

# Town Talk

Spring 2017

Town of Onalaska  
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Onalaska, WI 54650  
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[www.townofonalaska.org](http://www.townofonalaska.org)

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## Tax Reminder

Second half tax payments  
are due July 31, 2017

Payable to:  
La Crosse County Treasurer  
212 6<sup>th</sup> St North,  
La Crosse, WI 54601

## Park Shelter Rental

Available April 15 until  
October 15.

**Marvin Gardens:** N5523  
Sobkowiak Road, Onalaska.  
(electric outlets, running  
water and is enclosed).

**Swarthout Park:** W8020  
County Road ZB, Onalaska.  
(electric outlets, running  
water and is enclosed)  
Shelters have portapotties on  
sight.

Cost \$50 rent plus \$50  
deposit. Cancellation within  
30 days of event deposit is  
non-refundable. Contact the  
Town Clerk to reserve 608-  
783-4958 ext 201.

## Refuse and Recycling

We are converting to the cart system for  
garbage and recycling pickup. Carts have  
arrived and have been assembled by the  
town crew and community volunteers.  
Thank you to all that helped! We  
encourage residents to help make the  
transition as smooth as possible.

One refuse and one recycling cart will be  
issued to the address. The carts are the  
property of the Town of Onalaska and are  
to be left at the residence if you leave your  
home.

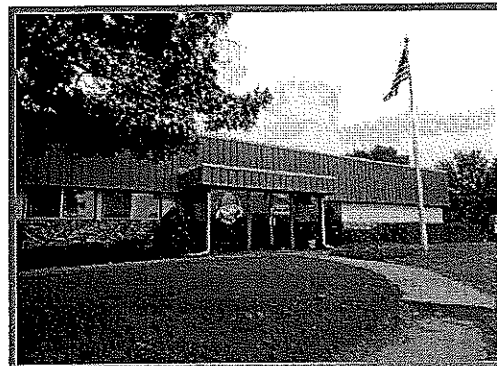
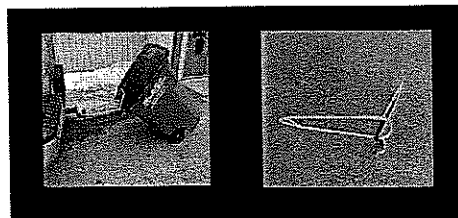
Trash pick-up days needed to be adjusted;  
a schedule and route map are included at  
the end of the newsletter. Start date is the  
week of June 5, 2017.

Tags are available to place on a bag if you  
have refuse that does NOT fit into the  
refuse cart. The fee for tags is \$15 for 5  
tags. Purchase tags direct from Hilltopper  
608-783-6727. This is for occasional  
excess garbage due to an event or holiday.  
Place one tag on EACH item or bag  
outside of the cart.

Research shows that rarely a family needs  
a second refuse cart. Hilltopper has  
additional carts available, but has  
requested that residents try the new  
system for a few weeks prior to making that  
request.

The new system includes Single Stream  
Recycling. Single Stream Recycling allows  
for items that are currently garbage to be  
recycled. In the end, this will reduce the  
volume of garbage that is incinerated or  
placed into the landfill and increase the  
volume of recycled materials. More  
information is available on the poster at the  
end of this newsletter, in the carts when  
they are delivered and on the town website.

Residents with long driveways have an  
option of a "Trash Tow" to attach to a hitch  
on your vehicle to help in getting your cart  
to the end of your driveway. Hilltopper has  
these available. The cost is \$50.00 plus  
tax. A sample can be viewed at the town  
hall or Hilltopper.



## Dog License

Licenses for new dogs can be  
purchased from the treasurer, Sid  
Bateman. This can be done via mail,  
Town Hall drop box or during the  
treasurers' office hours. **If by mail or  
drop box a stamped self-addressed  
envelope is required.** Note: after  
March 31 all renewal dog licenses must  
be paid at the La Crosse County Clerk's  
office, 212 6<sup>th</sup> Street N. La Crosse, WI  
54601.

