

Survey Results: Curbside Waste Service

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Total Participants

923 of 2047 initially invited (45%)
18 others
Margin of error: ± 3%

Applied Filter:
Locals only
Participants for
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832

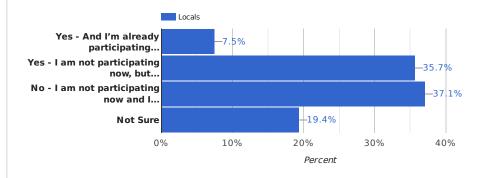


Q1 Curbside collection of food waste and other compostable "organic" material has been an optional service through trash haulers in Plymouth since 2022. Due to state law and county mandate, all Plymouth households will be charged for this collection service in 2024 – whether they use it or not.

Knowing that you will be charged for organics collection – and that participation requires an additional wheeled cart – do you expect to sign up for a curbside organics collection service in 2024?

(832 responses by)

Options	Locals (832)
Yes - And I'm already participating in curbside organics collection now	7.5% (62)
Yes - I am not participating now, but I would in 2024	35.7% (297)
No - I am not participating now and I would not in 2024	37.1% (309)
Not Sure	19.4% (161)

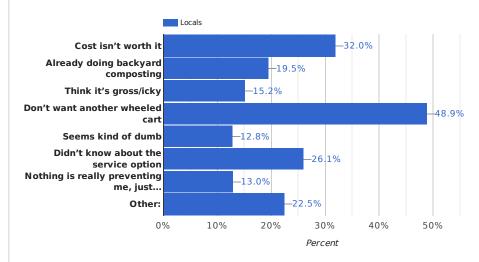


Q2 What, if anything, prevents you from doing curbside collection of food waste and other compostable organic material now? (Choose all that apply)

(728 responses by)

Options	Locals (728)
Cost isn't worth it	32.0% (233)
Already doing backyard composting	19.5% (142)
Think it's gross/icky	15.2% (111)

Options	Locals (728)
Don't want another wheeled cart	48.9% (356)
Seems kind of dumb	12.8% (93)
Didn't know about the service option	26.1% (190)
Nothing is really preventing me, just not interested	13.0% (95)
Other:	22.5% (164)





I live in a Seniors Cooperative. I hope this will be available for such congregate housing as well

cost and effort of getting it set up.

i live in an apartment

Don't have room in my garage for another cart.

Cumbersome , want to use my own service if I choose

We're paying too much already

Reside in a townhouse and not permitted to keep receptacle outside garage. Smell & bugs

It was difficult to get set up with this service through our HOA and we self mulch our yard waste

I'm worried about the additional bugs and flies it will bring to my front door. Need More Info

environmental health and safety concerns I'd rather feed the wildlife Do not want to attract more rodents and insects around our property. We had it and canceled due to unreliable and expensive service I don't a 4th can. Garbage, recycling and yard waste are enough. HOA does not offer this Having to take the time to separate more things to keep separate ahead of time, more hassle. I live in an apartment. Unsure of what can be included Not sure enough about what can go in it Benefit does not outweigh the cost Could not find info for signing up on my haulers website another forced charge Just more work separating my trash and recyclables. Gas of additional haulers adds pollution Apartment living We composed with Randy's and liked it, but the new options are way too expensive for the value Unnecessary I am the HOA President - we would really need to work with people to ensure it's done properly. 2 person HH with very little compostable organic material. However, I may not understand what the Where am I supposed to store the third can? I already have covenants restricting outside storage. Most people have garbage disposals. It's an unnecessary service and a waste of money. live in Trillium It would require another collection container inside my house Don't regularly have anything to compost and when I do, compost in backyard Based on my conversations with Waste Management, it's very expensive. Requires extra storage in the house in addition to the extra rolling-outdoor bin More government heavy handedness HOA won't let me keep the cart outside and I don't want to invite bugs inside. I have very little that can be composted. Waste of money. Let those who use it pay. I live in an association and am not sure if I would have the option. Garbage vendor doesn't pick it up. Zero communication of the program Don't want maggots and other insects a cart of rotting will attract. Not to mention the smell. Yuck How many carts are we going to put out and when, it seems like there might be a better way. Organics are not the problems; it is PLASTICS bags, wrappings, bottle, Cans, I need more information about the program and how it works. Not enough organically generated to fill a 5 gallon bucket each week

Another stupid, wasteful government program that is irresponsible and won't work Don't create that much waste to warrant another wheeled cart HOA awareness and getting bins Live in a condo Don't know the method I know nothing about this subject and how to do it. To maney trucks racing past my house. Huge carbon footprint with almost no value to anyone. Need more information about how to do it. Hate Mandates!!! Did not want extra cost for seniors to bear it. Garbage hauler include in his fees is OK.Don't want Don't have room in my kitchen for another collecting container. Don't know anything about it Not sure we have space in garage for another wheeled cart... if it's small, yes. My food waste goes down the garbage disposal & unsure what would be considered organic compostable I thought our service provider no longer offered it. Other members of household Time to separate more items. We will need another waste basket in the kitchen. I generate a very, very small amount of compostable waste What is it There's only 2 of us and we don't generate enough to do do it for an extra fee. how much will it cost?? Two person household of older people doesn't generate much organic waste. We have garbage disposal for food waste and go take yard waste to Plymouth Recycling and waste disp We have trash pick up through another company so would prefer to stick to same company Small around the house during warm weather time Our association pays for our garbage service and I don't believe we participate in this program. The concept is ridiculous. If I want to compost I can do it myself. Medina/Hamel does this without another container. Don't really know the details, but imagine that it entails a good deal of additional work Don't want to pay the extra cost. Guess we will have to now Smell & critters/bugs We live where there are a lot of animals We are empty nesters with very little food waste. We do backyard compost. Ridiculous to mandate and charge. Don't want 3rd cart & truck on my street i'm producing very little of this waste now and the process will not produce enough of an effect to I have a very long and often icy driveway. It's enough to get a garbage bin and 2 recycling out. I will participate Is there an option for a smaller wheeled cart? I love the idea of it, but we already have 3 bins Don't need food waste attracting critters Don't have enough waste to make it worthwhile, concerned about odor while stored in the garage

