



## Why *Clear* Bags?

Sullivan County has adopted the use of clear 30-gallon (or smaller) garbage bags for waste disposal to encourage greater recycling and lower our waste disposal costs! Clear bags allow contents to be easily inspected by Solid Waste Department staff for recycling compliance. Remember—**CLEAR BAGS** count—if the attendant cannot see contents through the bag it will be charged at the *higher* disposal rate.

### Q & A

**Q. Where can I buy 30-gallon clear bags?**

A. Local area merchants like Trading Post, Great American, Shop Rite, G-Mart and Pecks are gearing up to provide clear bags for their customers. Online retailers may supply them as well.

**Q. Do other municipalities require clear bags?**

A. Yes—Chenango County, Delaware County, Madison County and the Village of Liberty have required clear trash disposal bags for several years.

**Q. What qualifies as a clear bag?**

A. Bags must be completely transparent and free of colors or obstructing pigments to qualify for a reduced disposal cost of only \$2 per bag! Traditional black, green, white or visually opaque bags remain \$4 per bag.

**Q. Do clear bags really increase recycling?**

A. Progressive municipalities in Canada like Madoc Township and Centre Hastings that implemented clear bag disposal programs like ours show an increase in recycling and a corresponding reduction in garbage produced. Clear bags definitely raise awareness about recycling, and combined with cost savings over non-clear trash bags the benefits outweigh the switch to clear bags. So Recycle and \$ave today!

**For additional information, please call the  
Sullivan County Division of Solid Waste at 845-807-0290.**

