

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

11:00 AM

City Commission Chambers

City Commission Special Meeting Agenda

Meeting Items

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Residential Refuse Container Proposals
- 3) Residential Rates and Fees for Automated Collection
- 4) Next Steps to Automated Residential Garbage Collection
- 5) Adjourn

This Commission meeting can be viewed live or on replay via YouTube at the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfXr4vdx58E>

Mike Grafsgaard – Public Works Director
Corey Erickson – Sanitation Supervisor
Wade Sharbono – Streets Supervisor
Joel Myhro – Utilities Supervisor

To: President Moe and City Commissioners

From: Residential Refuse Container Selection Committee

Rob Hach, Sanitation Commissioner *RHA*

Michael Grafsgaard, City Engineer/Public Works Director *(MEG)*

Corey Erickson, Sanitation Supervisor *CER*

Date: September 1, 2026

Re: New Residential Refuse Container Proposal Evaluation

The City received five proposals from our New Residential Refuse Container Request for Proposals. All proposals are from major manufacturers of refuse containers and each would provide a container that could serve the City.

The Selection Committee reviewed all proposals and evaluated the sample containers provided by each proposer. Each proposal was then scored based on: container construction quality, pricing, experience and references, warranty, assembly and delivery and wind stability.

Based on the evaluation and review, two refuse container manufacturers stood out among the rest – Toter, LLC and Rehrig Pacific Company. The Selection Committee scored both proposals high in all categories, with Toter scoring higher in overall quality and Rehrig Pacific scoring higher for offering a lower purchase price (see attached proposal price sheet).

The Selection Committee believes both of these refuse containers could serve City residents well for many years. Rehrig Pacific Company has a 10 year warranty on all components, while Toter LLC offers a 12 year warranty on the container body and 10 years on all other items. Both containers came in under budget.

Based on overall scoring, the Selection Committee recommends awarding a purchase contract with Rehrig Pacific Company, with the final dollar amount contingent upon the actual number and size of cans ordered and delivered, not to exceed \$125,000. If the Commission feels a longer warranty and slightly higher quality can is more important than price, the additional cost for Toter, LLC cans would be approximately \$20,000 more.

PROPOSAL PRICING SUMMARY FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL REFUSE CONTAINERS

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Mike Grafsgaard – Public Works Director
Corey Erickson – Sanitation Supervisor
Wade Sharbono – Streets Supervisor
Joel Myhro – Utilities Supervisor



To: President Moe and City Commissioners

From: Michael Grafsgaard, City Engineer/Public Works Director



Date: September 1, 2026

Re: Residential Sanitation Rates for Automated Collection

As part of the transition to automated residential garbage collection, the City will supply residents with cans specifically designed to work with the automated collection process. The City will offer residents a choice of two different sized cans – 65 gallon and 95 gallon. Based on information from suppliers, 65 gallon cans hold 4-5 full (13 gallon) kitchen bags and 95 gallon cans hold 5-7 bags.

Some public works directors from cities that have used automated collection for some time have recommended to me that the City offer just one size can (95 gallon), as they have seen many residents transition to the larger can over time and the larger cans are more stable in the wind. In addition, there is significant uncertainty in the City recycling program continuing (other than cardboard). Therefore, residents currently getting by with a 32 gallon can because they recycle glass, aluminum, plastic and tin, may require a larger can if recycling is discontinued.

However, based on nearly half of our residential users being able to get by with 1-32 gallon can dumped each week and many living on fixed incomes, I believe we need to offer a 65 gallon option. Cans smaller than 65 gallon are easily tipped over with the wind and will not be offered.

Currently it is envisioned that residents that pay for 1-32 gallon can dumped each week (approximately 960 accounts) will be automatically transitioned to a new 65 gallon can. Those residents that currently pay for 2-32 gallon cans (approximately 840 accounts) and 3-32 gallon cans (approximately 85 accounts) will be transitioned to 1-95 gallon can. Four and five can users will be provided 2-95 gallon cans and six and seven can users will be provided 3-95 gallon cans. Based on this transition, 960 – 65 gallon and 1,000 – 95 gallon cans are needed.

With the unknowns related to final can size residents will want, the competitive pricing offered, and shipping costs related to future can purchases, I recommend we purchase 15% additional 65 cans and 25% more 95 gallon cans. Total count would be 1,100 – 65 gallon cans and 1,250 – 95 gallon cans.

We will work to make residents aware of this transition plan through newspaper, radio, City website, our public works Facebook page, and other means available. Residents that request something different to the proposed plan will be accommodated to the extent practical.

To allow residents to make an informed decision on which can size will work for them, we need to provide a fee structure for the new automated collection service. The attached table shows current can service rates/capacities and those proposed. The proposed rates are projected to allow the department to help fund the costs associated with automated collection transition.

I further recommend we allow residents to change their can size without charge once within 90 days after the new cans are delivered. After 90 days, a \$30 per can size exchange will be required.

In addition to the proposed residential rate changes, I recommend the blue bag program for extra garbage continue. The blue bags will be able to be deposited in a roll off/dumpster at the recycling center and monitored through security cameras. I also recommend the fees for blue bags increase to coincide more closely with the cost of having a 65 gallon can service. A 30 gallon blue bag would increase from \$2 to \$4 per bag and a 15 gallon bag would increase from \$1 to \$2 per bag.

The new automated collection system should be fully operational by the end of October, 2026. The proposed blue bag rate changes will take effect November 1, 2026. Residential collection service rate changes will be reflected starting with the November 30, 2026 billing.

RESIDENTIAL SANITATION RATES – AUTOMATED COLLECTION

Garbage Can Rate Comparison

Can Type	Old				New				Change			
	Base	Can Price	Total	Capacity (gal)	Base	Can Price	Total	Capacity (gal)	Price \$ Change	Price % Change	Capacity gal Change	Capacity % Change
1 Can -> 64 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 24.00	32	\$ 16.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 29.00	64	\$5.00	121%	32	200%
2 Can -> 64 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 34.00	64	\$ 16.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 29.00	64	(\$5.00)	85%	0	100%
2 Can -> 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 34.00	64	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 36.00	96	\$2.00	106%	32	150%
3 Can -> 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 44.00	96	\$ 16.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 36.00	96	(\$8.00)	82%	0	100%
3 Can -> 2 - 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 44.00	96	\$ 16.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 56.00	192	\$12.00	127%	96	200%
4 Can -> 2 - 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 54.00	128	\$ 16.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 56.00	192	\$2.00	104%	64	150%
5 Can -> 2 - 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 64.00	160	\$ 16.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 56.00	192	(\$8.00)	88%	32	120%
6 Can -> 3 - 96 Gal	\$ 14.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 74.00	192	\$ 16.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 76.00	288	\$2.00	103%	96	150%