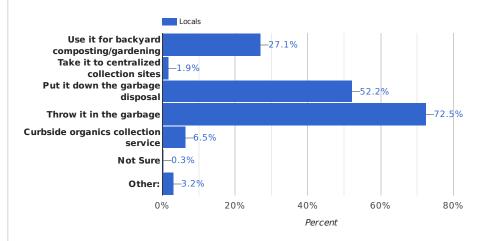
I think the HOA makes this decision for our townhouse development—so not sure I have a say in it. I do my own composting now and always will. I don't see a reason why I should pay because other p i compost myself our service hasn't provided a cart for it Don't know how to do it I support it, but am concerned about both the cost and the provider. Please, not Republic I use my garbage disposal Why give away organic material, my garden needs it. where do you store the contents/cart where animals won't get to it? I have pets, I dont need anoth Wheeled cans do not fit in 1 car garage, don't want it outside for animals to get into. No good reason, should start! Extra work gone 7 months a year live in a multi-family building with commercial pickup. Would we be charged?? Being forced to pay for a service like this overboard I don't want another added cost to my already skyrocketing bills and living expenses. Effort isn't worth it. Another government mandate most citizens won't support. Would be a pain in t I am in an HOA and they make the decision, not me. Just more stuff to deal with. live in an apartment - how with that work???? Rodents and bugs Seems dumb to force people who might want to back yard compost to pay for something they won't use. Previous option was a bag put in existing garbage and i doubted they did anything with it Not sure how to do it efficiently inside my home, before taking outt I strongly object to any mandated charge & service that I am just now hearing about. I don't know how much it will cost and it will smell in my garage. Town home association will decide Should not be forced to pay for a service I don't need or want. no physical room for another cart in the garage Arranging it with the garbage haulers is a total pain. I would if it was more convenient! If i am paying next year anyway, will that include the cart? I didn't want to pay yet. Haven't gotten around to it It's just one more thing to do Hard to collect food separately / no space in kitchen for another vessel There are only two of us and we are in our late 70s, how much organic material can we have. Should not be compulsory mandate I don't like that you are forced to pay for this, even if you don't want to participate. Don't know much about it, how it will protect from attracting animals, how complicated it will be. need more info, i.e. cost, freq of pickup, parameters of use. We have 1 kitchen trash bag/wk only

I don't generate enough oil this waste. However, you're doing a good job of wasting our money.
I would love to do this but how can I fit another full size cart in my garage? Need small cart
I have a garbage disposal.
it is hard in the snowy winter months to deal with another curbside unit.
Voluntary is fine - Forced is totally not fine
An even smellier garage
Cost is not worth the price residents are taxed for road repairs for multiple trash haulers
Questionable cost / benefit / convenience of separating organic material from trash and recyclables
We don't have a lot of food waste. What we don't eat goes down the garbage disposal.
Wasn't available in townhome association
I have my own compost bin I use and then I get to keep the compost material to use for flower beds
Don't believe I have very many items that would be included in this collection.
In 2024 I do not expect my household to produce much food waste
I will not be charged for a service that I will not use
Still figuring out how to compost/ need more information
We have little organic waste, a sink food waste disposer, it's a BAD idea!!
We have been trying to get less trucks on our streets already, and this would ADD another truck. :(
I rent an apartment. I don't know if apartment occupants or the owners are eligible to participate
Honestly it is mostly because of laziness. But if I'm educated as to how to properly do it, fine.
Although I realize municipal composting will compost items that cannot be back yard composted. IE
Waiting for city provided service
I didn't want to pay another fee. And I did think it might be stinky in the summer or animals might
I think those who are interested are already doing it in their yard and others will not be bothered
Are there bags we have to purchase and how expensive are they? We don't have much food waste.
Medical Reason: Immune Disorder Can not inhail molding food.
don't know enough yet. How long does it sit around. Seems like it will stink and bring bugs etc
Meant to but haven't yet
honestly, it's the extra time we don't have currently
We only have a bag or so of garbage a week anyway and a very small portion of that would be compost
Republic will not do it for individuals in the community.
Makes no sense from environmental standpointnot good for environment considering "costs" and ben
My service doesn't make it easy to participate.

Q3 Which of the following, if any, does your household currently do with food waste and other compostable organic material? (Choose all that apply) (779 responses by)

Locals (779)
27.1% (211)
1.9% (15)
52.2% (407)

Options	Locals (779)
Throw it in the garbage	72.5% (565)
Curbside organics collection service	6.5% (51)
Not Sure	0.3% (2)
Other:	3.2% (25)





Feed it to pet
we self mulch our lawn clippings
Coffee grounds we spread in garden
We are empty nesters so there isn't that much food wasted
We do not have any to speak of.
I am sick and tied of more and more government cost and control over my life. It has to stop!!!re
Recycle papers and similar
Hardly have any amounts
What is compostable organic material?

Feed to chickens

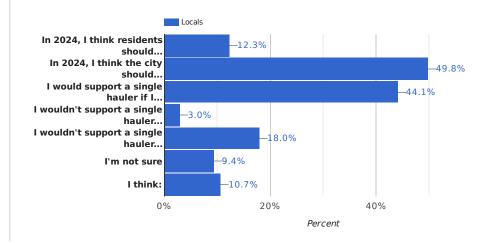
Bring it to Hamel friend who puts it in hers Blue bag goes into garbage container
I live in a multi-family bldg. Will we be charged?
We have chickens
Two of us don't have much to compost.
Vermicomposting
Was going to start my own composting but now why would I.
My mom takes it
Any mandate should be supported by a one-page simple justification & guidelines.
Compost through garbage hauler
Honestly, none of your business
We do not waste food, we prepare the amount we will eat only. No waste.
I drop it in my son's compostables curbside pickup
I'm assuming this service will be determined by inviting interested vendors to repond to a "RFP"
May be good for commercial businesses, not for residential. Creates more pollution.

Q4 With the state/county mandated charge coming and the potential for broader participation in curbside organics collection, the City of Plymouth is considering service options. Residents could continue to coordinate services and varying fees with garbage haulers, or the city could contract for organics collection with a single hauler (like curbside recycling), which may offer cost-savings and reduced truck traffic.

Which of the following, if any, are TRUE for you about collecting food waste and other compostable organic material? (Choose all that apply, if any)

(765 responses by)

Options	Locals (765)
In 2024, I think residents should continue to arrange collection services and fees with garbage haulers	12.3% (94)
In 2024, I think the city should consider one hauler for everyone for organics collection, with fees paid through utility billing	49.8% (381)
I would support a single hauler if I got the same service at a potentially lower cost	44.1% (337)
I wouldn't support a single hauler because I don't want the city to interfere with my organics pickup	3.0% (23)
I wouldn't support a single hauler because I have no intention of participating in organics collection	18.0% (138)
I'm not sure	9.4% (72)
I think:	10.7% (82)





That everyone should have a choice as to whether they want to participate or not.

