

TO: Honorable Mayor Rines, City Council & City Manager
FROM: E. Patrick Gilbert, CSD
DATE: March 8, 2006
RE: Request to change from Spring Clean up to Fall Clean up

Every other year the Gardiner Public Works Department undertakes a spring clean up during the month of May. We are requesting that we continue doing a clean up every other year but move to a fall clean up to be done during the month of October. Some of the reasons for this request are as follows:

- In off years we complete sweeping by June, during clean up years we get pushed back to July / August before completing sweeping. We receive considerable complaints about the lack of sweeping during clean up years.
- April and May is a very busy time for the front office and the task of selling tickets, answering questions, both walk in and by phone adds considerably to the work load. During April & May Sewer, Tax Liens, foreclosures, June election preparations along with all the E-911, changes unique to this year, also support a permanent move to October for clean up month.
- We switch to Public Works Summer hours on May 1st. 6am to 3:30pm Monday thru Thursday and 6am to 10:00am on Fridays. Hatch Hill is closed on Mondays and Fridays we can load trucks but cannot dump until Tuesday morning. In October we go back to Winter hours giving us four full days instead of three.
- Construction on the Northwest Quadrant Project we be disruptive.
- During clean up years the projects and problems that develop during the winter, that are not of an emergency nature, we can't get to right off in the spring. Typically these are sewer problems and general ditching and culvert replacement.

Should you have any additional questions on this matter please feel free to contact. I will be at the Council meeting also to answer any questions or concerns you may have.