



Rules and Regulations for Cart Replacement

in accordance to City of Niagara Falls Chapter 911.03 B (2) and 911.04 A (17)

911.03 B (2)

“In the event a City-Issued Refuse Cart is lost, damaged, rendered unusable or removed from the assigned premises, the City will provide replacement City-Issued Refuse Carts to users deemed necessary by the Director. The City may, after investigating the facts involving the lost, damaged, unusable or removed cart, charge users a replacement fee for these carts equal to the cost of a new cart, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Director. The cost of a new City-issued Cart may fluctuate from time to time depending on market conditions. Any replacement recycling cart shall remain the property of the City.”

911.04 A (17)

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Lost/Stolen Carts

A citizen calls SWEET with claims of a stolen cart. The SWEET Coordinator gives citizen their cart number(s) if they do not already have it. The Coordinator asks the citizen to take a look around the neighborhood to see if they can locate their misplaced or missing cart. The Coordinator informs the caller that if they cannot find their cart(s), the property owner is to file an online report (NiagaraFallsUSA.org, then under “Quick Links” scroll down to “Submit an Incident to the Police” and follow the instructions on each page). They are asked to include the missing cart number(s) on the report. Once the SWEET program receives a copy of the report, SWEET officer(s) investigate. If cart(s) is found, it is returned to the claimant and the police are updated.

For the first occurrence, if the cart(s) is not found, the cart(s) is replaced free of charge. The citizen is educated on cart placement. Also discussed are other possible spots on their property where the cart can be placed more securely until their trash day.

If there is a 2nd or multiple occurrences, the owner of the parcel will be charged for a new cart (market value). The bill must be paid in full before delivery. Though they will still be eligible for a Free Dump Permit (limit of 3 per qualified residential parcel per year), regular trash and/or recycling pick-up will not resume until the cart has been replaced.

Damaged/Rendered Unusable

A citizen calls SWEET with claims of a damaged/unusable cart. The SWEET Coordinator dispatches a SWEET member to assess the cart damage. If it is a broken wheel or missing lift bar, the cart can be fixed on site. If the damage is extensive, the cart may need to be completely replaced.

In some cases, when criminal actions have occurred that have resulted in the damage of a cart, the property owner may need to make a police report. For example, if the cart was damaged in a hit-and-run, a police report must be made. In some instances, reports are received from the Niagara Falls Fire Department Fire Investigator, when carts are damaged as a result of a fire.

In the case of a damaged or unusable cart (or components thereof), if upon investigation, it is found NOT to be from the citizen's negligence, the cart will be replaced free of charge. Also discussed are other possible spots on their property where the cart can be placed more securely until their trash day.

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In the instance of broken wheels and missing lift bars, due to normal wear and tear, they are replaced at no charge.