Refuse Route Study Nets Big Savings

A new refuse route study will net significant savings for the Town of Cedarburg. In June, the Town Board unanimously approved a contract with Waste Management (WM) Logistics to study the Town’s current refuse routes and suggest alternatives.

Over the last few months, Town staff worked closely with WM Logistics to identify new routes using their route optimization software application. Those routes were then tested by our collection crew and found to be much more efficient. The new routes will save 26 miles per week (1,352 miles/year) and will take 72 minutes less to complete each week (3,744 minutes per year). As a result, the life of the refuse truck will be extended and staff will have additional time to complete other tasks, such as road maintenance and snow removal. Only one residence was asked to switch their collection day to accommodate the new routes.

Residents are reminded to have their refuse carts out by 7 a.m. on collection day. Although the 7 a.m. rule has been in place for many years, the timing of some collections has changed with the new routes.

The Town is also working with WM Logistics on possible improvements to our snow plow routes.

Town of Cedarburg, Wisconsin
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