

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS COMMITTEE: TRASH AND RECYCLING GOALS

The below items are considerations of the Environmental Awareness Committee for moving to a single trash hauler within the city. But the EAC thinks it may would be helpful to get feedback from the community. Thus, we would like to survey Hudson citizens to find out if they have similar concerns or if there are no concerns. After the survey is complete the EAC would come back to council with possible recommendations for improvements.

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1	Environmental benefits	Cities with a single organized recycling collection system tend to have a higher rate of recycled materials collected per-household.
	Increased recycling rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current vendors report recycling rates between 54-100% participation • There should be more control over public education tools and message content – recycling public education campaigns are more cost-effective if outreach tools are consistent in message and design and available in several formats (brochures, web pages, public service announcements, etc.). • Through the use of 65 gallon wheeled containers
	Reduce truck traffic on roads to help reduce wear and tear of the roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With three vendors having approximately 97% of the customer base, the roads take at least three times the load that organizing collection within the city. • Estimates from some Minnesota cities are that street life would be extended five to ten years with organized collection, or maintenance costs reduced by 4% per year. • Possible improvement: Organized collection within the city
	Reduced vehicle emissions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organized collection was estimated to reduce collection vehicle emissions by at least 200% in several cities.

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2	Economic benefits	Consumers in a single hauler city experience reduced rates compared to cities with many haulers. A resident can save as much as \$100 per year by living in a city with single hauler.																
	Reduced costs for Hudson residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costs for Hudson residents vary from \$75 to \$100 per quarter for pickup of a 95 gallon container. Costs for surrounding cities / communities range from \$40 to \$50 for comparable services. Considering that there are at least 7100 customers in Hudson, and that a \$25 per quarter saving would seem to be achievable, it would represent a \$710,000 for Hudson residents. <p>Comparison of Other Communities Refuse Rates:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Community</th> <th>Cost for 95 gallon container per quarter</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Macedonia</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tallmadge</td> <td>42.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twinsburg Township</td> <td>37.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Twinsburg</td> <td>41.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stow (preferred Hauler)</td> <td>51.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Hudson</td> <td>75.00-100.00</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possible improvement: Organize collection within the city 	Community	Cost for 95 gallon container per quarter	Macedonia	42.00	Tallmadge	42.00	Twinsburg Township	37.00	Twinsburg	41.00	Stow (preferred Hauler)	51.00			Hudson	75.00-100.00
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	Aesthetics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Having multiple pick-up days in neighborhoods means containers on the street for several days per week Possible improvement: Regulate when trash and recyclables may be picked up for an area of the city. (i.e. Divide the city into quadrants.