Would a single hauler pick up organics the same day as the regular trash day?

Again- No room in my garage for another cart.

The city should stay out of the garbage business.

The city should lobby the state on residents' behalf to get rid of this silly mandate

TOO MANY GARBAGE TRUCKS ALREADY! OUR ROADS REALLY TAKE A BEATING

another fine example of government waste

It should be optional. If my HOA does not offer it, I do NOT want to pay for a service I can't use

Since we have composted on our property for MANY years. I don't really give a damn

Not interested

I distain all of this government intrusion into my life!!!

This is important to reduce methane emissions so how do we both educate and make it affordable?

Definately one hauler, one truck...please!!

The state/county should have asked residents about organic recycling

I support a single hauler but NOT if its Republic. They are awful at yard waste. w

This is a silly mandate and more government intervention. What is the point other than revenue?

forget organics collect plastic wrapping & bags

Consider one hauler who is inexpensive and listens to customer concerns - NOT REPUBLIC

We should have a single hauler for recycling, trash and organics. Current system sucks 2many truck

We do our own backyard composting so if it's mandatory, I would like the cheapest option available.

This is an individual decision and the city should not force their will on the residents

A single person's waste is vastly diff than a family. That needs consideration.

No extra cost to senior home owner. Either way .

One hauler one price if people want to participate.

Consolidated hauler with integrated billing into utility bills streamlines service & reduce traffic

The fewer trucks the better on neighborhood streets.

Backyard composting is the least expensive and invasive I wouldn't support any city involvement. The city should stay out of it. We have plenty of wasteful bureaucracy. The empire building is old Contract with garbage hauler like Medina does. We shouldn't be charged for something we don't want to participate in. Govt should NOT mandate and charge. Over reach of govt! Things are fine. Allow the free market to work as it currently is if I am being taxed for it, it should be a City service Provided prices aren't raised after accepting contract The city should provide the service without a 3rd party Lowest cost option The city/state should not be mandating this. I'd support single trash hauler so there's less noise, traffic and wear on the streets I would like to see the city organize all pick up svcs (trash/recycle & organic) to reduce traffic I would like to opt out and not pay for a service that is disadvantageous to me Whatever is cheapest I would participate if it was available in multi-family building. Lower cost is of most importance I am in an HOA and homeowners do not make individual decisions. Any retired single person or couple should be allowed to be exempt. We create so little waste. We should know the cost before making a decision People should pay for a service they use, not force everyone to pay for their ideology I would like to see less truck traffic The overarching wise thing to do is reduce the number of trucks and costs. Should not be hard. People should be able to choose their own hauler to allow for competition and lower prices. When ever the government is involved the cost/expense is always higher and service is poorer Multiple carriers with increased traffic contradicts environmental purpose of organics collection. I want a single hauler for trash, recycling and organics choose the collection method with the lowest fee, not gonna use it anyway I think the city should push back on the legal interpretation being given. people should be able to opt out and not be charged for a service they don't need or use The City should contract ALL curbside pickups. The contract should provide good customer service the city should negotiate one hauler for garbage, recycling and organics due to street wear & tear I would support a single hauler if it is at a savings to us paying the bill The idea that multiple haulsers causes lower prices through competition is a falsehood. I will not use this and I should not have to pay for it. very frustrating City should look at the law and see what is actually required - I am not paying for forced service city has done nothing with garbage haulers. Have multiple haulers. History does not support you Curbside Waste is a poor service provider. They missed my garbage pickup many times. I don't want either option: NOT fair to be forced to pay for something you don't want. There's far too much truck traffic with Amazon, FedEx, UPS, trash, etc. It's a problem

Negotiate with service quality incentives and annual price increase limitations

it is counter productive

This is ridiculous and another example of government overreach!

City needs to consider 1 hauler for all trash garbage collection. Road repair costs exceeds organic

Why should I pay for this when I already backyard composting?

If it is going to be mandatory, then a single hauler due to truck traffic.

my HOA arranges everything

All compostables collected geographically by one provider or by separate districts bid out to poten

I would consider backyard composting before I'd support paying for pickup. Didn't know about this

I think the city should have one trash hauler also. Insanity is have 5 hauler damaging streets

I think the mandate & additional service fee is ridiculous. Taxes & fees are high enough in Plymout

It's not practical to have 3 bins in the kitchen and garage. If we can't stop this, do what's cheap

It's a dumb mandate. Likely won't participate so would like to keep fees lowest.

I am environmentalist/conservationist. Res organic collection not good for environment.

Q5 Any other comments or suggestions about curbside collection of food waste and other compostable organic material in Plymouth?

(273 responses by)



We have far too much truck traffic now. I think trash should be contracted by the city as well. Different haulers could have different parts of the city to keep it fair to all current haulers.

We need more information for the congregate living buildings in Plymouth as to how this would work. I'm all in favor of doing it

Speaking of waste-that's what this program is

I think a single hauler for all trash at a major discount for all trash services

This is over reach for the government. The cost benefit just does not add up. Running more vehicles, noise, mandated for a very small return. Recyling makes sense. This does not. Hard pass

Forcing people to collect compost is unfair. If they can document they have their own compost bin, they should not be charged. They should receive a credit. They are saving from excessive truck use.

This is a dumb rule and added cost, do away with it. No need to charge Plymouth residents for this. We pay enough in taxes already

I plan to vote against anyone who came up with this stupid program.

Must we do this?

I think there should be only one company used. Seems crazy to have all of these trucks running around the neighborhood doing the same thing.

If we are going to be charged for the service, regardless if we use this now, please send information on how to start and use this process we will be paying for. Thank you How do you even get started?

It would be great to make the participation process much easier. As an HOA member that negotiates our current curbside waste solution, it was difficult/cumbersome to set up and seemed a lot of expense for mainly food waste for our household. But if it's a required program, we will gladly participate and happy that it saves us from having to go to the centralized Plymouth yard waste collection (we mainly take our weeds there since we leave our clippings in our yard).

This is completely unneeded. The city should lobby the state to get this costly law reversed. It serves no purpose other than to increase the cost of living in the state.

My wife and I are retirees and snow birds. This is another example of our being charged for a service during times of being out of state for prolonged periods of time (already charged for recycling) and unable to start and restart service.

Please, City of Plymouth, take this on for everyone!

Haven't the faintest idea what goes in it?

