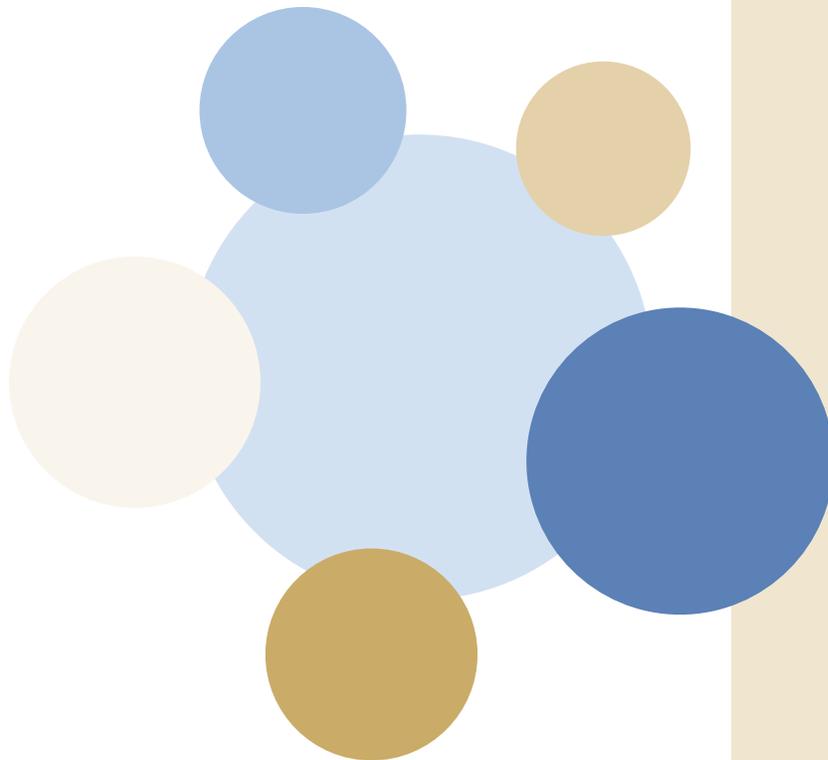




Organized Collection in Bloomington

An opportunity to collect your ideas



Open House, Thursday, April 23, 2015

Welcome

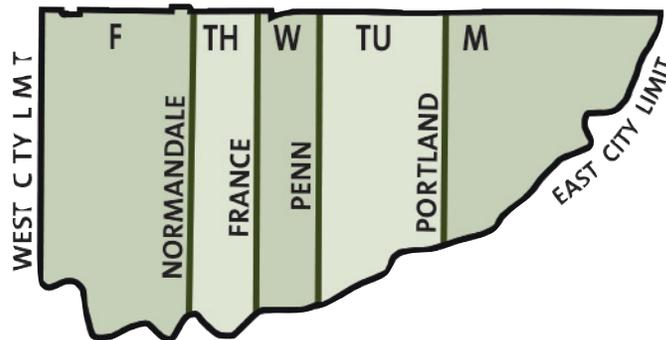
Background

Bloomington has discussed the possibility of organized collection of solid waste materials for residential households since the mid-1990s. After a 1998 effort to organize, the five hauling districts for trash and recycling collection services were established. This by itself is a simplified form of organized collection. The current open collection system allows each household to choose their own trash hauler from seven licensed haulers that operate in Bloomington.

In 2013 the City Council directed staff to take another look at how we collect solid waste. The City developed a draft Solid Waste Management Plan and a Community Engagement Report that reviewed a wide range of solid waste issues including organized collection. In July 2014, City Council voted to begin the organized collection process.

The draft Solid Waste Management Plan identified several potential benefits to implementing organized collection in Bloomington. With these potential benefits in mind, the following priorities were developed:

- ◆ Social
 - ◆ Reduce truck noise and litter
 - ◆ Improve safety
- ◆ Environmental
 - ◆ Improve recycling, composting and waste reduction
 - ◆ Lower environmental impacts
 - ◆ Enhance public education and awareness
- ◆ Economic
 - ◆ Improve value of services
 - ◆ Minimize City staff resources devoted to solid waste administration
 - ◆ Promote local economic development
 - ◆ Reduce road wear impacts



The City Council is following the recently revised Minnesota State Statute 115A.94 as it considers organized collection. The initial step outlined in the statute is the opportunity for the seven licensed haulers that currently serve Bloomington residents to negotiate with the City to reach an acceptable contract. State Statute requires a minimum of 60 days for this negotiation. In Bloomington, this time-frame has been extended and negotiations have been ongoing for approximately six months.

