

Folks, we are getting closer to the “end of the dumpster era” at the base of the mountain. As you know by now, by May 1st the dumpsters will be permanently removed by the orders of Custer township. We wanted to provide an update to you on the progression of this new era.

While most of SMPOA members have now contacted the township supervisor; Roxann Flake (231) 587-5363) to order curbside service, we are hearing from a few that have yet to determine their individual trash pick up solution. The solution for most folks will be utilizing 96 gallon totes similar to this one below:



Curbside service is provided to all of the yellow highlighted areas as depicted on the attached maps. There are a few roads that American Waste cannot service as a result of the steepness or the inability to turnaround on the cul de sacs, those are depicted in the pink highlighted areas. In those areas, neighbors may have to seek a shared point for Tuesday morning pick up where the trucks have access.

As we have previously shared, a few of the condo associations have solved their individual needs utilizing a small secure dumpster to serve specific condo units.

A couple of the condo associations have opted for multiple tote use, stored within a built wooden structure to shield the optics of leaving the totes out in the open. This solution is preferred. A standardized look is in the process of being incorporated into the SMPOA Architectural Standards for uniformity and consistency. To that end, a depiction drawing of the tote enclosure preferred is attached for your reference and use.

Again, if you haven't yet obtained your tote yet, they are available at most big box stores or can be purchased through American Waste in Kalkaska. <https://www.americanwaste.org/>

For non household or large item special disposal, you can either utilize the American Waste Kalkaska disposal center or bring your material to Custer townships "clean up day" on May 11th at the township hall. More specific information regarding these options can be found at www.smpoa.net.

Thank you for your patience and consideration as we navigate this new era.