I have very little garbage picked up as it is so another forced fee if frustrating and I may consider cancelling garbage pickup. The only thing of value to me is recycling pickup.

I'm currently composting and will continue to keep doing it for my use and don't want to pay for a service fee I don't use

This is difficult. As a retired single, I eat fresh produce but not enough to warrant a weekly pickup. I support organic collection, but not sure if it works for me and others in apartments or townhomes.

I think the idea will be beneficial simply for the effect of having less waste end up in landfills. I am in an association that handles waste (and water) bills right now, so I'm not sure how this change will affect me.

Please see my earlier comment.

one hauler, less disruption for the city.

Would it be possible to get smaller carts?

I'm fine with having another bin and support composting. I didn't know about the upcoming mandated charge for composting; would this show up on a bill from the city, rolled into the utilities if Plymouth didn't contract with a single hauler? Or would residents potentially be charged twice; once through Plymouth (to collect the fee but not provide a service) and again through the resident's choice of service provider (for example, Republic, Curbside Waste, etc.)?

Please consider subsidizing or providing green bags for residents if they will also be required!

The state and city should stay out of the garbage business!

What woke leftist governmentmental control freak came up with this stupid plan

I wish Plymouth had the service in the fall where you rake your leaves into the street and the city comes around and shreds it up in their machine and hauls it away in a big truck. Many cities do this.

If you are not going to provide a single handler, then don't make/let our normal garbage provider charge us for a non-used service. We do not have room for another container in our 1955 era garage.

why is it necessary Volume seems low to me

So glad the city is getting involved here. Methane from food waste not properly handled is a significant emissions source.

Who decided we nneded this? Why do we just keep coming up with new requirements?

The downside of all this is more big trucks going thru my neighborhood!

We are 2 seniors with little organic material. We already have 3 carts(lawn waste) and to add a 4th is ridiculous. More trucks=more wear and tear on roads and more pollution.we are strongly opposed to this new mandate!

Why should I pay for my own composting I already do??????

Thanks for asking for inpu!

Please consider including organic bags and a weekly vs bi-weekly service (we will limit use other than winter otherwise).

I really don't like the idea of another container in our garage and I think the cost is kind of high but hopefully it would be less with a citywide hauler. It would be nice if they could figure a way to make a smaller container since it really doesn't amount to that much.

Isn't life complicated enough?

Ideally, organics waste pickup would be combined with yard waste. More efficient and overall beneficial.

Love the idea! We participated through our hauler for a while, but it was expensive for the amount produced by only two people.

Probably a good idea if the sale of fertilizer will pay back the cost or most of it.

Since we don't do it now not sure how this would work. Only two of us so won't have much for another container.

The quantity of organic waste is small and the risk of spoilage is high. How will this be handled?

Dumb idea. Another stupid liberal policy.

I support all recycling efforts, provided all materials are in fact recycled. My family currently compost our organic waste, so why are we charged?

I fully support this but it needs to be reasonably priced and might need weekly pickup - especially in the summer. Might also need a container that can be kept inside and then easily moved outside. It's very compllicated.

I don't think we generate enough compostable organic material to justify even monthly collection and having that odorous material out of sight (garaged) is not acceptable.

I'd do it with one hauler but Republic has terrible service. They'll be ip us off by charging for bins. We need a new hauler. A

Too much garbage, recycling and truck traffic already.

Residents should not be charged for a service they do not use. The city of Plymouth on behalf of its residents need to push back on the county and reject this new tax.

Really not happy about this being mandated. It should be our choice to participate or not and not be forced. The economy is already tough right now, taxes have gone up and now this. It's BS.

Concerned about animals accessing compost bins before collection pickup. Consider community located bins where we can drop off compostable material (such as grocery store lots or gas station lots).

This program and laws related to it are contrary to logical thought, which explains why our government is in support of mandating it.

If it is easy to do most people will do it -like recycling. No extra billing or arranging with my hauler. City handles it, so very easy. Will need educating as to what allowable for organic recycling. I'll have very little garbage I think with this program. Please handle like recycling!

I don't people should be charged if they don't use, seems unfair

Make it part of utilities billing and most people will use the service because they are paying for it, Its the only way to be truly successful.

Please be clear about what can be put in the curbside collection and what cannot-it can be confusing at times.

What is the net energy saving vs expenditure for this boondoggle?

For maximum participation, it should be as easy as recycling. Also - I want to know if residents will have access to the completed garden ready compost

Is the city doing anything with the recycling program in place? I'm not confident these programs are doing anything beyond standard land fill.

Charging everyone for something relatively few use is not right. I wonder how many citizens are aware that they are paying for this? This should not have been implemented. Some other individual participation-driven program makes more sense.

I think a single service option through the city is fantastic, but I'd prefer Suburban Waste and NOT Republic.

It's ridiculous to charge residents for a service they have no intention of using.

Forget organics, start charging 5 cents per plastic bag/bottle at any retailor and refundable by weight or each item. Organic waste can degrade itself not plastics. Our water ways are clogged with plastics not banana peels..

Having a city coordinated opt-in service would be potentially useful for people who aren't doing backyard composting already.

We are gone a lot at meal times and don't have much food waste

I would like to see a tutorial video before taking action.

Single hauler, fewer trucks. Why don't we reduce the garbage trucks by zoning which hauler goes to which neighborhoods. Less trucks, less pollution, less wear and tear on roads!

I'd really like to see the trucks kept to a minimum. Please coordinate this as a city service!

Republic is NOT customer oriented and too expensive. I would rather compost in my yard

Money is in short supply. Another way to get my money

Should only be one option- have the City contact it with one provider. Should be done for trash too! I hate garbage day with all the different haulers cruising thru at different times. Break the city into zones if you want to give the potential of more than one hauler to work in the city to spread the wealth. Just dumb to have every home get there own - more costly, not efficient and worse for our streets, environment and neighborhoods on garbage day.

It is stupid and dumb. It is ANOTHER fee the City of Plymouth is obligating on the residents. When is the City of Plymouth going to realize they CANNOT and SHOULD NOT force the will of a politician on the individual rights of a resident. We are already taxed too much and to pay for something an individual resident does NOT want should be our choice - NOT the City. STOP MANDATING AND FORCES THESE TAXES AND RULES ON RESIDENTS OF PLYMOUTH! IT IS TOO MUCH!

I had no idea this even existed.

There should still be an opt out choice or a smaller fee for those that don't partake.

We don't believe that residents should be charged for organics collection if they are not using that service- unfair.

