

The History of Garbage in Farmington

1910 The first week of May was designated as a "Clean Up Week".

1911 In order to improve general appearance of streets and alleys, citizens were requested to discontinue throwing ashes, refuse, rubbish etc. in streets and alleys.

1940 The Village of Farmington, in need of additional land to be used as public dumping grounds, purchased land adjoining the existing village dump.

1947 An ordinance was passed providing for the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish in the Village of Farmington and the Village Council appointed a Sanitary Board to supervise and direct the collection and disposal of garbage and rubbish.

1968 Independent rubbish haulers were required to be licensed by the Village.

1970 After a substantial increase in the cost of dumping, the Village of Farmington decided to remain in the municipal garbage service and discontinued the practice of providing service outside the Village limits.

1974 Residential municipal garbage collection went to once a week pickup.

1980 After holding a public informational meeting the City Council elected to remain in the refuse collection business, and rates were established on a non-subsidized basis.



1989 Curbside recycling and automated garbage pickup began and the first organized Clean Up Day drop off was held.

1994 In order to charge customers more equitably based on the amount of garbage they produced a volume based garbage system was implemented. Customers subscribing to a smaller service paid a reduced quarterly fee.

1995 Recycling service proposals were requested and the City entered into a contract with a private hauler. The City continued to provide residents with garbage service.

1998 A seasonal yard waste container was offered to customers through the City's recycling contractor.



2001 Clean Up Day became a curbside event. Allowable items too large for the garbage container could be placed at the customer's curb for pick-up.

2009 Recycling collection changed to a single stream method, collected every other week.



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