

Solid Waste Service Improvements



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Phase I: Recycling Prep



- Design efficient routes
- Buy & deliver 96-gallon carts
- Prepare 4 pilot recycling drop off sites
- WM buy recycling trucks
- Status quo through 1/31/18
- 18-gallon cart service ends 12/31/17

Phase II: New Recycling Program



- Begins 2/1/18
- Customers may experience day changes for big blue carts
- Every-other-week recycling for urban customers (same day as big blue collections)
- Pilot rural recycling stations open
- Public education program active 30-60 days prior

Phase III: 100% Containerization



- Begin pay-as-you-throw program 1/19
- Incremental steps over 3 to 5 years
- Eventually require all solid waste in carts
- Charges based on collections
- Most needs met with more carts
- Reduce extra cart fee from \$3.49 to \$2.25 to encourage less bagged waste
- Commercial landscape changes
- Public Information under way

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Pay-as-You-Throw

- Encourage waste reduction (recycling, mulching, composting)
- Consider bag fees if necessary
- Provide extra Big Blue carts
- When customers embrace new requirements, collection service converts to containerization pricing model
- OCEAT pays lower cost for containerized collection

Implementation

- Service fees adjusted by 3.5% October 2016 – 2019
- Residential extra cart fee lowered to \$2.25 each
- Direct Waste Management to purchase recycling trucks
- OCEAT purchase and deliver recycling carts
- Establish rural recycling stations
- Amend solid waste consultant contract to reroute