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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

EXCLUSIVE TRASH, RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL

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1. What is the RFP for “Exclusive Waste, Garbage, Trash, and Yard Waste Collection, Disposal, and Recycling Services” all about?

On June 27, 2025, the City submitted a request for confidential bid proposals (RFP) to obtain comprehensive data from multiple contractors (multi-year pricing, methodology, qualifications, experience, etc.) for various options of curbside collection and disposal/recycling of trash, recyclables, and yard waste for the residents of the City of Jerseyville. Three contractors responded to the RFP and have provided subsequent data to the City. It is not mandatory that the City select one of these contractors and switch to a single waste management company concept, but the RFP process was an exploratory effort to obtain cost versus benefit data for City residents.
2. Why is the City assessing this option?

In short, the City is exploring options for enhancing waste management services for its residents, while reducing their costs.
3. What are the potential benefits and drawbacks for residents and the City?

 - Enhances potential for a cleaner City and reduced code violations.
 - **Lower costs for residents by leveraging economies of scale.** Residents currently report paying **\$30–\$45 per month** for curbside trash service. Based on the City’s RFP, the potential savings could reduce costs by **\$8–\$20 per month per submitted bids**, while adding curbside bulk-item pickup and single-stream recycling collection.
 - Both curbside recycling and curbside yard waste collection would be new options for City residents.
 - Provides fixed/multi-year pricing, so residents have a predictable pricing increase structure. The RFP data submitted includes both 5-year and 7-year contract options, with the potential to renew long-term.
 - Reduced road traffic and roadway surface wear, through optimized collection

- routes and reducing to a single hauling Contractor.
 - Eliminates customer choice for contractor/hauler. This would be an exclusive contract, awarded to a single hauler.
 - Promotes sustainability and a healthier environment.
4. How will residents be billed for services?
The selected (exclusive) Contractor would bill residents directly and handle collections.
 5. Is it mandatory to participate?
Yes, if the City accepts an exclusive waste management contract, then all single-family and multi-family residential households that participate in curbside trash collection would have to switch to the selected hauler. Residential households that utilize a hauler other than the selected hauler would be issued a City ordinance violation. This is only a residential program; businesses can maintain their existing dumpsters/contractors and waste management programs.
 6. Can residents still utilize the City dump site?
If an exclusive contractor is selected, then the current plan is to maintain the City dump site only for occasional city-wide cleanup efforts or related uses. All current permit holders would be allowed to use the site with their existing stickers through April 30, 2026, then switch to curbside beginning May 1, 2026. If no exclusive contractor is selected, then the City will continue its operations at the City dump site. However, the City is currently operating the dump site at a monetary loss, so annual dump sticker fees will increase to at least the financial “break-even” point. Current estimates are that dump sticker fees would increase from \$175 to over \$230 annually.
 7. Is there a senior citizen discount available?
Yes, at least one of the contractors provides a 10% discount for residents aged 65 and older.
 8. When would the program go into effect?
If approved, the exclusive program would begin May 1, 2026, to coincide with the end-date of April 30, 2026, for the current City dump stickers.
 9. What other nearby communities participate in exclusive waste hauler programs?
Alton, Bethalto, Collinsville, East Alton, Edwardsville, Glen Carbon, Highland, Jacksonville, Maryville, Troy, White Hall, and Wood River, just to name a few.
 10. What else is the City doing proactively to run the City more efficiently?
The City takes very seriously its role as responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. The City participates in a cooperative risk management program, utilizes City work crews to complete projects that we can handle with our current workforce/equipment, competitively bids larger projects, participates in governmental cooperative joint purchasing for equipment, utilizes interest earned on City reserves for both operations and project needs, and proactively applies for federal/state grant funding for eligible projects, to most efficiently spend City funds.