



Give us your opinion on the future organics collection program! PRIVATE

Introduction

The State has passed legislation that requires cities to implement organics recycling programs to minimize methane emissions from landfills. One of the two residential organics collection program options will be implemented citywide on July 1, 2021 to comply with the State regulations. The City Council will be considering an agreement with Mission Trail Waste Systems on December 2019/January 2020 and will provide direction to staff on which organics collection program to roll-out citywide. The Department of Public Works wants to include input received from the community in the staff report to the City Council to better inform their decision.

Responses

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Below are brief summaries of the two residential organics collection program options being considered and an estimated cost comparison:

OPTION 1 - Implementation of the existing pilot split-cart food recycling program citywide (with one compartment for organics and one compartment for garbage) to all single-family and townhouse customers. This option includes a redesign of the split-cart to increase durability serviced with a truck designed to keep garbage and food scraps separate ([watch video](#)). Food soiled paper (pizza boxes, paper plates and wrappers, napkins, etc.) would be added to the list of items accepted in the organics compartment of the container

Advantages:

- Lowest cost
- Feeding animals is a higher and better use of organic materials than composting. [Learn more.](#)
- Yard waste without food scraps and food soiled paper yields a higher grade of compost

Disadvantages:

- Carts have larger footprint, weigh more, and have experienced durability issues
- Loss of garbage capacity and customers will need to separate their organic materials (food and food soiled paper) before placement into the split-cart



OPTION 2 - Maintain the existing garbage container for single-family and townhouse customers and deliver the contents to a mixed waste processing facility to recover food scraps and food soiled paper.

Advantages:

- Can be implemented using existing containers (no container modifications necessary)
- Customers not required to do any additional separation of organics to participate
- Highest quantity of materials diverted from the landfill

Disadvantages:

- Highest cost
- Lower quality of organic material recovered



Estimated Impacts to Monthly Customer Rates

Costs below are based on a 32-gallon garbage cart with Clean Green, recycling, cleanup campaign and household hazardous waste charges bundled.¹

	7/1/19 (current)	7/1/20	7/1/21	7/1/22	Percentage Change (2019 – 2022)
Option 1: Organics in new split-cart (source separated)	\$36.59	\$43.00	\$49.60	\$52.60	+ 44%
Option 2: Organics in existing garbage cart (mixed waste processing)	\$36.59	\$43.40	\$54.30	\$57.90	+ 58%

¹ About half of the single-family homes in the City subscribe to a 32-gallon cart. The estimated impacts to rate changes will vary depending on the size of the garbage container, but the changes will be larger for Option 2 for all service levels.

* Please indicate your organics collection program option preference below:

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	Response Percent	Response Count
Option 1 - Implementation of the existing pilot split-cart food recycling program citywide (with one compartment for organics and one compartment for garbage) to all single-family and townhouse customers	37.0%	238
Option 2 - Maintain the existing garbage container for single-family and townhouse customers and deliver the contents to a mixed waste processing facility to recover food scraps and food soiled paper	63.0%	405