During the hauler negotiation period, the next step outlined in the statute was started on a parallel track. The Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC) began in February, 2015. The OCOC is made up of three members of the City Council and two Bloomington staff members. The OCOC is charged to review organized collection options, consider public input, and report its findings to the City Council.

The interim OCOC Report will include the following options:

- ◆ Negotiated proposal from the seven existing haulers
- ◆ Competitive procurement of services
- ◆ Termination of organized collection efforts

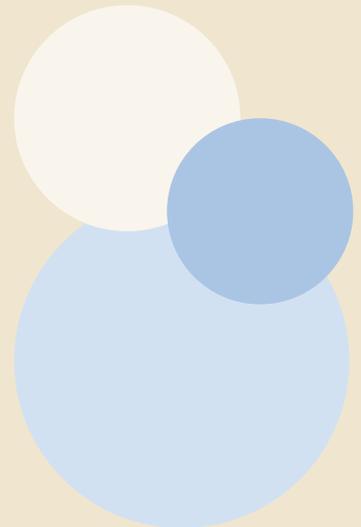
The City Council is expected to review the interim OCOC Report on May 4 and decide how to proceed. More detail regarding the OCOC and various options for organized collection are contained in this handout.

Today's Open House is an opportunity for you to learn more about organized collection and to provide feedback on the process and options that have been developed.

For more information, see the City of Bloomington website: BloomingtonMN.gov. The City maintains a web page of solid waste and recycling related programs, events and news.

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Haulers' Proposal:

A Negotiated Solution

Bloomington currently has seven Haulers that are licensed to collect trash from residential households: Aspen, Burt's, GarbageMan, Randy's, Republic, Vierkant, and Waste Management. Bloomington is following Minnesota Statute 115A.94 in order to organize collection. The first step in the process was for the City and Haulers to meet to discuss how Organized Collection could be implemented. On October 13, 2014, the City Council initiated negotiations with the seven haulers that currently operate in Bloomington.



The statute mandates a minimum of 60 days of negotiations with a "Hauler Proposal" submitted at the end of the process. The City and Haulers negotiated in good faith and quickly came to agreement on many of the terms of a potential Organized Collection system in Bloomington. The existing Haulers met or exceeded nearly all of the *City Priorities* and responded to all the services requested by the City in its *Parameters Framework*. (*City Priorities* and *Parameters Framework* can be found online at bloomingtonmn.gov.) The main reservation in the negotiations became price.

The latest Haulers' Proposal includes standard collection services and an option for the City to continue the Citywide Curbside Clean Up as it currently exists from 2017 into the future. The Haulers' *Final* Negotiated Proposal will potentially be considered at the May 4, 2015 City Council Meeting.

Haulers' Proposal for Services

(7-Year Term; Includes taxes and other adjustments)

