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Carry-In/Carry-Out Proposed for Lynch Park, Beverly, MA

The City of Beverly is proud to announce a pilot Carry-In/Carry-Out policy at Lynch Park starting in May 2011. Over the years overflowing trash barrels at Lynch Park have become a problem. At times there have been as many as 50 barrels throughout the park, and they all end up brimming with trash. Also, the vast majority of all the refuse in the barrels is recyclable plastic, glass, aluminum, and cardboard.

Carry-In/Carry-Out, which asks citizens to be responsible for their own refuse, will reduce litter in the park environment and result in a cost-savings to the city by reducing the trash tonnage going to the incinerator. It prompts park-goers to use eco-friendly materials, re-directs precious Department of Public Services resources to more vital areas and projects, and empowers the community by channeling people's willingness to take control over and participate in maintaining a clean environment.

Gloucester has a very successful Carry-In/Carry-Out refuse program at Good Harbor and Wingersheek beaches and several other public facilities. In 2002, there were at least 40 trash barrels at Good Harbor, and the DPW could not keep up with the volume, not-to-mention the seagulls, rodents, and other scavengers. Adding more barrels was not the answer. The Clean City Commission in Gloucester was formed, and their goal was to eliminate all the trash receptacles. Today, there are NO barrels, and the beaches and parking lots are cleaner than ever!

Visitors to Lynch Park will be greeted with numerous signs posted at the entrance and throughout the park. Park-goers will be encouraged to bring their own trash bags, and a limited number will be available at the entrance gate and at the concession stand. People are urged to collect their recyclable items and recycle at home. Each time you see the eco-conscious "Old Planter" carrying his trash bag on the signs, it will be a reminder that you – the citizens – are the keepers of the environmental trust handed down through the generations.

A successful Carry-In/Carry-Out program at Lynch Park will be yet another reason to be proud of this great city. We appreciate the cooperation of all visitors to Lynch Park.

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