

To: SMPOA Members
From: SMPOA President
Subject: Household Refuse

Dear Members,

At a meeting between the SMPOA Executive Committee and Custer Township Officials on 11/8/18, Custer Township determined the dumpsters located at the base of Schuss Mountain will be removed.

This decision cumulates after months of negotiation, policing and communication with property owners. It is a result of the excessive abuse of the township's residential disposal policy. Construction debris, furniture, major appliances and etc. has been improperly disposed of in the dumpsters in spite of the township's published policy, posted signage, and direct confrontations with SMPOA members. The township and SMPOA Board Members realize perhaps 70% or more of our membership complies with policy, however it is the 30% or less non-compliant parties which drove the township to the final decision.

The township has granted us an extension to allow us time until after the Holidays to communicate this to you as well as work towards a permanent solution for disposal of trash for our year around and transient members. A solution for weekly disposal of bagged household trash is not yet final; however, we are working toward a goal of utilizing totes and/or bear boxes for pick up at a number of locations across the footprint of the resort. (Bear Boxes will be further defined at a later time when planning and design is complete.) Curbside service will continue for those full-time residents and anyone else who chooses to place their trash at the curb. Until then, please do not dispose of anything besides bagged household refuse in the dumpsters. Absolutely no construction debris, appliances, furniture or any other type of material besides bagged household refuse is allowed.

The final resolution to this problem will require change and cooperation from us all. We have a number of options nearby to utilize for large item and construction debris disposal. Please utilize these resources for all your future disposal needs:

For pickup of large items and construction debris:

Customer Quality Waste Disposal

7420 South M 88 Highway
Bellaire, MI 49615
Phone: (231) 533-6838

To view a list of local disposal facilities where you can bring large items and construction debris as well as bagged household refuse, or to arrange on site pick up of large items:

<https://www.americanwaste.org/18/resources/disposal-centers>

For a third option for local large item pick up:

<http://www.revolutionwaste.com/>

Further communications with more details will be forthcoming. Please be patient while we move through this transition together.