



## Public Works Service Operations

**DATE:** February 13, 2024

**FROM:** Steve Salwei, Director Public Works Services

**ITEM:** Curbside Waste Collection for All Residential & Collection of Extra Items

**REQUEST:**

Request City Commission approval to move all residential trash collection to curbside pickup (unless prohibitive because of topography) and to decide on an option to address the collection of extra items.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Five of the eight trucks that we use for residential garbage collection have over 10,000 hours on them and are due for replacement. We were recently informed that the type of trucks we use are no longer available. Currently, we use Multipack Garbage Trucks to collect our residential trash because they are the only trucks that have a side arm for the cans and have a rear load capability to throw any extra trash into the truck.

The City of Bismarck is unique, for we are one of the last communities in the state that allow residents to place as much trash out for collection as they want. Most communities across the state, (and country), provide a 96 gallon can for residents to use. All trash must fit inside the can in order for it to be picked up. If the trash is not in the can, it is not picked up.

Since we are not able to acquire Multipack Trucks, we will need to purchase trucks that only have a side arm, therefore, the collection of extras will be extremely cumbersome and slow. I would like to have a discussion on how to best move forward given the recent change.

**RECOMMENDED CITY COMMISSION ACTION:**

Approval to move all residential trash collection to curbside pickup (unless prohibitive because of topography) and to decide on an option to address the collection of extra items.

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