All dogs over 5 months of age must be  
licensed. Rabies vaccination must be  
current and certificate provided to the  
Town Treasurer before a license will be  
issued. It is the responsibility of the dog  
owner to provide the rabies certificate to  
the Town (not the vet clinic).

Remember, State Statute states, all dog  
licenses expire Dec 31 and are to be  
renewed prior to Jan 1. The county has  
been giving a grace period to March 31  
before charging a late fee. If animal  
control were to pick up a dog between  
Jan 1 and March 31 and the dog was  
not licensed the owner could receive a  
citation for not licensing there dog. This  
has caused confusion for dog owners.  
The County is in the process of updating  
the county ordinance and possibly  
changing the grace period to end Jan 31  
rather than March 31.

\*\*Treasurer's hours are Monday thru Wednesday  
8 AM to 1 PM\*\*

## **BUILDING PERMITS**

The Town of Onalaska requires a building permit for all residential and commercial buildings. The only exception would be agricultural buildings on land zoned "Exclusive Ag" or "General Ag". Such buildings, do, however, require certification. See: <http://www.co.lacrosse.wi.us/zoning/zoning/docs/EA%20and%20GA%20Brochure.pdf>

The Town of Onalaska relies on La Crosse County to assist with the permitting process. Once their process has been completed, they will issue a "zoning permit". Here is a brochure outline their process: <http://www.co.lacrosse.wi.us/zoning/zoning/docs/ZoningBrochure.pdf>

To obtain a Building Permit, provide the following documents to the Town Clerk:

1. Zoning Permit, stamped in Red. (Town's copy)
2. A Wisconsin Uniform Building Permit Application, available on town website.
3. Verification of Dwelling Thermal Envelope compliance with Wisconsin Energy Conservation Requirements (RES Check)  
*New Home Construction*

4. Driveway application (If accessing a

town road) *New home or building*

5. Building Plans including Foundation Plan, Floor Plan of all Levels, Building Elevations, Building Sections, and Window Schedule in detail enough to show compliance with Wisconsin Uniform Dwelling Code.  
*New home or accessory building*

**\*\*Note\*\***

If you are building a new deck, be aware Deck Codes have Changed.

Inspector:

Jim Webb, PE  
608-780-4672

## **OPEN BOOK**

Open Book is on Thursday, June 15, 2017 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Call Hart Appraisals at 608-372-2964 to schedule an Open Book appointment. *The Assessor is available to answer questions*

## **BOARD OF REVIEW**

*The Town Board meets to hear objections to assessments.*

Board of review is scheduled for June 15, 2017 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

48 hour notice required to appear at the Board of Review. Notice shall be made in writing using the Objection Form at the following link: <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DORForms/pa-115bf.pdf>

## **Helpful Links:**

- Common questions concerning property taxes & assessment:
  - <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/pages/faqs/pcs-appeal.aspx>
  -
- Guide for property owners:
  - <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb060.pdf>
  -
- Guide for agricultural assessment:
  - <https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb061.pdf>
  -
- Guide to appeal property assessment:  
<https://www.revenue.wi.gov/DOR%20Publications/pb055.pdf>
- For questions or concerns, contact Town of Onalaska at 608-783-4958 or [mary.rinehart@townofonalaska.org](mailto:mary.rinehart@townofonalaska.org)

## **GRASS/LEAF AND BRUSH DROP OFF**

*The gates are open!! We have established hours of operation in an effort to control costs and the dumping of unacceptable materials. Hours are Tuesday 11:30 am to 3:30 pm, Thursday 3:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Saturday 8 am to 4 pm. Residency is checked, please have your ID's ready.*

*Curbside Chipping is available: Second weeks of May, Aug and Oct. Please call to be added to the list. Pile may be up to 3 feet high X 12 feet long. Branches no larger than 6 inches diameter. Piles exceeding size will NOT be picked up.*

