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# Village of Alden

## Spring-Summer 2015 Newsletter

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### Keep in Touch with Us:

Check our website at [www2.erie.gov/village\\_alden/](http://www2.erie.gov/village_alden/) or Like Us on Facebook at Village of Alden New York.

You can find agendas, meeting minutes, public notices, the village code and other helpful information and links.

Village Board meetings are the second and fourth Thursday of the month.  
Work Session 6:30. Meeting 7:30.

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**Clerk/Treasurer's Office:** Terry Wachowiak/Sue Galbraith 937-9216 Ex. 10 or 11. M-F from 8:00 to 4:30. Water/Sewer bill questions and payments, village tax collection, notary service and general information. A drop box is available inside the rear doors for after hours payments.

**Public Works:** Keith Sitzman/Sue Lorenzi 937-7392. M-F from 8:00 to 4:30. Streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, refuse, recycling. This summer the DPW will be working on the following projects: Right of way repairs from the November storm, drainage on Baxter Ave. and sidewalk repairs on Exchange St. and W. Main St. and sewer line rehab on Elm St.

**Water and Sewer:** Service Questions or Problems: DPW 937-7392

We are in the final stages of a study funded by a state grant to evaluate our sewer plant and collection system. Our plant is over 30 years old and in need of updates and there is ground water infiltration into the collection system. When the study is completed we will be planning a capital project to address these issues. Residents are reminded that connection of sump pumps and roof gutters to the sanitary sewer is not allowed.

Our water rate is among the lowest in Erie Co. Alden \$3.55 per thousand gallons, Akron \$7.75, E. Aurora \$5.19, EC Water Authority \$3.05 plus .60 summer surcharge and hydrant fees, Orchard Park \$5.53, Williamsville \$4.92.

**Refuse and Recycling:** DPW 937-7392. The village saves \$50 for every ton we recycle. Refer to the enclosed list or watch the Municipal Moments video on our website for items we can and cannot take for recycling. Wednesday is collection day. Bulk trash is collected in April and September. Electronics and motor oil can be taken to the DPW building on Railroad Street from 8AM-4PM. Erie County sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste collections per year at various locations.

**Code Enforcement/Building Inspector:** Joe Czechowski, 937-9216 Ex. 21.

A Building Permit is required prior to starting work. This includes, but is not limited to; new construction, certain renovations, storage buildings, pools, fences, generators, wood stoves, re-roofs and demolition. Permits are also required for signs and changes of occupancy. Please call before you begin a project to prevent problems later. The Code Enforcement Officer is also the point of contact for Planning, Zoning and SEQR issues.

**Fire and Emergency Medical Service:** 937-9216 Ex. 16. Volunteers are needed for both fire and EMS. Stop in on Monday nights at 7:00 for details. The department covers the entire village as well as part of the town through a contract with the Town of Alden. Last year there were 602 alarms of which 324 were for EMS. Alden ambulances transported 155 patients. Ambulance service is supported by insurance fees but is staffed by volunteers. Please remember to have working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed in your home.

**Office of Emergency Management:** Ryan Sheedy, Disaster Coordinator, 937-6969 Ex. 143. Email: Ryan.Sheedy@alden.erie.gov. The office provides disaster preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery services to our residents for man-made and natural disasters. OEM manages the Village Emergency Operations Center during large scale events and coordinates post-disaster activities.

**Justice Court:** 937-9216 Ex. 14. Judge Robert Woods, Clerk Patricia Tavlaris. The court handles criminal, traffic and small claims cases. The office is open M-F from 8:00 to 1:00 PM.

**Police:** Call 911 for emergencies. The village is protected by the Erie County Sheriffs 858-2903 and New York State Police. 937-3391. The entire village has a 30 MPH speed limit which is enforced by these agencies.

**Dog Control:** Provided by the Town of Alden. Call 937-6969.

**Door to Door Sales:** Salespeople are required to have a permit from the village that includes a criminal background check. If they cannot show a permit call the Sheriff's Dept, at 858-2903.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- Alden Farmers Market: Saturdays, May-October
- Taste of Alden: June 25
- Alden Firemen's Carnival: June 26-27
- Summer Concerts: Sponsored by the Town of Alden.  
Wednesday evenings in July and August in Firemen's Park
- Thursday night movies in the back of the Town Park, July 9-30,  
sponsored by Alden Recreation and local businesses, watch the website for details
- Alden Car Show: July 26
- Art Show and Chicken Barbeque: Sept. 13

# Village of Alden CURBSIDE COLLECTION GUIDE for RECYCLING

Please make sure your bin is visible for the collector

**If you move from your home – please leave your recycle bin as it belongs with the house.**

Any lost, stolen or damage to bins (other than normal use) will be charged to the customer.

