

Possible Format for Report

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Order the buckets

- Based on the ones that had that most discussion and then ones with less discussion and differences towards the end; start with the biggest problem buckets +
- All carry equal weight, but don't necessarily care about the order – order of appearance doesn't impact order of importance
- Report order – agreed on by committee:
 - o Intro
 - o Contract mechanics – support for RFP and then the rest of the items are what we'd like to put in the RFP
 - Hauler bucket list
 - o Opt out/cost sharing
 - o Billing/customer service
 - o Costs – pricing – services – service holds
 - o Bulky items
 - o Yard Wastes/Organics
 - o Green Options
 - o Appendix – all the comments; will continue to add to this
- Incorporate the Other City programs into associated bucket – pluses & minuses & solutions

Possible Section Format – use this format as modified below

Yard Waste/Organics

Yard wastes include grass clippings, garden weeds, bundles of small branches, and fall leaves. Yard wastes do not include organics, pet wastes, stones, hardscape materials, large branches or stumps.

Organics include food wastes, non-recyclable paper (paper towels, tissues), and compostable to-go containers. Ramsey County is developing an organics collection program that will allow residents to put organics in a special compostable bag which will be collected with their garbage and processed at the R&E Center.

Existing Program

Residents can contract with haulers for April – November weekly service, including a YW cart.

Residents can also purchase “a la carte” service by calling the hauler

Pluses, Minuses, Concerns

- Not everyone uses it, many back-yard compost or use the Ramsey Co. drop-off
- Include yard waste in cost of full-service (not separate)
- Encourage more composting in yard or leaving clippings on the lawn
- Yard waste collection, either annual or a la carte, should be easier to arrange. Now difficult to contact hauler and/or arrange for pickup
- When durable compostable bag program begins in 2023 compost will be taxed
 - Be transparent to community about this
 - Increasing the trash cart size to allow room to throw in compost bags, instead of taking them to a drop-off means more \$ to haulers

Proposed Solutions

Majority

- Keep Yard Waste Collection as separate option, a la carte
- Have the option to pay for Yard Waste Collection per bag instead of full season (have both annual and a la carte options)

Minority (provide some context based on the situation – i.e. landlords or multi-family vs single family)

- Incorporate cost of yard waste into the full garbage program; everyone has it