



Dear COBWRA Delegates, Alternates and Presidents,

After the recent meeting of the Solid Waste Authority Board, COBWRA received several inquiries about details relative to the new trash hauling contract. The answers to those questions are listed below. We sincerely appreciate the Solid Waste Authority's courtesy in providing detailed responses to our questions.

Sincerely,
Phil Barlage, President

WILL 48, 65, AND 96 GALLON SAMPLE SIZE GARBAGE CONTAINERS BE DELIVERED TO EVERY COMMUNITY IN ORDER TO DECIDE ON THE SIZE SELECTED?

The SWA goal is to have our service area coordinators provide community leaders a sample of the three (3) cart sizes within the next three (3) months. Based on the current two (2) times a week garbage collection service and considering the majority of use a 32 to 50-gallon container for twice a week service we recommend selecting a cart size (48 or 65 gallon) that will best meet the needs for the majority of residents within the community.

WILL EACH COMMUNITY BE REQUIRED TO SELECT THE CONTAINER SIZE FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS?

Based on the two (2) a week garbage collection schedule we require each community to select one size based on the majority of their current level of service.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A RESIDENT WISHES TO USE A CONTAINER SIZE THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM THE ONE SELECTED BY THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

There is no perfect system. However, the goal is to have communities select one cart size based on the majority of the current garbage container(s) and size(s) used today within the community for the two (2) days a week garbage collection service. We recommend selecting a cart size matching or exceeding the size used today that will meet the needs for the majority of the community. This will avoid very time consuming and costly exchanges following the 90 day no cart exchange period.

CAN A RESIDENT CHANGE THE CONTAINER SIZE AFTER A TRIAL PERIOD?

Yes, following the 90 day no exchange period a customer requiring additional service only may request a onetime exchange for larger cart size. We do not expect or plan to make cart size changes for entire communities. The goal is to remain under a 10% cart exchange. The only time a customer may purchase an additional cart is if they currently have the largest cart (96 gallon) and still require another cart. They can purchase another 96-gallon cart for \$65.00.

IS IT TRUE THAT THERE WILL BE A COST OF \$2.10 PER MONTH ADDED TO OUR TAXES FOR THE CONTAINER?

The \$2.10 monthly cart maintenance fee is included within the total collection rate the SWA assesses each residential curbside customer on their annual property tax notice.

IF YES, WHY CAN'T RESIDENTS PURCHASE/OWN THE CONTAINER IN LIEU OF PAYING THE MONTHLY FEE?

The main reason for not having a resident purchase carts is the SWA annual garbage and recycling collection assessment. It is important to have a uniform billing system for all customer within a Service Area. It is important to know also a bidder calculates the monthly cart fee within their collection bid for the service. This fee provides uniform containers that are compatible with the hauling company's collection equipment, the maintenance fee cost includes the delivery of 50,000 to 55,000 carts to each residential curbside home that includes a tracking barcode system on each cart. The hauler is required to maintain, replace and exchange carts that is also calculated and reflected within the monthly fee. At the end of the contract the carts belong to the SWA.

SINCE THE SWA BOARD VOTED TO CONTINUE TWICE A WEEK COLLECTION, CAN ONE ASSUME THAT COMMUNITIES WILL NOT BE CHARGED AN ADDITIONAL FEE FOR TWICE-A-WEEK GARBAGE COLLECTION NOW OR IN THE FUTURE?

The SWA is finalizing the 2019 solid waste and recycling collection competitive bid process requiring two (2) days a week residential curbside garbage collection service. The bids will be awarded to the lowest qualified responsive bidder for a seven (7) year contract.