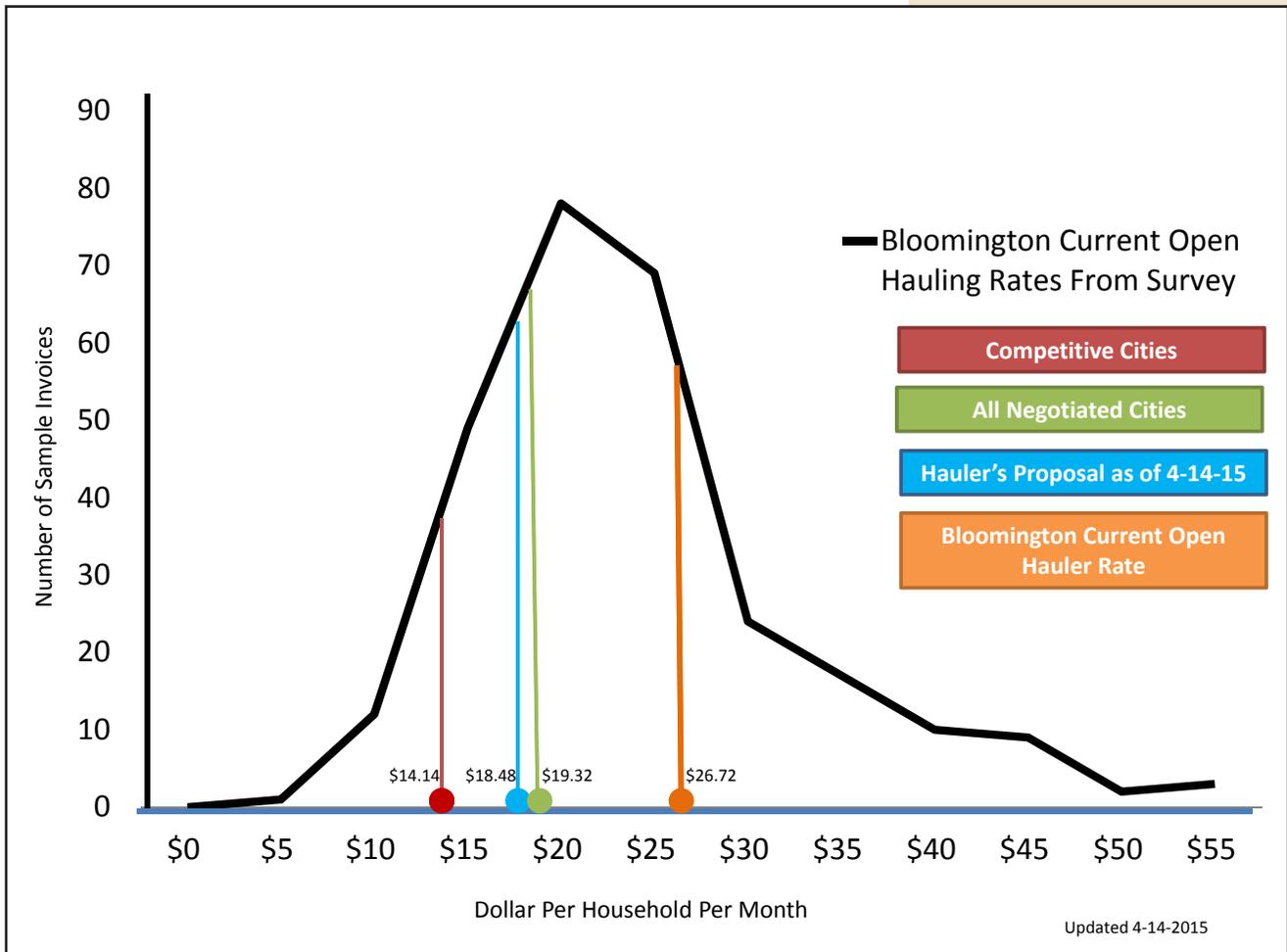
Trash Cart Size*	Trash	Recycle	Cost Per Month
Small (30-38 gallon)	\$11.28	\$3.67	\$15.00
Medium Weekly (60-68 gallon)	\$14.25	\$3.67	\$17.90
Large Weekly (90-98 gallon)	\$17.22	\$3.67	\$20.90
Haulers' Proposal Weighted Average: \$18.48 Per Month**			

*All services include 1 – Trash Cart picked up weekly and 1 – Recycle Cart picked up every other week.

**The weighted average includes the cart sizes used in Bloomington (17.5% use small, 46% use medium, and 36.5% use large carts.)

Bloomington Current Open Hauling Rates

From Resident Invoices Survey



This graphic compares the average amount currently paid by Bloomington residents (in orange) to various benchmarks including the most recent proposal from existing haulers and prices paid in other organized cities.



Haulers' Proposal:

Summary of Haulers' Proposed Prices Compared to Current Bloomington Rates (including taxes and other charges)

Bloomington's Current Open Hauling Rates Average (\$ / HH / Mo)	
Trash Service	
Small every other week	N.A.
Small weekly	\$16.76
Medium weekly	\$17.24
Large weekly	\$18.73
Recycling	
Every other week	\$9.02
Weekly	N.A.
Yard Waste	\$7.45

Haulers' Proposal As of Apr 14, 2015	
5 Year	7 Year
(\$ / HH / Mo)	
\$11.70	\$10.81
\$12.17	\$11.28
\$15.14	\$14.25
\$18.11	\$17.22
\$3.67	\$3.67
\$9.34	\$9.34
\$6.63	\$6.63

Assumptions		
Cart Size	Percent of Households with Cart Size	Number of Bloomington Residential Households
		26,000
Small	17.5%	
Medium	46.0%	
Large	36.5%	

Total Trash (Weekly) + Recycling (EOW)	Bloomington's Current Open Hauling Rates
Citywide Monthly Total Per Household	\$26.72
Annual Total	\$8,336,593
Five Year Total	\$41,682,966
Seven Year Total	\$58,356,152

Haulers' Apr 14 Proposal Without Organics	
5 Year Proposal Total	7 Year Proposal Total
\$19.37*	\$18.48*
\$6,044,903	\$5,767,028
\$30,224,513	
	\$40,369,193

A Citywide Organics Recycling Program is offered at \$2.00/HH/Mo if added to an organized collection program.

