

The Chilmark Board of Health is requesting the support of the Selectmen to adopt a "Carry In - Carry Home" initiative for our town.

We ask that this be implemented for the 2021 season.

There has been much discussion recently with the beach committee on trash removal and it is time for Chilmark to follow the lead of other towns on Martha's Vineyard.

State Beach has many more visitors than both of our beaches combined and there are no trash barrels or public restrooms. Oak Bluffs and Edgartown have had a carry in - carry home initiative in place for over 30 years, with no trash receptacles. Both towns report success without trash receptacles.

Aquinnah, Wasque and South Beach in Edgartown offer no facilities or receptacles for waste or recycling.

It is time to engage all our visitors to be responsible stewards of our natural resources by leaving no trace left behind and taking all waste with them when they leave.

It is time for Chilmark to be consistent with other towns.

We would like to commit to moving forward with this initiative in Menemsha in 2022.

The Chilmark Board of Health requests:

All trash barrels and dumpsters to be removed. This will increase the safety of beach visitors by reducing the number of bees, wasps, flies and other critters in the public areas.

It will eliminate offensive odors and debris that detract from the beauty of the natural environment.

We also request that the porta-potties be moved up to the gatehouses for the same reasons. Last year, it was reported that visitors also used the porta-potties as for trash. If the porta potties are moved away from the beach area and closer to the gatehouses, the staff can be

All visitors who receive a beach sticker agree to be a part of the solution and carry home all materials brought to the beaches and recycle and compost when possible.

Signs are created in areas that promote this initiative.

SAMPLE Proposed Carry In - Carry Home

The town of Chilmark has adopted a Carry In - Carry Home Trash-Free Beaches Policy. Trash cans and Dumpsters have been removed at Squibnocket and Lucy Vincent beaches. We ask that all residents and visitors take their trash with them when they leave, reducing the strain on limited resources, and increasing the beauty of our public areas.

We ask all visitors to limit the use of plastics, recycle, and compost as much as possible.

The Carry In - Carry Home Trash-Free Beaches

The purpose of this initiative is to:

- Increase the safety of beach visitors by reducing the number of bees, wasps, flies and other critters in the public areas.
- Foster a partnership between all visitors by encouraging all to be responsible for their trash and limit the overall impact on our environment.
- Improve the appearance of the parking lots by removing trash cans that detract from the beauty of the natural environment.
- Encourage visitors to bring reusable containers and to recycle as much as possible.
- To remind all dog owners of their responsibility- to take home dog waste.
- Reduce the cost of trash removal from the Chilmark budget and redirect the savings into other services for Chilmark.

Other ideas to consider: All visitors who purchase a sticker to the beach agree to carry all trash home with them. Future: Make trash bags available to help visitors help us with the program. Chilmark School Art Project Kids make the Signs (like OB and Edgartown) In Menemsha: New Trash Containers: Please Take your Trash Home. CARRY-IN - CARRY HOME
Ask Chilmark Business to post the initiative in public locations.
Composting bins will be available at the West Tisbury Farmers Market on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

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Friends of Sengekontacket CARRY IN-CARRY OUT

At the head of each path leading down to State Beach from Beach Road, you're confronted with a brightly colored sign urging you to "**Carry In, Carry Home.**" There's a different sign for each of the 48 different paths, and each was painted by school kids from **Oak Bluffs** and **Edgartown** Schools. Business members would print, color, and display it in store windows or anywhere else they can share.

CARRY IN/CARRY HOME



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