



## Town of Sykesville

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## Town House

Jonathan S. Herman, Mayor

Matthew H. Candland, Town Manager

September 18, 2008

Dear Town Resident:

Over the past few years, we have seen an increase in the size of trashcans many of our Town residents are using. The maximum size can allowed under the Town Code is 32 gallons. Unfortunately, many residents are using 40, 45, and even 54-gallon trashcans.

Currently, our maintenance men manually collect all trashcans. This means they must lift each can and empty it into the trash truck. Cans larger than 32 gallons can be quite heavy to pick up, especially when full. With well over 1,000 households, collecting larger cans that can weigh well over 75 pounds can take its toll on our staff. It is for this reason that the Town established the size limit.

While our maintenance men have tried to be flexible in the past in collecting larger cans, we have reached the point where we need to strictly enforce this provision of the Code.

**Effective October 15, 2008 the Town will begin strictly enforcing the 32-gallon rule. Trashcans that are larger then 32 gallons will be tagged with a yellow tag indicating that the can is too large and will not be picked up that day.**

It is our hope that, if necessary, the three weeks between today and October 15<sup>th</sup> will allow you sufficient time to purchase 32-gallon trashcans. These are readily available at local home improvement and department stores.

Strict enforcement will help reduce injuries to our men and thereby allow us to more effectively and efficiently collect your solid waste.

We thank you in advance for your anticipated help in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 410-795-6390 or you can email me at [mcandland@sykesville.net](mailto:mcandland@sykesville.net).

Sincerely,

Matthew Candland  
Town Manager

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## Reminder Notice To Town Residents

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If you have any questions please call **Ron Esworthy, Public Works Director** at **410-795-8959**.