HH – Household
EOW – Every Other Week
Mo – Month

*The monthly household costs are based on trash and recycling only

The Competitive Process:

An Alternative Solution

Bloomington is following Minnesota Statute 115A.94 in order to organize collection. The first step in the process was for the City and Haulers to meet to discuss how Organized Collection could be implemented. This process started on October 13, 2014 when the City Council approved hauler negotiations and adopted the City Priorities (available on line at bloomingtonmn.gov). On February 2, 2015 the City Council formed the Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC), which is the second step in the statutory process.

The OCOC has held six meetings. All meetings have been open to the public with posted meeting notices, agendas, minutes and OCOC meeting updates. The OCOC has guided the development of the City's competitive process for Organized Collection. The schedule of OCOC meetings, along with the tentative schedule for proposal development and release, has been posted on the City's organized collection web page at www.bloomingtonmn.gov.

A draft competitive solicitation is currently under development and is scheduled to be presented to the full City Council on Monday, May 4, 2015. The intent of the OCOC was to make the solicitation attractive to as many eligible organizations as possible while still enabling smaller haulers to submit a proposal.

Proposed Schedule*

Regular City Council Meeting — Monday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Receive and accept OCOC Interim Report.
- ◆ Consideration of the most recent Hauler Negotiated proposal; or
- ◆ Authorize release of solicitation (Potential)

Public Hearing — Monday, August 3, 7:30 p.m.

Potential Start of Organized Collection in Bloomington — Spring, 2016

*All dates are tentative and subject to change



Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC)

Proposed 2015 Schedule of Future OCOC Meetings and Competitive Process

Open House

Thursday, April 23, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Public Works Building
1700 W. 98th St., Bloomington, MN



Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, May 4; 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Receive and accept OCOC Interim Report,
- ◆ Consideration of most recent Hauler Negotiated proposal; or
- ◆ Authorize release of competitive solicitation (potential)

Proposals Due

Thursday, June 11, 2015; 11:00 a.m. (Potential)

OCOC Meeting #7

Monday, July 6; 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Receive and discuss report of RFP proposal review team
- ◆ Review, discuss, and approve Final Report of OCOC

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, July 27; 7:00 p.m.

- ◆ Receive and accept OCOC Final Report
- ◆ Discuss proposals
- ◆ Set public hearing date

Public Hearing

Monday, August 3; 7:30 p.m. (Potential)

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, August 17; 7:00 p.m. (Potential)

- ◆ Consider authorizing organized collection contract(s)

* All Dates are tentative and subject to change



Organized Collection

Opportunities for Outreach and Public Input

On February 2, 2015, the City Council formed an Organized Collection Options Committee (OCOC). The legal requirements for the OCOC are based on the Organized Collection Statute, Minnesota Statute 115A.94, (“the Statute”).

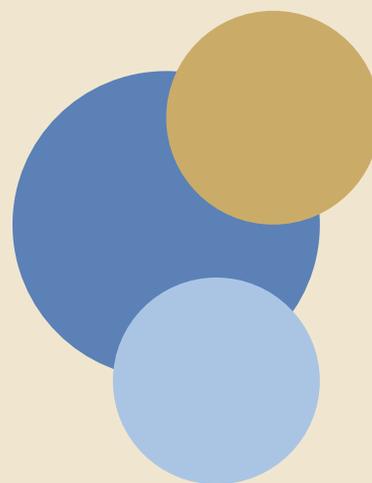
The City intends to provide ample opportunity for residents, haulers and other interested parties to comment on the proceedings and recommendations of the OCOC. The following communication tools will be used moving forward:

