

# City of Alpena

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## Garbage Containers and Placement

The City of Alpena Building Department would like to remind residents that City Ordinances require household trash to be placed in containers with tight fitting lids and placed out for collection no earlier than the night before the scheduled pickup. On occasions, when there may be extra trash, please cover the excess items to prevent wind, birds, or other animals from scattering it. City Officials have also observed furniture in the right-of-way, which is a violation, unless the items are set out the day of the scheduled trash pickup for disposal.

It has recently been noted that several residents are not in compliance. The problem with residents not following this ordinance is the amount of garbage that will be blown off their property and down the street into neighboring properties. Neighbors should not be responsible for picking up scattered garbage. Scattered garbage is considered littering.

On the first offense, the Building Department will attempt to contact the responsible resident for compliance prior to issuing a citation. However, in some cases, when no one is at the residence and trash has been scattered by seagulls or blown all over the neighbors yards, a citation may be issued immediately.

If residents have any questions they can contact the building department at 354-1761 or 354-1762.

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