


If **THIS** is what you want

A **"YES"** vote means you'll get it.

A **"NO"** vote means you won't.

Safety	Dedicated, experienced workers who have been thoroughly drug/alcohol tested and background-checked.	YES All city employees were background-checked and drug/alcohol tested. The 20 full-time employees had nearly 180 years of combined experience in Solid Waste with the city. NOT ONE of the workers was hired by the new contractor.	NO Background checks and alcohol/drug testing cannot be verified because the new service relies on temp agency workers for nearly half of its workforce. The city cannot enforce its own ordinance prohibiting sexual offenders from working around our homes, parks, and schools.
	Procedures that are in compliance with State and City ordinances, which specify that no one can hang off of moving vehicles -- including trash trucks.	YES The workers used the "buggies" to collect the trash, recyclables, and yard waste. No one hung off the back of trucks because they were in the buggies.	NO At least one accident involving a worker hanging off of the truck has occurred, and one near miss, in which the worker would have been crushed. Each and every day, the contractor is in violation of this ordinance.
	Drivers who are respectful of UA traffic rules and schedules.	YES Drivers knew to avoid schools during drop-off, lunch, and pick-up in order to insure the safety of our children. They also obeyed the 25 mph speed limit on residential streets.	NO Residents have complained about drivers going the wrong way down a one-way school street, barreling down narrow residential streets at 40 mph, and totally blocking streets. There have been at least four accidents.
Service	Service that is consistent and dependable.	YES Collection took place at approximately the same time each week because the workers had perfected the routes. With a few exceptions due to weather, all trucks done by 3:30 PM.	NO Collection times are erratic -- pick-up can occur at 7:30 AM one week, and 5 PM the next. Trucks are on the streets after 5 PM, sometimes as late as 7 PM.
	Workers who are customer-oriented, courteous, and forgiving.	YES If you got your trash out late or forgot to put on a sticker, it was no big deal. All you needed to do was call the Solid Waste Division and someone would pick it up the same or next day.	NO If you don't follow the rules exactly, you get a "NON-COLLECTION NOTICE" and your stuff is left until next week. Calls to the "Help Line" (if it's answered at all) result in arguments with contractor personnel.
	Workers who are flexible.	YES If you were going on vacation and needed your trash to be picked up on a different day, no problem. Done. If you broke your leg and needed to have your recyclables picked up at your back door until you had recuperated, no problem. Done. Both of these for FREE.	NO Neither of these perks exist under the new system. Want a medical exemption? To qualify, your doctor must breach patient-doctor confidentiality by providing all of your medical records to the city.
Savings	Cost savings to the City.	 <p>With the new service ... May 22, 8:00 PM Kensington Woods Area</p>	NO The City said it would be saving a lot of money with the new service. Not true. Cost data gathered since April show that this savings is not materializing as expected.
	Cost savings to you.		NO The City has retained as many as five of its solid waste employees to take care of contractor misses and to do work that was performed under the old system, but not included in the new contract. This cost was NOT included in the initial estimate.
			NO Under the current system, you pay both a sticker fee PLUS an annual \$30.00 service fee. If you use fewer than one sticker a week, you're actually LOSING money. And, if you want the back-door service you had under the old system, you must pay an additional \$150.00.
			Residents are filing claims for damage the trucks are doing to their property. The long-term cost to repair driveways and private roads could be substantial.