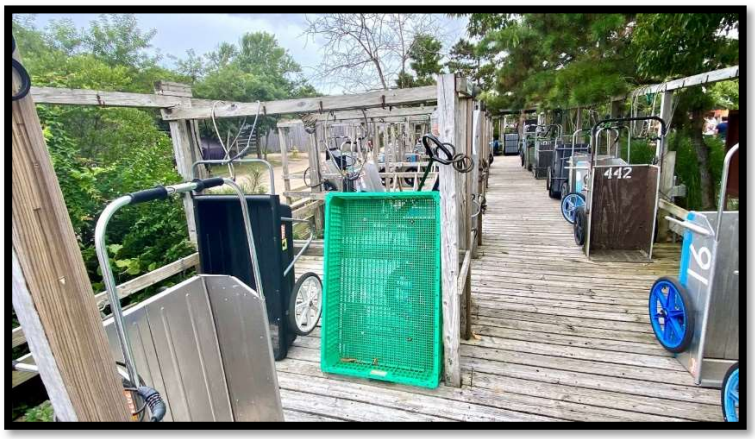
Wagon Rack Space Issues



Gone are the days of little red wagons parked in the harbor's wagon rack. Like many things these days, people's desire for "bigger and better" has made its way into the primary means of getting stuff from the harbor to our homes – the legendary Fire Island wagon. Anyone who navigated the wagon rack last year noticed the introduction of bigger wagons and what we call "wagon spreading," akin to the "man spreading" issue in the subways. These new wagons are certainly more substantial than the aluminum "Fold-It" wagons which have been the wagon of choice for several years. They are also more difficult to store upright, resulting in that "wagon spreading" effect which ends up decreasing the number of wagons that can be stored in our limited space. You can see in one of the photos below how two wagons occupied an entire row of the wagon rack.



The last thing we want to do is regulate the size and shape of our members' wagons. But if those who park in the wagon rack aren't cognizant of the space they are occupying and considerate of other users, we will have to enforce focused parking rules. So here are the steps we are suggesting for this upcoming season:

- If you already have one of the "Farm-Tuff" wagons (like the green one in the picture), try to park it standing up along the north side of the wagon rack. They tend to stand up better in that location, and if they fall over, they don't block passage between the wagons.
- If you have one of the bucket-type wagons (like the black one in the picture), try to park it in the easternmost section of the wagon rack, which is not as crowded.
- If you are in the market for a new wagon, think about whether you really need a large wagon or if the "Fold-It" version will suffice (or perhaps even go retro with a little red wagon 😊).

- Please be considerate in how you park your wagon. We've all been late for the ferry and just locked up the wagon anywhere. Please don't be the person who left their wagon parked as in the picture below.



We know there are bigger issues in the world. But if we can address these little quality of life issues, it's one fewer stressful thing we have to deal with in our community.

The Wagon Rack Guys – Gary Clinton and Bob McGarity

