

City of Berlin: Mayor

168 Main St.

Berlin, NH 03570

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I am writing to ask if it would be feasible for the Public Works department, when doing their trash collection around the Eversource Park, could pick up the trash bags if left at the curb?

There is a small group of us that walk in the park early mornings on a daily basis. We go armed with small plastic bags to collect the debris that has been left in the park over the past day. Yesterday we left with two full bags!

Over the past couple of months someone has been leaving large green trash bags at both entrances to the park and people have been using them to discard their trash. The problem is that no one seems to have taken responsibility to remove them when full. Yesterday we removed one down by the autopart store and lugged it through the park, up the stairs, and onto Main Street. Why? Because one of the walkers had called to inquire if the Public Works department could pick up the trash on the curb if left there on Tuesdays. The response was that this wasn't a routine pick up site and it was suggested we bring the bag out to Main St. Well, we did that yesterday. What a fiasco! The bag was full, heavy and here we were lugging it through the park, upstairs, and onto Main St.

Today, I collected the bag from the entrance off of Mason St. Again, another heavy bag. I won't go into how disgusting it was but just know I had to remove the blanket and other items from my trunk to wash them as the bag leaked. I brought it home to put curbside with my trash.

We enjoy walking the park and do our part to keep it clean and enjoyable for all to use. Would it be at all possible to have Public Works pick up the trash bag if we left it out curbside on Glen Ave and Mason St.? If this isn't feasible, what can we do to make something work that doesn't include us dragging it to Main St or our homes?

We sincerely appreciate your attention to this concern.

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