

Revised Town of Owasco Brush and Leaf Dumping Policy Effective Immediately April 19, 2020

The Owasco Town Board finds it necessary to institute the following revisions to the schedule for dumping of brush and leaves at the Town's Recycle Center as a result of two issues detailed below.

First, the Town is currently under a DEC consent order to clean up the wetland area behind the highway garage as a result of a structure having been constructed, in 1989 within what is characterized as a wet land buffer zone. Conforming to requirements of the consent order will result in a significant reduction in storage area for brush and leaves brought to the Recycle Center. The work to bring the facility into conformance will commence in a few weeks

Secondly, the reduction in storage area is further exacerbated by the evidence of the town's open hours (24/7) policy being taken advantage of by an ever increasing number of NON - Owasco residents utilizing the facility. This has led to the Town having spent over \$35,000 renting a tub grinder, last year, to mulch the increased amount of tree limbs and brush. This compares to a surrounding town, with limited hours, having spent only \$3,000. It appears Owasco is the only municipality, in the area, that has had a 24/7 open door policy for dumping of brush, leaves and grass clipping.

The policy changes do not affect the curb pick up of brush during the first full week of each month of May - October. The Town also provides curb side pickup of leaves, in the fall, until the snow arrives when the trucks are then converted to salt spreaders for the winter months.

This policy change is also being enacted to help strengthen our commitment to the safety of our residents and employees during this current COVID-19 outbreak.

POLICY CHANGES

New Hours for Brush Drop off are as Follows.

Monday & Tuesday:	7: 00 AM – 3:30 PM
Wednesday:	7: 00 AM – 7:00 PM
Thursday & Friday:	7: 00 AM – 3:30 PM
Saturday:	7:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Sunday:	Closed all day

**No dumping allowed
by Contractors, Landscapers or NON - Owasco residents
Violators will be prosecuted**