The size of the cart and the frequency of the pick-ups would have been beneficial information for completing the survey.

I would like Plymouth to strongly consider a single hauler for trash also.

City contracted would limit truck traffic and wear & tear on the streets. Garbage pick up could be accomplished on a different week from recycle to further reduce truck traffic.

I hope educational information about organic composting will be sent out.

This is a really stupid idea.

I feel that I shouldn't have to pay for a service I do not want.

I don't think households need food recycling.

Why bother, our neighbor just throws it Outside in the back of his shed !!!

If the city chooses single source utility billing should only be additional fees for those with csrts utilizing the service.

Hate State Mandates!!!

Don't want to pay any extra cost either way. Extra cost burden on seniors

It's environmentally bad to have so many trash haulers running around the city. Let's go to one trash hauler for the city and reduce emissions!!

Waste of time commenting. Liberal agenda doesn't care about right from wrong.

It needs to be as EASY as possible. I would also love to see one garbage hauler vs all the trucks on the road.

In theory a good idea. However, if you think people are only going to put organic, non toxic materials in collection bins I think your wrong. I think you will only get a nasty possibly toxic mess. Not sure how you would sort this to make sure.

This is great, thank you for this service! I am glad to know about it. I just wish we could either a) have recycling picked up weekly instead of every other week (I have way more recyclables than trash) or b) could get a bigger bin. My bin overflows by the end of two weeks.

We are being charged for collection of food waste whether we use this service or not?? What?! We have garbage disposals for a reason, this is absurd.

Believe the city needs to do a better education of what this would mean and why it is a good thing to do before adding another fee to people, especially those that are retired and on a fixed income!

This is just another instance where someone thinks they know better how their neighbors should live. Live your own life and let your neighbors live theirs.

Might consider food waste in the future ... container for it? ... we take care of all other organic waste

In the future, please consider consolidating regular trash service into a single, City-negotiated carrier with billing through our utility bills. This would reduce heavy hauling traffic and wear and tear on our streets while likely reducing costs. It's a win all around.

Less government is better than more government.

Need to sell the program again to the public. Why is it a good idea? Will it actually be recycled/composted? I am discouraged by finding out that not all plastics than can be recycled actually are. Is this another program like that?

Dumb that way have to pay for something we don't use but I guess it is what it is. At least limit the trucks in the 'hood.

Give me a list of what all can go into this

How much will it cost me?

Having the city negotiate with one hauler would be great as long as I will pay less than I do now for the small garbage can. And I don't want a 3rd can for organics!

We should combine all organics - yard waste and food waste - into a single composting solution.

I will try it since I'll be charged for it anyway. I'm not thrilled about a 3rd bin or the smell this will make in the summer when it's hot and humid. I'm not really sure we have that much organic waste, but I could be wrong, that's why I'm willing to give it a try.

Encourage good stewardship of the land and understanding of good land use practices is better quality of life and engagement with the land we are holding in trust for the next generation.

Would bins sitting out overnight be an attraction to animals?

Government is out of control. They just keep finding more "problems" for which they can pass laws which eventually increases the scope of government to the benefit of no one except those who are collecting related government paychecks. This is just another stupid wasteful boondoggle.

Hamel/Medina residents put in blue bag. This is put on top of the garbage bag inside garbage container. Blue bags are pulled out at the facility and composted. Plymouth should follow this model. It is easy.

I think we shouldn't be charged for something we do not want to participate in.

Please promote this service in a positive manner to educate residents on the benefits of organics composting (especially since all will be paying for it anyway). The wording of several of these survey questions/responses casts organic composting in a negative light already, so makes it seem like something Plymouth is forced to do and doesn't support. If we have to move forward with it regardless, might be better to take a positive attitude and emphasize the benefits to our community.

How much of this stuff is actually used? Recycling is a joke with only 5% used... is it really worth the work? More information on what Curbside is doing, stats (not cherry picked), etc. Would be helpful and interesting to review on a quarterly basis. Getting this in front of ppl may increase usage of these services.

Thank you for this sirvey

I am very concerned about wildlife getting into the containers and making a huge mess, destroying the cart... I do not want to have to pick up that mess or see it on our streets.

I hate the government overreach

Lower fees is better

I don't have enough organic waste to fill a big container. I'd would be much better if smaller containers were available.

This is a ridiculous govt mandate. I compost in my yard. Now you will charge me? Why participate? All negatives - I don't get the compost, I get a third cart and third truck on my street. All negatives and no positives. Repeal this stupid mandate! Who do we contact to repeal it? Insanity!

more fees, taxes, fines, nickle and dime us all everyday, filling fee, wheeler fee, shop fees, city fee, school fee, local fee, environmental fee etc.... and state tax, state income tax on our income

Government overreach. What about smell, rodents, etc. will we need to hire someone to monitor the adverse effects?

We are NOT happy to be charged for extra trash bags and we think recycling should be every week

If another cart is used, it better be sealed better than the trash cart

Please allow competition with vendors by splitting the city into multiple sectors. This will reduce traffic by still only having 1 truck per street and will give the vendors efficiency by not having to "jump around". Having multiple vendors will allow the city to evaluate multiple vendors accordingly and scale their future contracts accordingly. Most importantly, if a vendor cannot provide a high level of service, then we have built in backups in place that may be able to help. Last year we used Waste Management and they kept skipping us and telling us to leave our organics bin on the street for days at a time and they didn't come for over a month. We switched to Aspen and have a much greater level of service.

I would hope we would be provided a storage unit. I tried but had to store in a plastic bag in my garage for 2 weeks at a time, and had maggots

On garbage day, I counted 6 different vendors going up and down my street. What a waste of fuel and wear and tear on the roads. Can't the city negotiate a good rate and have one company pick up everything instead of so many vendors?

I Don't know if we would participate or not, but it makes sense to have the city negotiate with a single company to get better service, lower fees, and a more intentional and strategic plan.

1984

any organics left around more than a couple days will realy smell. How would a program work to reduce smell? How often is pickup? Why would we have to pay for this when there was no publicity about this mandate that would allow public comment. A single person does not produce much in organics so how would fees be assessed fairly?

I'm partipating with curbside for organic currently and they pick up every other week which is perfect, I think weekly pick up would be wasteful

This is stupid. The cost of fuel and pollution to Plymouth city out ways any possible benefit.

How much will you be charging me for a "service" I don't want?

How many people have room for a third or fourth can in their garage, as Plymouth mandates they be kept inside. How often will it be picked up? How big will the can be? Where is it brought to and how is the waste used? As a single person, I have little organics.

The city should negotiate a city-wide price

These questions seem pretty loaded against organically collection it is too bad the city leadership doesn't see the value in it

This law is ridiculous. I shouldn't have to pay my own money for someone else's convenience when I'm already composing everything myself on my own. I will fight this law with all that is necessary.

Please consider any companies that allow a different color bag that goes in the standard trash vs having a separate bin - similar to what Randy's used to do.

Think it is silly to have, what, 10-15 different private firms trucks running around...strongly suggest Plymouth move to a single collector, if not for all of Plymouth, then maybe by zones.

It would be helpful to offer curbside recycling on a weekly basis.

Please make sure the watt company is actually comparing materials some companies their recycling materials into the rest of the garbage.

Why should people collect organics?

I'm for single trash/recycling provider to reduce noise and traffic. Plymouth is so behind on preventing noise pollution

Would prefer small bin option for smaller households with limited space

I would like to see the city unify all pick up services (trash, recycle & organic). this would reduce truck traffic and simplify the pick up schedule significantly.

It seems wrong to double-charge residents – once through the trash hauler fees, and again through City fees – if we go with the one-hauler option. The City should find a way to make it no-additional-cost like curbside recycling. Even if the cost ends up being buried in taxes or someone. People will opt out if they can to save a buck, despite composting being a good thing. Also I think people will be skeptical that their compost won't just end up in a trash dump so some communication around that is important. Thanks!

I would love it if you would consider single hauler for garbage too to cut down on the amount of trucks and pollution

This is a good initiative and I totally support it.

A key point to this are compostable bags. If these are provided as a part of the service, more people will participate.

I'm unclear on the distinction between food waste and yard waste. Isn't it all compostable? Would they be collected separately?

This seems like a great service to have centralized.

The resources used to put up organic waste if they put more trucks on the road seems ridiculous.

Could neighbors share one container to reduce costs? Would trash costs reduce since they won't have as much to haul (I doubt it)? What is being done with this? What about flies/critters/bees being attracted?

I'm thrilled that Plymouth is considering doing a city-wide option--thank you! ALSO: I strongly urge you to consider every week recycling with trash moving to every other week. Since we have been participating in organics collection--along with recycling, of course--our trash has been dramatically reduced, but we often have an overflow of recycling. I think every other week trash would be sufficient and would be a push for people to participate in organics pick up. Yes, I know that Plymouth doesn't control the trash pick-up, but I still wonder if something like this would be an option for the future.

Will we be able to pick up this composted material later for garden use? If so then I potentially might be more willing to participate

Will there be a location residents can pick up (or have delivered) free compost made from all the organics?

Make a one hauler requirement for all garbage, yard waste, etc 12 trucks down my street on Wednesdays in both directions is ridiculous waste of fuel and road maintenance. Have the city contract with several haulers and assign areas vs what we have

my trash cart is hardly ever full. How about a flexible/divided cart that is picked up by the recycle hauler and directed to separated compartments in the truck. This would eliminated extra trips fuel, drivers, traffic and bins. Could bag be found that are antii stink for summer?

THIS IS ANOTHER EXPENSE THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD AS SENIORS ON A FIXED INCOME

Seeking the public education on this with visual aide on the process of organic waste disposal... instruct on ways to compost... i do not welcome another government mandate on increasing my living costs... why does my butter cost 6.00? and a box of protein bars 10.00,,,thats where my concern is ...

How big will the wheeled bin be?

Do any companies provide organic material pickup to multi-family buildings?

This is great! I'm confident the city can negotiate lower prices that what individual haulers were offering.

I prefer to composte in garden in backyard. For those who do this are being charged for something we have already been doing.

None at present

Would prefer weekly rather than bi-weekly, as our only storage option is in our garage (townhouse unit).

Please explain how you will handle HOAs where services are typically handled by the board, not by individuals.

needs to be viable for apartment buildings

More information is needed.

How is the city going to address HOAs who won't let people store carts outside but they don't have room for another cart in their garage?

Can't wait for this.

Will someone provide us with a smaller indoor collection receptacle to use?

This is nothing more than a transfer of wealth from poor people to rich ones. It's been proven that more wealthy people want to do this and poorer don't. This is the same process that played out in MPLS. If residents want this, make a compost site where they have to take their garbage to a city site instead of forcing the many that don't want or need this to pay for the very few that have the money to do this.

Very excited that Plymouth is taking another step towards environmental stewardship

Given there be a minimum of 3 haulers (trash, recycling, compostable), I believe it is time for the city to revisit having a single (or choice of 2) trash hauler (s) for the city, paid through utility billing. Adding in yard waste collection, my cul-de-sac already has a half dozen trucks each week for pickups. It is environmentally unsound, adds wear to city streets, adds to noise levels, and causes driving hazards.

I think it's a good idea. Better for the environment and less wasteful. I wonder about the smell in the summer. It's also hard to fit another wheeled cart in the garage.

It's a true conundrum, however, with the wear and tear on our streets, increased emissions and frankly the safety concerns (many of these heavy trucks speed down the road only to pick up ONE customer's bin!), my vote is for a single provider with negotiated lower cost for high volume/efficiency.

I'm too old to bother with all the different collections

Why haven't we been told what our cost will be? I want to know this information.

Part of the city contract should include the plan for the haulers to increase the actual recycling each year and any increase will depend on proven improvement. We know most recycling is just incinerated. Time to put the burden on the haulers.

How much will this cost and why does it require a new wheeled cart?

Regarding all curbside collection (trash, recycle, organic) the City of Plymouth should look at minimizing the number of trucks going through the city and neighborhoods and using the municipalities leverage to reduce costs. That would help the roads and environment as well as residents bank accounts. Work with all collections and reduce the number of companies to perhaps 3 total to still promote competition while better managing road traffic & pollution. Bid it out and re-bid every 3-5 years. The way it is now we have half a dozen trucks every collection day on our street and the companies raise prices at will and excessively.

I just want to emphasize that since we are collecting organics for environmental reasons/concerns, it makes absolutely no sense to then have multiple carriers that would increase traffic congestion and pollution.

As long as none of this impacts my ability to select my own garbage hauler.

It's a program that is only of interest to a handful of people but apparently being forced on everyone. Silly and unnecessary. If a person want's to do this, great! Do it yourself.

I think single provider will help reduce traffic and make it easy for residents.

