

Dear Town of Sherman Resident,

At our August 2020 town meeting we discussed recycle and trash disposal options as Dunn County Solid Waste and Recycling (DCSWR) requested that each municipality make a decision of whether or not they desired to stay with the existing program for 2021 at an estimated annual cost of \$170 per household.

The majority of residents who attended the meeting or emailed the board wanted to remain in the DCSWR program, so the board voted to stay in the program. However, on September 3rd we received notification from the DCSWR board that they would no longer be providing programs or services of any kind for solid waste or recycling in Dunn County after 12/31/2020 because too many other municipalities elected to exit the program.

The town board considered the town hall drop off option, but found too many challenges with this option such as: short time frame and cost needed to build required infrastructure, concerns regarding trash around the site and illegal dumping, and uncertainty regarding long term administrative and staffing costs. The town board also considered contracting with another municipality to use their existing collection site, such as the Boyceville or Colfax collection site. However, the distance to these collection sites made the options unattractive. Assuming just one trip per month to the dump, in one year the average Sherman resident would spend 6 hours driving 250 miles to the Boyceville collection site, or 9 hours driving 360 miles to the Colfax collection site. The board recognizes that our residents' time is valuable, and also that the driving distance creates additional cost.

At the September board meeting we carefully reviewed the options and discussed what would be in the residents' best interests, considering both cost and service. The town board decided to contract with Menomonie Disposal for curbside pick-up for the entire town starting January 1st, 2021. Each household will be provided two (2) 96 gallon carts; one for trash and one for single sort recycling. Both carts will be picked up on the same day every other week. The cost will be \$15 per month per household, billed once per year for \$180 by our town clerk early in December. Payment will be due by March 31st, but if needed, a payment plan may also be set up with the town clerk.

More information regarding pick up schedule and recyclable items will be sent out by Menomonie Disposal before the end of the year.

--Sherman Town Board