NOTE: The 2022 montly base rate for garbage collection was \$17,848.93 with the added fuel surcharges coming in at just under or just over \$5,000 per month. Both bids for collection came in at over \$30,000 per month for 2023 (not counting any fuel surcharges). The Board will soon have to evaluate rates to address the increased costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Mulka, Superintendent