

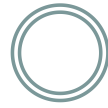


City of Melrose

FY25 SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING CONTRACT UPDATES

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Public Input



- Survey open from January 6th through February 1st
- Available online, via phone call to City Yard, and hard copies at accessible locations
- 2,191 responses
- Overall results remained consistent throughout survey period, regardless of number of responses



Survey Results – Weekly vs. Biweekly Recycling



1. Do you prefer to maintain weekly curbside recycling pickup, for an additional cost of \$60/year on your trash fee?

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- Yes, I prefer weekly recycling pic... 1660
- No, every other week is sufficien... 526



- Over 75% of respondents prefer weekly recycling for the added cost of \$60/year
- 90% of those cited having too much recycling as a reason

Survey Results – Recycling Cart Sizes



4. Trash carts will be 64 gallons per household. What size recycling container do you think you will need if recycling is picked up weekly?

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| 64 gallon | 1212 |
| 96 gallon | 382 |
| I don't know | 400 |
| Other | 133 |



5. What size recycling container do you think you will need if recycling is picked up every other week?

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| 64 gallon | 326 |
| 96 gallon | 1090 |
| I don't know | 456 |
| Other | 243 |



Survey Results



- Received 775 comments on the open-ended question
- Majority of comments were reinforcing reasons for residents' choices in the survey
- Most common questions asked were gathered and answered in a “Frequently Asked Questions” document posted on City website

New Solid Waste & Recycling Contract Updates



- Based on the survey results, Mayor Grigoraitis intends to activate the weekly recycling provision in the newly signed Casella contract
- DPW will proceed with the purchase of all 64-gallon carts, for both trash and recycling
- Cart distribution and informational materials to follow, prior to the July 1, 2024 start date

What Can Residents Do to Keep Costs Down?



- The costs of hauling are fixed
- The cost of trash disposal is dependent on weight (tonnage)
- **The more materials are reduced, reused, recycled, and composted, the less we pay for disposal**
- In the coming months, DPW and Casella will be providing outreach materials on the new programs, including ways the City can reduce tonnage and save money

Questions

