

POLICY RE AMNESTY DAY - AKA FREE FLEA MARKET

**FOREST TWP SUPERVISORS' MTNG
9 JULY 2024**

It has been observed that it is becoming a problem that some individuals are bringing disproportionate amounts of material to dispose of at our township Amnesty Days. This can pose a problem in that some participants with more modest amounts to get rid of have to be turned away towards the end of the amnesty day as the dumpsters are already filled to capacity. This is not good nor fair!

Amnesty Day was originally established to conveniently allow township taxpayers to dispose of reasonable amounts of refuse such as demolition debris, furniture, appliances, scrap metal, etc with no cost to them. It also helps to keep these materials from being discarded along roadways and to help keep the township looking neat and clean. It has served us well in the past!

Amnesty Day was never intended for people to dispose of large amounts of refuse from major construction or remodeling projects or to bring in refuse from outside the township. There are companies that will provide dumpsters and removal for a fee for those large projects or the refuse can be hauled to the Becker County Transfer Station near Osage or the County Demolition Landfill near Detroit Lakes.

It should not be necessary for Forest Township to have to enforce obvious limits on the amounts of Amnesty materials disposed of by each household during the two Amnesty Days each summer. Perhaps we can self-regulate ourselves so that our Amnesty Days will continue to be fair for everyone. Suggested limits for each household for each Amnesty Day are:

- \$ Demolition materials from small projects only and amounting to less than one cubic yard;
- \$ No more than four mattresses, two large furniture items (such as entertainment center, couch, dressers, large cabinets, or two large appliances (such as refrigerator or stove), etc;
- \$ No more than four tires; and
- \$ No excessively large items such as docks, boat lifts, etc that would clog the dumpsters.

Recycling is encouraged, generates revenue for the township, reduces the volume hauled to the landfill, and is good for the environment.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION