



ST. PAUL DESERVES A BETTER TRASH PROGRAM

Let's dig in...

The City's contract with a Hauler Consortium began on October 1, 2018,
and ended on March 31, 2025, when a new hauler (FCC) took over.
Seems like it's all working out well. Or is it?

We do not advocate going back to the old private enterprise system of trash collection. However, there are improvements to the system that would allow residents the CHOICE to reduce trash volume, responsibly dispose of their trash, **and** save some money. There are two tweaks that many St. Paul residents would like to see:

CART/DUMPSTER SHARING – St. Paul's 1, 2, 3 and 4-unit properties are affected. Many single-family households could easily share one garbage cart with a neighbor. Some multifamily properties could responsibly share a garbage cart for one building, or a dumpster for one or more buildings. However, current rules require each individual dwelling unit to have a separate garbage cart. The result: streets, alleyways, driveways and yards are littered with costly plastic carts from which haulers are (far too often) paid to "collect" thousands of gallons – of air.

OPTING OUT – Some St. Paul residents carefully and SIGNIFICANTLY reduce their trash footprint, producing only a tiny bag of garbage every month. They should be allowed to opt-out. Instead, the current system penalizes their diligence. Thousands of properties have been late or seriously delinquent on costly trash payments. Instead of requiring payment for unused services, let's promote trash reduction with opportunities to reduce collection costs via cart-sharing and opt-out.

These tweaks will encourage households to: **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE**

St. Paul voters are circulating a petition as an "initiative" calling for enactment of an ordinance that will **allow households the option to share a cart or dumpster, or to opt out.** These options are already available in other cities such as Bloomington, Maplewood and Richfield.

HOW CAN YOU HELP? We need almost 6,000 signatures on our paper (*not electronic*) forms.

Please sign, and encourage St. Paul neighbors & friends to sign the petition.

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Collect signatures. Host a pop-up event. Other...

For information, opportunities, petition download ... visit: **Share-OptOut.com**