**ITEMS WE DO NOT COLLECT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE:** Hypodermic syringes, hypodermic needles, or construction materials (Propane cylinders and vehicle batteries are only collected during our bi-annual bulk trash collection days).

RECYCLABLE ITEM:	PLEASE PLACE IN RECYCLE BIN IN THE FOLLOWING WAY:	ITEMS NOT RECYCLABLE: <u>Please DO NOT INCLUDE IN BIN:</u> <i>Place these items in regular garbage</i>
<p><b><u>PAPER</u></b> Newspapers (and anything that comes with your regular newspapers ), magazines, and catalogs, phonebooks, junk mail, office paper, envelopes, paper bags, etc.</p>	<p>Place in recycling bin loose, or put next to recycle bin in paper bags. Put junk mail and writing paper in paper bags. <b><u>Please do not put in plastic bag or use string.</u></b></p>	<p><b>NO</b> napkins, tissue paper, paper towels, wax paper, wrapping paper <b><u>or any food soiled paper.</u></b></p>
<p><b><u>CORRUGATED CARDBOARD</u></b> Recycle all brown corrugated cardboard (clean &amp; un-waxed )</p>	<p>Remove all tape, staples, and strapping. Break down large boxes to 3 ft x 3 ft sections.</p>	<p><b>NO</b> waxed corrugated cardboard, corrugated cardboard lined with foam, or pizza boxes.</p>
<p><b><u>BOXBOARD CARDBOARD</u></b> Clean boxboard from cereal, tissues, cake mixes, breakfast bars, shoe boxes, gift boxes, etc.</p>	<p>Remove all food items or plastic liners, flatten boxes as much as possible and place in bin</p>	<p><b>NO</b> boxboard from containers made to go in refrigerator or freezer as they contain additives in their composition to help them from breaking down with moisture. Beverage containers, Refrigerated food boxes, frozen food boxes, etc.</p>

**Please Note:** All recyclables are taken to a recycling center as a single stream source. There is no longer a need to separate paper, cardboard and boxboard from the “co-mingled” glass, tin, and plastic. All recyclable items can be placed together in the recycle bin.

<p><b><u>GLASS BOTTLES</u></b> – All, clear, green and brown beverage and food containers</p>	<p>Rinse containers of food items. Remove lids and caps. It is not necessary to remove labels.</p>	<p><b>NO</b> ceramic bottles or other ceramic items, flower pots, crystal, light bulbs, mirror or window glass, heat resistant ovenware, eyeglasses, or drinking glasses.</p>
<p><b><u>METAL CANS</u></b> All metal food &amp; beverage containers – aluminum and tin, metal lids, and aluminum pie tins</p>	<p>Rinse food items from containers. It is not necessary to remove labels. Flatten if possible.</p>	<p><b>NO</b> silverware metal, metal cardboard containers (frozen juice or motor oil), small appliances, tin foil, metal cookware, or batteries</p>
<p><b><u>PLASTICS</u></b>  Plastic food, soap and beverage containers  Look on bottom of container for recycle emblem. <u>plastics with a # 1 through #7 on them are recyclable</u></p>	<p>Rinse containers. Remove all metal lids or caps.  NOTE: We <u>cannot</u> take plastic produce or deli containers even though they are marked with a recycle code, our market does not accept them</p>	<p><b>NO</b> Styrofoam <b>NO</b> Deli Containers <b>NO</b> Microwave Containers <b>NO</b> Produce (berry, lettuce, etc)Containers <b>NO</b> Containers from motor oil or anti-freeze (because of residue) <b>NO</b> Plastic bags <b>NO</b> furniture, plates, tableware, medicine bottles, Plexiglas, fast food containers, snack bags, yogurt or cottage cheese containers and Tupperware type containers</p>
<p><b><u>MILK CARTONS</u></b> <b><u>JUICE CARTONS</u></b> <b><u>DRINK BOXES</u></b>  Gable top beverage containers including those with plastic spouts.</p>	<p>Remove lids, empty and rinse out.</p>	<p>No straws from drink boxes, frozen food containers, wax paper, or drink pouches.</p>