

TOWN OF EDGEWATER RECYCLE CENTER REPORT

Recycle Center hours will continue to be the same as last year-every Saturday 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The center will also be open on Wednesdays between June 4th and September 3rd from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Spring clean-up days will be Saturday May 31st and June 7th - 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fall clean-up day will be Saturday, September 6th ~ 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A new building in the form of a shed will be in place this spring for recycling electronic equipment. Items will be accepted for a fee:

Plastic/metal cased T.V.	\$15
Wood cased television	25
Projection television	30
Monitors	8
Microwaves	5
Most other items	1

A complete list of acceptable e-waste will be posted on town bulletin boards. There will also be hand-outs of these lists. Watch the town bulleting boards for the announcement of a start up date for accepting e-waste. We encourage you to pass the word that the Town of Edgewater will collect these materials for recycling. All e-waste is trucked to 5R Processors in Ladysmith for complete tear-down and recycling. No material goes to a landfill as all components are re-used.

Bears are no longer a problem, thanks to dumpsters with lockable covers. Fees are still \$1.75 for bags of trash, and no charge for flattened paper/cardboard or cans and bottles. We plan to place a small bulletin board on the center's rming house.

With questions or concerns call your recycle attendant, Edward Leader 354-7240.

UNIFORM DWELLING CODE INSPECTIONS

This past year has again flown by without incident. The people of our township have been a pleasure to work with. Building has slowed down considerably, but my hopes are the economy will bounce back. The total projects for the Town of Edgewater for 2007 were:

- 4 single family dwellings
- 2 additions
- 3 decks
- 5 garages

There have been some new developments as far as codes are concerned. The bonding practice for CSST gas pipe is a concern because of small holes in the pipe, the result of lightening, creating a health and safety hazard.

The other important focus will continue to be on erosion control, especially around waterfront properties. There were few citations issued in 2007. Our agency did not write any citations this year, and I think that uniform building practices will continue to excel. I look forward to working with the people of the Town of Edgewater in 2008 and as always will welcome questions or concerns that the town's people may have.

Questions are welcomed at 715-354-3963. The best time to reach me is before 9 a.m. After that I'm on the road and can be reached on my cellphone at 715-790-6963, although sometimes in our hills we are out of range. I hope this New Year will find you in great health, happiness, and good fortune.

Scott Schiefelbein,
Independent Inspector

BIRCHWOOD FOUR CORNERS EMERGENCY SERVICES DISTRICT

In the fall our Town of Edgewater entered an agreement creating a joint fire department with seven municipalities (the Towns of Birchwood, Edgewater, Long Lake, Cedar Lake, Doyle, Wilson, and the Village of Birchwood). The Joint Board, with each entity having one vote, will transact the business of the District.

This agreement is entered into for the purpose of forming an entity to provide fire protection, ambulance services, fire prevention inspections, water rescue, public fire prevention education, assistance to law enforcement agencies, natural disaster assistance and other emergency services. While police services are not being provided by the District at this time, it is intended that the District be a potential vehicle for providing such services in the future.

NEW STORM WARNING SIRENS

At last year's Annual Town Meeting Sue Schmitt suggested the need for a storm/tornado warning siren. The Plan Commission, with concurrence of the Town Board, determined there was a need and warning sirens should be purchased with ATC transmission line funds. Two warning sirens were purchased from Federal Warning Systems. Both are battery powered (in case of power outage), radio controlled with rotating warning siren mounted on top of a special heavy duty power pole. Ready-Watt Electric will complete the installation with North Central Power Co. positioning the poles.

With the help of Federal Warning System representatives an area survey was conducted to determine the best location for the sirens that would provide the most coverage. The two locations selected are the shop area at the town hall and the west side of Lake Chetac along CTH F at the Heron Creek crossing (warning siren range can effectively be doubled when transmitting across water). Birchwood has a warning siren that can be heard in the Birch Lake area and the southern end of Lake Chetac. The Edgewater sirens will be activated at the same time as the Birchwood siren as part of the Four Corners Emergency Services District.