



Update on Refuse Modernization Initiative

January 9, 2025

“So, when do I get my new trash can?”



NEW YEAR – NEW BIN



Why is Change Needed?

- Aligns with City Organizational Value -- ***Environmentally Conscious***
- Follows best practices, peers have been doing this for decades
- Encourages options for reducing waste and increasing recycling
- Combats ever increasing landfill costs
- Provides an environmentally robust program
- Improves safety for crews and customers
- Strengthens program accountability by optimizing collection routes and increasing collection efficiency
- City solid waste policies should and will align with actual practices



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

◆ \$890,000

Cost Allocations

- ◆ Initial Survey/Related Costs - \$26,500
- ◆ Tippers - \$80,600
- ◆ Cans - \$702,600
- ◆ Self-Compacting Bins - \$80,300



Physical Components

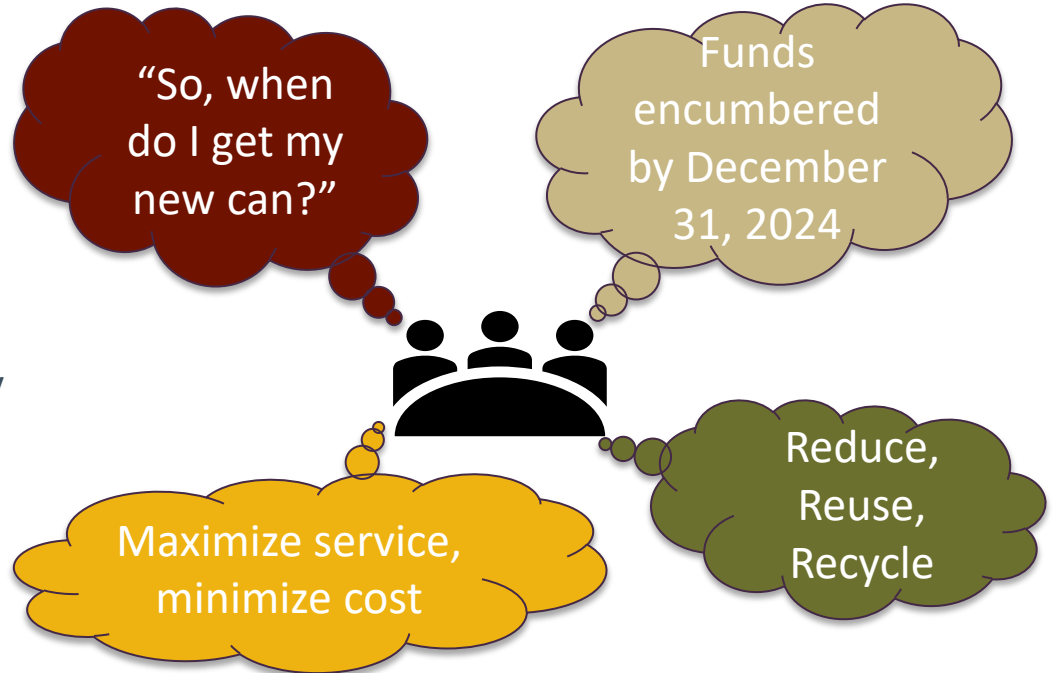
- ◆ Tippers
- ◆ Cans
- ◆ Software

Administrative Components

- ◆ Updated Solid Waste Policy
- ◆ Communications

Operational Components

- ◆ Rollout
- ◆ Troubleshooting



- ◆ Weekly Regular Waste for Residential Customers
(Early Spring 2025)
- ◆ Monthly Yard Waste for Residential Customers
(Late Spring 2025)
- ◆ Daily Regular Waste for Central Business District
(CBD) and Commercial Customers
(Future Phase TBD)
 - ◆ Current Status – Status Quo
 - ◆ No Policy/Collection Changes (at this time)
 - ◆ Future Status (TBD)



Key Features

- ◆ 1 City Provided Can per Residential Unit
- ◆ Customer Selected Size: 95 Gal (**Default**) or 45 Gal
 - ◆ Selected by those who responded to initial survey
 - ◆ Customers receive 95 Gal by default
 - ◆ If want smaller size, can contact Public Works
- ◆ Only Trash Placed in Can will be Picked Up*
- ◆ Trash Placed in Can will be Landfilled
- ◆ Only the City-Issued Can will be Serviced
- ◆ Rollout and Transition Period (Approx. 4-6 Weeks)
- ◆ **NO** Added Fees

*Extra trash addressed later in presentation



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Yard Waste – Residential

Why Needed?

- ◆ Reduces Volume in Regular Trash Cans
- ◆ Yard Waste Does not Belong in the Landfill
- ◆ Yard Waste is Mulched for Reuse

Key Features

- ◆ Customer Opt-In Program
- ◆ Opt-In by Calling Public Works or Completing Online Form
- ◆ 1 City Provided Can per Opt-In Request: 95 Gal
- ◆ Monthly Collection (First Wednesdays)
- ◆ **NO** Added Fees (Refundable One Time Deposit - \$50)



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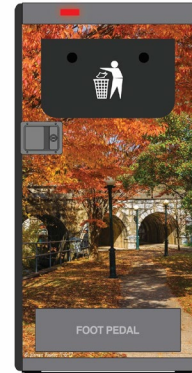
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Heavy Trash

- ◆ Currently 2 Weeks in Spring
- ◆ *Starting in 2025 - 1 Week in Spring and 1 Week in Fall*
- ◆ NO Added Fees

Self-Compacting Bins

- ◆ Solar Powered Compactors
- ◆ Reduce Litter Downtown/Parks
- ◆ Improve Aesthetics
- ◆ Triple Volume/Empty as Needed



Old Cans Reuse is Encouraged – Suggested Uses Include:

- ◆ Store Recyclables (Accepted at Public Works or Landfill)
- ◆ Create a Compost Bin
- ◆ Build a Rain Barrel
- ◆ Use as Yard Tool Storage
- ◆ City will Collect and Landfill Old Cans if Clearly Marked (a note taped to old can is fine!)

Extra Trash

- ◆ Bag Tags (Nominal Tag Cost = \$1 each)
 - ◆ Customers to Receive Free Bag Tags when Cans Delivered
- ◆ Second Can (Added Fee = \$12/month)
 - ◆ Will Not be Imposed Immediately



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ROLLOUT FOR RESIDENTIAL CANS

begins

MARCH 3, 2025

(contingent on weather)



Public Works ...

“The heart of every community”

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