1.) Seperating food waste from trash would be just too difficult. 2). Keeping food waste seperate for a week before pick up would be stinky (and disgusting). 3.) Food waste in trash helps in decomposition of trash once in the huge trash pile. 4.) Not worth the effort. 5.) Another example of the "elite class" determining what's good for us "little people". Top down authority mandating.

We opted-in to curbside organically pickup. Having one hauler would make it a more reliable and efficient service. And having many different trucks doing the pickup is counter to the environmental benefits of composting

How do I join this service now?

This should not be forced on residents. Only those participating should pay fees.

residents may need to be able to have bins in front of their homes, visible from the street due to lack of space to "hide" additional bins, which would require an ordinance change

All curbside should be through one hauler via City contract. The contract should ensure superior customer service with chargebacks for poor service that goes back to customers as credits. All services should be picked up weekly to avoid overflowing and infestations.

City of Plymouth should promote the benefits of separating organic waste to ensure residents are aware of the value of the program, not that it's just a silly law that's costing them more.

I would like to see options for community gardens in my neighborhood and other neighborhoods, for example using some of the green spaces where the city is cultivating "bee lawns". The community gardens could have a city-supplied compost bin for neighbors to bring food waste as an alternative to curbside collection.

I think education is key to how to best compost organic waste through a vendor. We had this option in Minneapolis and we used it for a time but it was disgusting and discontinued.

I am very unhappy with this development. The state and country should not be able to force every single resident to pay for a service they don't want. We don't need more cans and more trucks racing around our neighborhoods

Single hauler would streamline the process, reduce traffic, and encourage adoption of the practice. It would also be wonderful if yard waste could be included in all that as well.

Yes - the city should negotiate ALL curbside collection due to wear and tear and noise and traffic on our streets. It is ridiculous with all the different haulers. Please just do it for us!

Make it convenient!

Does it have to be a cart? Could it be a bucket or something smaller that a truck could still pick up? Could there be more centralized places to drop organics? I loved the blue bag, can you do that?

it's not right forcing families who are already struggling to live to pay for this service. i compost, why should i pay for something i'm not going to use? plus how is the city going to prevent animals getting into the carts? who's going to clean the carts? who's going to clean if an animal tips it over? already the garbage collectors toss trash all over, now i'm going to have rotten food? that's going to end well with rodent, wasp and fly control

Can compostable include yard waste?

I hope we have the option to get free organic compost as part of the process.

I want the city to arrange both trash and organics for the whole city and bid it out on a yearly basis to get best pricing. I'm sick of the road and environmental damage due to all the trucks driving through the city. It's a true travesty. And unsafe as well.

I would rather have low cost materials made available to the individual to do their own backyard composting than charge us for a service we're not going to use.

I think it is a ridiculous law to make all pay for this service. If people compost they should be able to opt out.

I think we should do this, the city should do this, that would help bring Plymouth into the early 21st century. The idea that multiple haulers create competition and thus lower prices is a falsehood, because: 1) There ARE multiple haulers, and there IS competitional cross cities; 2) The competition works in an "ideal-free-market" which homeowners and HOAs collectively are NOT (becasue we are in the main ill informed and easily duped by trash haulers). The collection of cities in the region IS, however, a set of ideal, free, market actors, because cities are smart and powerful buyers of services. In addition, a single hauler means les money spent on public works. Another falsehood: That the money the city saves on public works going through a single hauler is not enough. From m point of view as a TAXPAYER I pay to the city, the county, and the state. I care about the costs of maintenance of ALL of the roads, not just the ones Plymouth fixes up.

I don't understand the benefits of having a centralized organics collection service. I do it for recycle and produce my own soil. I would do a centralized service if I had access to the soil product.

Save our street surfaces n have 1 truck do all pick up. Currently compostibles cans are way too large n get filthy. I found composible bags much more tidy n efficient

Someone needs to dissect the law and see what it says, because I doubt it says that people are required to have another cart or be charged extra on top of basic trash collection. Residents should have the option to compost on their own AT NO COST. I am a single widow who doesn't have room to store or deal with another cart or pay for it--don't need or want it. This is punishing those who already compost!

stop billing us for what we do not use.

I'm glad to see this service becoming widely available and easy to use. Vastly prefer the city contract for a single hauler. And would support the city moving to a single hauler for garbage as well.

I strongly disagree with this becoming a mandatory fee service. It feels like a punishment to our household that already decided to do our part to help the environment. We should be given the chance to opt out if we are doing the right thing!

Not happy this is being mandated...at a charge of course.

Glad organics recycling is being promoted

Cost is all over the place. I have "fired" haulers for cost and lack of service. Does not appear to be any rhyme or reason for how they are controlled. If they are.

I would expect a reduction in garbage hauler cost since they will be collecting less from the reduction of compostable material in their loads.

This should not be compulsory for people that own their own property. Too much government interference. Recycling companies lied about the other durable goods for decades and I do not trust this effort is more than consumer revenue gouging.

I'd a support single garbage hauler IF cost and SLAs are lower/better. But I don't feel food/compostable waste is really necessary for us, and don't think it warrants yet another army of 15 trucks coming through neighborhoods weekly.

Our little dead end street simply cannot handle yet more trucks. Keeping the number down is better. As it is we have 4 or 5 trucks every trash day, some for only one can. We all wish we had city wide trash collection as well!!!!!

Why do t we just have one garbage hauler for the entire city- 5 different trucks though the streets seems crazy

The city is having to implement a stupid policy decision by the county. This really is another form of taxation and without having a say in the matter. Should I be surprised in this state? No, but the county calls it "optional" but that isn't legitimate because you cannot opt out to PAY for this. Plus, the burden of another truck racing through the neighborhoods on trash day. Idiocy.

It would be nice to combine yard waste and organics. This would reduce the number of bins needed and would promote greater buy-in from residents.

This is ridiculous. I highly doubt these organic products are going to be processed any different way than garbage. It is just another way for the state to mandate something and make us pay for it. Would love to see recycling pick up every week over this program.

The confusion of what is composable is a major issue. The only items we do not currently compost are those with animal products, i.e. meat scraps, bacon fat, etc. The amount of food waste we would contribute is minimal. We already compost all veg/fruit scraps, coffee grounds/filters, tea bags, paper towels, etc. We produce one kitchen can bag of garbage per week for the entire household. What about a combined bin for several households or per block, similar to the garbage bins in our local parks?

Why are you doing this if it's organic? I can't even imagine that residents will generate enough waste to justify yet another layered cost to residents. Get a grip on your spending. Plus, the truck traffic from deliveries, waste, etc has become excessive in our neighborhood and is downright dangerous for kids playing.