1. Throughout the process, City staff, OCOC members and other members of the City Council can be contacted to receive public comments. The primary contact for questions and comments is Jim Gates, Deputy Director of Public Works, 952-563-8730; OrganizedCollection@BloomingtonMN.gov; or 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN 55431-3027.
2. The City will continue to post schedules of OCOC meetings. Meeting notices will continue to be posted in public spaces in City Hall and at the Department of Public Works.
3. The City will continue to post the agenda of each OCOC meeting on the [City’s “Organized Collection” web page](#) in advance of each meeting. This Organized Collection web page is the primary means for the City to publish the latest OCOC documents.
4. The City will continue to post summary minutes of each OCOC meeting after approval by the OCOC.
5. The City continues to use automatic email notifications to anyone signed up on the City’s E-Subscribe list to inform interested parties. See the [City’s E-Subscribe sign up page](#) to register for the “Organized Collection” notices (under the category of “Sustainability”) and for more information on other Bloomington E-Subscribe lists.
6. The City will post the draft interim OCOC report as soon as possible on the City’s web page and provide for electronic means of public comment.
7. The OCOC is hosting a public open house on Thursday, April 23 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bloomington Public Works Building.
8. The City Council may set a formal public hearing depending on if the OCOC recommends some form of organized collection. The exact date and time has not yet been finalized, but Monday, August 3 has been recommended for OCOC consideration.

The above opportunities provide for ongoing and convenient methods of public input throughout the OCOC process. The consensus of the OCOC at its first meeting held on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 was that a scheduled public comment period will not take place at the OCOC meetings in order to allow more time for focused discussion by the OCOC members. In this way, the OCOC will operate similar to City Council study work sessions.

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2015-2016 CITYWIDE CURBSIDE CLEANUP

Estimated Cost \$910,000.00; Cost to resident \$2.87/month

HOW TO PREPARE ITEMS:

- Set materials **at the curb before 7 a.m.** on your scheduled curbside pick-up day, but **no more than two days before**.
- Everything, except furniture and scrap metal, must be boxed or bundled with twine. Plastic bags are not acceptable.
- Weight must not exceed 100 pounds per item/box. Place items in four piles: scrap metal, appliances, brush and general junk. Note, containers will be disposed of along with the items within.
- **Trucks will go through only once** on your scheduled day. If you miss the curbside pick-up, you will be responsible for disposing of your items.
- **Seniors or residents who are disabled:** Unable to handle the materials? Contact Human Services for more information on volunteer availability, 952-563-4944, TTY 952-563-4933.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

- **Small scrap metal.**
 - **Tires and batteries.**
 - **Tubs, sinks and toilets.**
 - **Construction items:** Contractor materials, railroad ties, concrete, bricks and shingles (asbestos).
 - **Electronic goods:** TVs, computers, printers, stereos.
 - **Hazardous waste:** Paints, motor oil, solvents, fluorescent tubes, propane and other household chemicals.
 - **Organic materials:** Leaves, grass clippings, sod, stumps, logs and food waste.
 - **Recyclable materials:** Newspapers, cans, glass, corrugated cardboard, boxboard and plastic bottles.
- For a complete list of items not accepted and tips on how to properly dispose of them, call 612-348-3777 or visit the A – Z How to Get Rid of it Guide on Hennepin County’s website at:**
<http://www.hennepinatos.org/azguide/household.html>

ITEMS ACCEPTED:

- **General junk:** Boxed or bundled with twine – under 100 pounds per item. No household trash such as food waste.
- **Carpets/pads:** Rolled and securely tied with twine. Under five feet long and one foot in diameter – larger rolls are hard to handle.
- **Appliances:** Water heaters, microwaves, washers, dryers, stoves, air conditioners, dehumidifiers, freezers, dishwashers, trash compactors, garbage disposals, water coolers, refrigerators (remove doors or tie securely shut), etc. **Limit TWO appliances per house. Please do not set out appliances until morning of pickup.**
- **Unusable furniture:** Disassemble or tie down hide-a-way sofa beds so they cannot open during handling.
- **Construction materials (lumber, windows and doors):** Pile limited to what fits in ONE level standard-size pickup truck. Lumber stacked and no longer than five feet. Bend nails. **NO railroad ties. NO contractor materials.**
- **BUNDLED brush:** Branches must be smaller than three inches in diameter and five feet in length, tied with twine and put in bundles that can be carried by one person or they will not be picked up. Brush piles must be no more than what can fit in one level standard-size pick up truck.
- **Mattresses/box springs.**
- **Larger scrap metal ONLY:** Large scrap metal items that do not fit in the trunk of a car (swing sets, barbeque grills, bikes, treadmills, lawn mowers, snow blowers, etc.) Please drain all fluids and remove tires. Smaller items should be taken to the Hennepin County Problem Materials Center, 1400 West 96th Street.

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Questions? Call 952-563-8760



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