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Pittsfield Township Activates Contingency Plan for Removal of Uncollected Rubbish Carts

Pittsfield Township (April 17th, 2026) – Pittsfield Charter Township is taking action to address the continued presence of uncollected waste and recycling carts across the community. Beginning Monday, April 20, the Township has hired a contractor to initiate a township-wide effort to remove remaining carts, with the goal of clearing all carts by May 1.

The refuse and recycling carts currently at the curb remain the property of Priority Waste, the Township's former service provider. Priority Waste's contract ended on March 31st and carts were expected to be removed with the last date of service. Priority Waste then communicated that all carts would be collected by April 17. Township staff have closely monitored progress and observed that collection efforts have not advanced at the pace outlined. As a result, a significant number of carts remain throughout neighborhoods.

In response, the Township is enacting a contingency plan to expedite removal and address growing community concern. The continued presence of carts has contributed to increasingly congested streets, limited visibility, and safety challenges for pedestrians, drivers, and school zones. Seasonal factors such as spring storms and ongoing construction have further intensified these issues.

Township officials recognize and appreciate the patience residents and homeowner's associations have shown during this transition. At the same time, it is clear that frustrations are rising as conditions persist much longer than anticipated. This action is intended to restore safe and orderly conditions throughout the Township as quickly as possible.

The Township has contracted with Corrigan Moving Systems to carry out the collection and temporary storage of remaining carts.

What residents should expect:

- Crews will work throughout the community beginning April 20, with completion anticipated by May 1, though timing may vary based on field conditions.
- Residents are reminded to leave old carts (Priority Waste, Republic Services, etc.) at the curb visible and unobstructed.
- Residents should now only be using their Stevens Disposal carts for all waste and recycling services.
- Old carts containing refuse may require additional handling and could experience delays in removal.

The Township asks residents for continued patience with staff as call volumes related to this issue remain high. For faster service, residents are encouraged to report rubbish-related concerns online at www.pittsfield-mi.gov/rubbish.

The Township will continue to provide updates as work progresses and appreciates the community's continued cooperation.

If you have any questions or require additional information call (734) 822-2110 or email rubbish@pittsfield-mi.gov

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