## **TOWN CONTACTS**

Chairman	Rolly Bogert	790-2800
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Supervisor IV	Sandy Thompson	792-9339
	<a href="mailto:sandy.thompson@townofonalaska.org">sandy.thompson@townofonalaska.org</a>	
Clerk	Mary Rinehart	783-4958 ext.201
	<a href="mailto:mary.rinehart@townofonalaska.org">mary.rinehart@townofonalaska.org</a>	
Treasurer	Sid Bateman	783-4958 ext 202
	<a href="mailto:treasurer@townofonalaska.org">treasurer@townofonalaska.org</a>	
Town Shop		783-4958 ext 205
	<a href="mailto:townshop@townofonalaska.org">townshop@townofonalaska.org</a>	

## MEETING INFORMATION

- \* Town Board meets at 6:30 pm the second Tuesday of the month.
- \* Plan Commission meets at 6 pm the second Monday of the month.
- \* Storm Water Utility meets at 6:00 pm the first Tuesday of the month.
- \* Refuse and Recycle Committee meets at 7 pm the last Tuesday of the month.
- \* Parks Committee meets 10 am the last Friday on the month.

\* Monthly meeting notices will be posted at the Town Hall, Red Pines Bar and Grill, and Midway Deli, as well as our web page.

\* Special meeting notices will be posted at least 24 hours prior to the meeting at the three locations listed above.

## A NOTE FROM OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBER

I would like to thank the voters of the Town of Onalaska for supporting me in my run for Town Supervisor. I will do my best to continue to work for our residents. I have been involved with many of the committees of the Town, Park, Planning and Chairman of our Ordinance Committee.

I believe a vote is one of the greatest things that can be given to anyone, as many of my brothers and sisters in the military sacrificed not only their lives but time away from family and friends. We honor them by exercising our right to vote.

Thank you,

Jerry Monti

## OFFICE HOURS

Mondays	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Tuesdays	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wednesdays	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thursdays	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fridays	8 a.m.- 12 p.m.

\*Closed 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. for lunch

*\*Treasurer hours 8-1 Mon- Wed\**

## HOLIDAYS

New Year's Day  
Good Friday  
Memorial Day  
July 4th  
Labor Day  
Thanksgiving Day  
Friday following Thanksgiving Day  
Christmas Eve  
Christmas Day  
New Year's Eve

## **Burn Barrel Amnesty Program**

Did you know that yearly just **two burn barrels** release more toxic dioxin into the air than the **Xcel Energy** plant on French Island? Burn barrels pose a significant health risk, particularly for women of childbearing age, the elderly, and children. Burn barrels burn about 1800°F less than municipal incinerators, releasing harmful pollutants into the air, which can be absorbed by plants, inhaled in smoke, or leak into groundwater. These toxins can enter our food supply from animals eating contaminated grasses, some at high enough levels to pose a significant cancer risk.

To reduce these harmful health impacts, **The Solid Waste Department** will be accepting burn barrel drop-offs **free** of charge from **October 2-15, 2017** - a **\$25** savings. Residents will be asked to sign a **pledge** stating they will no longer use burn barrels on their property and be entered into a **drawing for a \$100 and \$50 Visa Gift Card**.

Recycling information is available at your municipality. For additional information on the Amnesty Program, please contact Megan Muehlenbruch at [mmuehlenbruch@lacrossecounty.org](mailto:mmuehlenbruch@lacrossecounty.org).

## AUTOMATED GARBAGE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION

Please have your garbage and/or recycling bin out by 5 am on collection day.

Please keep this information packet for future reference.

If you sell your home, please give this information to the new owner.

The carts belong to the Town of Onalaska and MUST remain with the house. If you are selling your home DO NOT take them with you.

Refuse/Recycle containers should be placed on the road with the handle side facing AWAY from the road, about 1 foot from the surface portion of the roadway.

Carts must be 3 feet from obstacles such as vehicles, mail boxes, light poles, trees or other carts.