I am not much know about those. Landlord knows.

A full size wheeled container is the biggest obstacle. We can't cut down on our recycle bin size or garbage size we would need a cart only about 18" square and it would have to be on our standard pickup day or we would forget.

Also provide lower-cost compost bags for sale. Require homeowners to clean/rinse their collection bins every few weeks to reduce insects.

It would be really nice if yard/organically could be combined. With both, I currently have 4 bins (garbage, recycling, organics, yard waste), which means 4 trucks on the roads regardless of consolidation of hauler companies.

We should use a single hauler for garbage collection too! Reducing the wear on our roads, noise & pollution would be great, along with likely cost savings.

I would like to know how this is going to benefit us.

I was interested in separate food waste collection but didn't get to it. I appreciate it being more 'incentivized'.

When promoting the new organics collection plan, please be very specific about what is and is not acceptable. For example, our household has an ongoing debate about whether or not the Ben and Jerry's cartons are compostable. We need clarity. Thanks!

Seriously, with the huge impact of inflation, gas prices, crime, tax increases, illegal immigration, and the ability for 'working' Americans to pay their bills - please explain why this is a priority!!!!

It would be great if the city could contract single haulers for everything. Use your bargaining power and reduce truck traffic and emissions. If no single hauler can handle the whole city, split up by neighborhoods.

Since the food waste and other compostable organic material collection is going to be mandatory, I think the City should work out the best deal for residents. Thanks.

NO ROOM FOR THREE TRASH CANS. Average Resident has does not buold garages to store three trash cans. Residents now fume about price of current haulers. Residents can bring organics to Plymouth waste site. Contain critter rodent to one location.

It's frustrating that we will be charged for something that we most likely will not use. I know this was not the city's choice. I would support any pushback they can give to the state.

Make the carts smaller than current garbage/recycling versions

I'd like a city contracted supplier for organics. I wish the city would consider a city-wide contracted trash hauler, as well. I live on a cul-de-sac and we have 4 different trash collectors come through every week. It's definitely not environmentally effective.

none

If the city is organizing this, why can't they organize single source garbage collection? It seems more important than compost

It would be great if we could pick up free compost to use in our gardens

Please provide information on how to compost

It is fine to put compostables in the garbage because as it rots it makes methane gas. Waste management is tapping their land fills and using the gas to run their trucks. We feel this is another "fool hearty" program government has started!

Just something else. No problems curbside collection. It's the right thing to do.

DON'T CHARGE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT GETTING THE SERVICE. GAS IS EXPENSIVE AND SO ARE WAGES. PLEASE BE PRUDENT WITH THE MONEY OF YOUR RESIDENCES. LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE....PLEASE

Cost of all things has gone up so much. It is hard to pay for another service that we don't need becuase we already compost our own. I alos know sadly, that people do not compost properly just liek they don't recycle properly. Are we just going to create a huge, gross mess?

Would need to discuss with HOA

Composting for life!

Not Enough space was allowed for my Complete Response to item #4: All compostables collected geographically by one provider or by separate districts bid out to potentially separate haulers in order to promote competitive bidding including small bidders & limit truck traffic to a minimum. In addition to the above, I fully support single vendors to collect trash, recycling, & compostables to limit truck traffic & pollution. Competitive bidding by districts would enable smaller haulers to compete competitively with larger ones while also limiting additional truck traffic & pollution to an absolute minimum.

This is the first I've heard about composting waste. I'd like a back yard garden option.

I do not want to pay for this.

Thanks for surveying. Plymouth continues to be the best city? Perfect? No. Awesome? Yes.

Backyard composting works well without having to pay fees. Seems that all these state laws / mandates just continue to drive up the cost of living for residents. Considering how inflation is eating up more income every month, the cost of living will become unsustainable in the near future. Does government ever consider this?

We are excited about this GREEN, Environmentally-friendly option coming in 2024 to Plymouth, MN. Providing a hassle-free method of collecting and storage for pick-up will ensure greater participation. Thank you for this enhancement to living in Plymouth. Lee H.

Thank you for considering this important effort for our environment

Vote these idiots out it is just another tax we don't need.

I assume a vendor will be chosen through a competitive bidd

Less trucks through neighborhoods is optimum so centralize the service. Also would this service come weekly? I would hope that to be true.

How would the food waste be bagged? Compostable bags are expensive and we don't have much food waste so it would be excessive for our household to participate. Diesel and truck emissions would not be offset by our use. Maybe there could be more education on making wise purchases and healthy consumerism with a goal of less waste in the first place.

Love keeping costs down AND trucks to a minimum! There are already so many that come through, having twice as many would be so loud! Thanks for considering!

we need more detailed information

Can we please have just one garbage truck contracted by the city, also? This topic has been brought up repeatedly and gets wide support on nextdoor.com! Fewer trucks is a huge win for everyone.

Biggest concern for us at the moment is cost. No idea what to expect and it feels kinda heavy-handed that this is being mandated. However, I truly appreciate the reduction in waste. I would like to know what is done with the material when it's picked up.

Not interested. It should not be forced on us.

We should be able to opt out both of service and payment for said service.

We used to pay for blue bag organically but when Randy's sold that service option went away.

Too much government interference

People already are confused with the current recycling. Only a very small percent of the population will use the organic collection properly. The carbon cost of the trucks for collection will be significantly greater than any benefit this program will see. The city should raise its voice in opposition of the state mandating such an ineffective and damaging program. The exhaust and damage to our streets will outweigh any benefit.

I am moderate leaning conservative... I can't stand Trump or the people that support him and thus voted nearly straight ticket DFL last election (normally I'd be much more GOP). And now we're rewarded with things like this mandate. This needs to be overturned. I simply don't have room in my garage for another bin (literally... come over and check... I won't be getting rid of my power tools and equipment) so if given a bin I'll have to store it out back permanently and just eat the charge.

Would really love a city organics program!!! I would help educate my neighbors to get greater participation. In the past I have taken my organics to a collection site. When Fridley, where we lived, got curbside organic recycling I was thrilled to participate! I have been waiting for Plymouth to get on board!!! Thank you for this survey and I hope you get a great response!!!

Reduce--yes. Reuse--yes. Refuse--yes. Recycle if cost appropriate--yes. Residential organics collection not environmentally helpful. Support lower immigration--increasing U.S. population is major environmental problem. Most U.S. population growth comes from immig and births to recent immig.

Additional survey reports