



VILLAGE OF ELLICOTTVILLE

February 5, 2021

Village Residents and Property Owners

RE: New Refuse Law

We have received a number of comments and inquiries about our new Refuse Law (*Village Local Law 1-2021 - Regulating Solid Waste Management and Recycling in the Village of Ellicottville*) after sending informational letters to homeowners. We appreciate any input and to that end we encourage participation in any of the **“Public Hearings”** that we conduct before adopting any new law or budget. Due to COVID-19 these meetings are now virtual so even more accessible to all.

This new law adopted rules, specifically, when refuse and recycling should be put out to the curb and when the “Suitable receptacle” should be returned to the house.

Please note a “Suitable receptacle” does not have to be a large tote; rather a garbage can or other container with a secure fitting lid would meet the requirement. The “Suitable receptacle” rules have become a standard requirement of many other municipalities to ensure the cleanliness of our streets due to the animal issues when using standard garbage bags or improper receptacles.

We are sure over time homeowners and neighbors will find ways to make sure their garbage is taken care of and the containers do not become a visual or physical nuisance.

We constantly strive to maintain the cleanliness and look of our Village and feel this law will help in that regard. In the future, if the Village Board determines there are ways to refine the regulations and fees public input will be sought and considered.

Sincerely,
Mayor and Village Board of Trustees