No other containers or bags will be collected without a tag purchased from Hilltopper.

Container covers must close. Garbage may not be piled higher than the cart.

Your old recycle tote may be kept for your use or cleaned and returned to the Town Shop during grass dropoff hours.

Please see page 5 of this newsletter for recyclable items. Recyclable material should be placed into the carts loosely, not in bags. Added to the list of recyclable materials are plastics 1-7, more paper products (soda & beer cardboard, cereal boxes, waxed cardboard) and more metals. Refuse carts may have kitchen bags placed inside, however no other bags are necessary.

Cart repairs will be handled by Hilltopper. Please call Hilltopper for any cart damage that may occur.

Look carefully at the attached map, locate your home on the map to determine your service day each week. Garbage remains weekly, recycling every other week. Recycling week will have changed for some homes. The map indicates the day of service by the color on the map. Recycling week is denoted by cross-hatched and non-cross-hatched areas. Cross-hatched recycling is week one, non-cross-hatched is week two.

If you have questions in regards to days of service, please call Hilltopper 608-783-6727 or the Town Hall 608-783-4958.

### GENTLE REMINDERS

- Use of a Burn Barrel is not permitted in our Town
- Burn Permits are required for controlled burning
- Fire rings do not need a permit
- **Use of New Refuse and Recycle Carts begin JUNE 5, 2017**



# Single Stream Recycling

A New System; A New Cart.

Please Read Below:

Place **ONLY** Recyclable Items Loose In Recycling Cart with Yellow Lid Cart:

## Paper & Cardboard

Newspapers, Magazines, Cardboard, Cereal Boxes, Paperback Books, Phone Books, Paper Bags, Mail/Junk Mail, Cartons



## Glass & Plastic #1 - #7

Glass Bottles & Jars



Plastic #1-#7



## Metal

Pots & Pans, Aluminum Bottles & Cans, Empty Aerosol Cans, Aluminum Foil, Tin and Steel Cans



## Wires

Christmas Lights



Extension Cords



Power Cords



**RECYCLE THESE**

Do **NOT** Place These Items In This Cart:



Plastic Bags



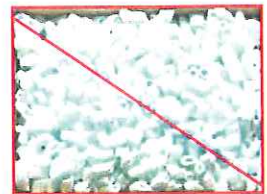
Batteries



Photographs



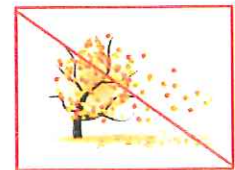
Styrofoam



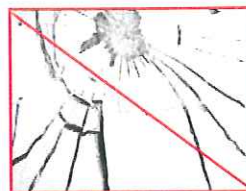
Packing Peanuts



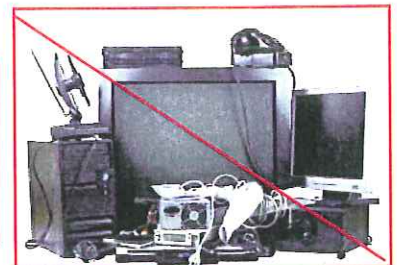
Trash



Yard Waste



Glass from mirrors or windows

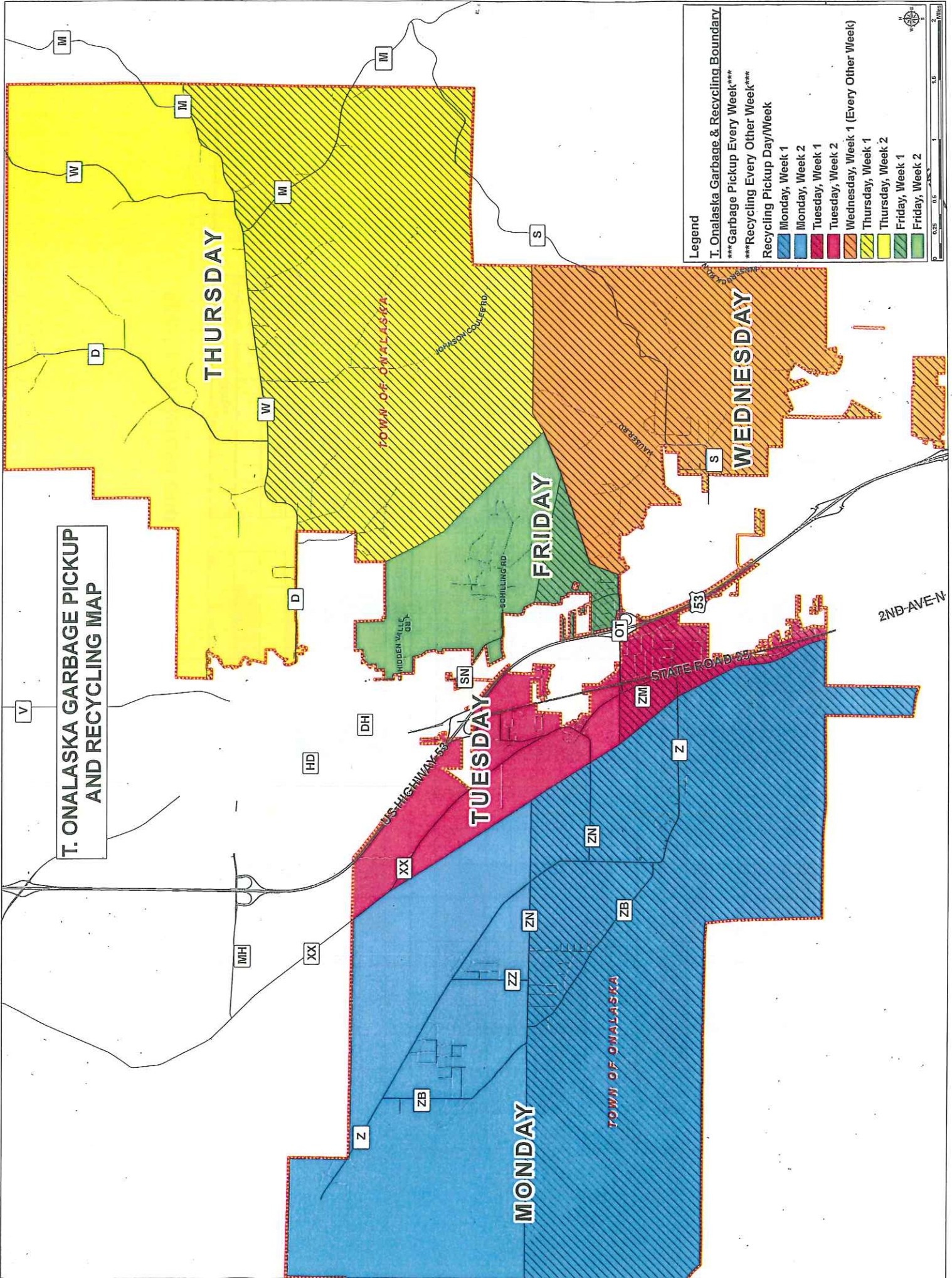


Electronics

**DO NOT RECYCLE**



# T. ONALASKA GARBAGE PICKUP AND RECYCLING MAP



**Legend**

T. Onalaska Garbage & Recycling Boundary

\*\*\*\*Garbage Pickup Every Week\*\*\*\*

\*\*\*\*Recycling Every Other Week\*\*\*\*

Recycling Pickup Day/Week

Monday, Week 1	Monday, Week 2	Tuesday, Week 1	Tuesday, Week 2	Wednesday, Week 1	Wednesday, Week 2	Thursday, Week 1	Thursday, Week 2	Friday, Week 1	Friday, Week 2
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# Modified Refuse and Recycle Calendar 2017

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HOLIDAYS: No Service

☒ Week ONE

☐ Week TWO