



QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

368

368 responses

SUMMARY

INDIVIDUAL

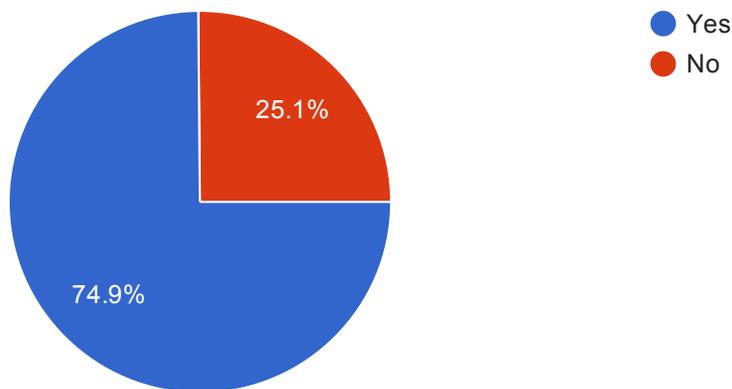
Accepting responses



## Section 1: Food Scraps Collection

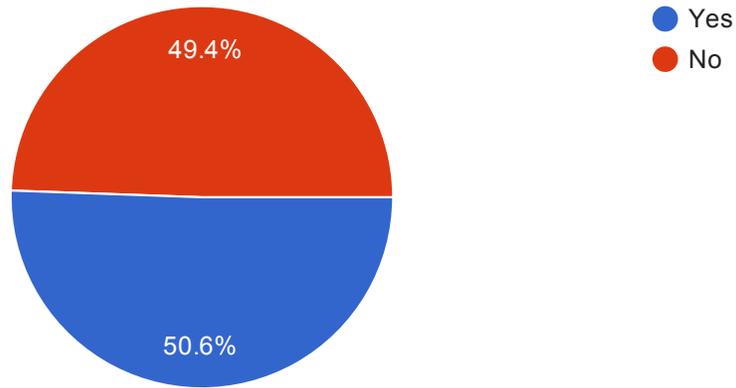
#1. If the Village offered food scraps collection, would you participate by separating your food scraps from your trash and placing them in a dedicated container for curbside collection?

(362 responses)



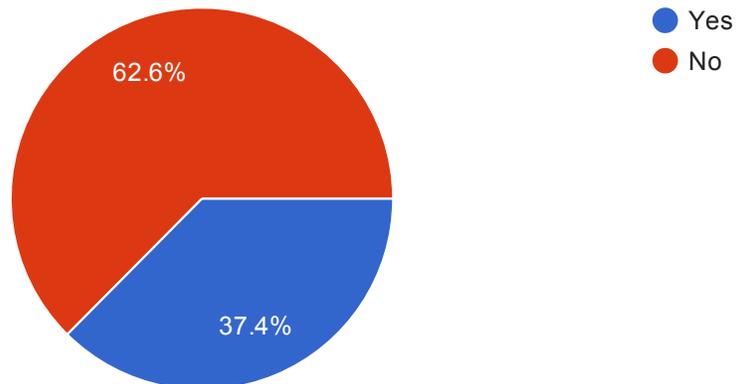
#2. If curbside food scraps collection adds \$10-20 per month to your property taxes, would you support this new program?

(358 responses)



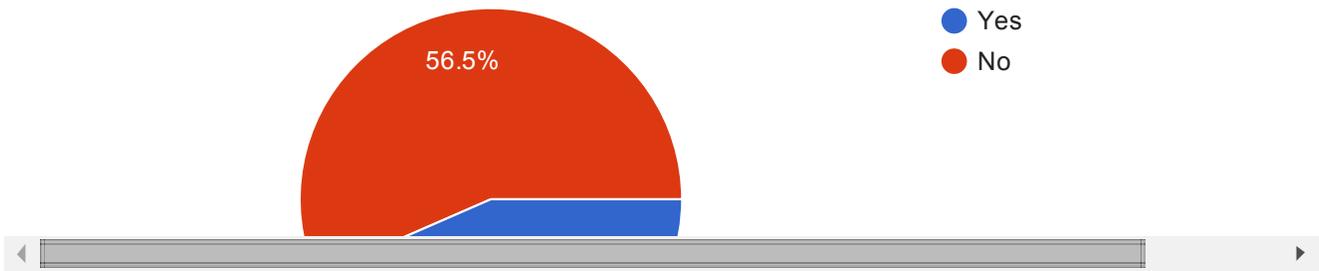
#3. If curbside food scraps collection is offered instead as an optional service and billed at a monthly rate of \$10-20, would you be likely to sign up for this service?

(358 responses)



#4. If the Village provided a free drop-off program of food scraps at the DPW Recycling Center, would you be likely to separate your food scraps from the trash and drop them off?

(359 responses)



## #5. Do you have a different idea of how you would like the Village to initiate a program for composting food scraps?

(99 responses)

No
No
No
We have a large compost bin that we separate our food scraps into already, therefore would not be in favor of an optional pick up with a monthly fee only for those participating.
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Do not add it to our already high property taxes, middle class is squeezed
There's a difference between composting and collection food scraps. Meats can't be composted, as far as I know. We currently have a covered compost pile for our compostable food scraps so would not use the service. It's a good idea for those who don't compost. There's a big difference between \$10 and \$20 per month, a more exact number would be helpful.
We already compost our food scraps
I already compost my organic waste, and am mostly vegetarian, so there is little that doesn't go in my compost bin.
We already compost in our yard for gardening
Land fill!!!
Right now I collect bread, egg shells, coffee filters, tea bags and all vegetables for composting. It is easy to do and I love having "dry garbage" under the sink. If we have any meat products they are taken directly to the outside garbage container in a plastic bag. I would much prefer to have this collected separately as "food scraps".
I didn't respond to the prior questions because, to me, there's a big difference between 10 and \$20/month. I'd probably do it for 10 but not 20.

We don't see any food scraps program working here, and am opposed. We are not Seattle; we are much colder and snowier in winter and much warmer in summer, and very densely populated: 13,000 + people in 1 1/4 sq miles. See below for additional comments

We compost our food scraps at home so personally I would not pay or utilize a village composting program but I support having the option to pay for curbside or drop off composting. I do not support an automatic \$10-20 per month increase in property tax to support the program.

Offer free compost bins and set them up for residence to do in their own backyard.

I didn't answer #2 as I am a renter.

We have our own composter for non-meat scraps, so we wouldn't get full value from participating. The Village might look into offering residents the option to buy their own composters at a bulk rate price and hold classes on composting.

I believe there needs to be some sort of incentive either monetary or a certificate for soil or food from a local source

We have a composting bin adjacent to our back yard garden, which I've used for 20 years in all but the winter months for non-animal food waste and healthy, non-invasive plant trimmings from our yard. The finished compost yearly enriches all our planting areas. Home-gardening with composting might be offered as another option by the Village (substituting composting bins in place of large carts - less expensive if bought in quantities). Combining these two activities would enhance the quality of Village residents' diets and could significantly reduce the amount of landfill waste. (Our warmer months landfilled waste is 1/2 the quantity of that in our trash cart during the winter.) For our Village's increasing number of multi-family housing units compost collection sites could be located within these complexes for pickup, and the service fees included in the rental/association agreements. Fees for multi units' composting could be lower than for individual home-owners, based on the number of pick-up stops made, and a sliding scale fee based on weight, divided between the population served at each location.

Is it possible to share the compost material with homeowners?

I have a compost bin used seasonally. Having an annual sale of compost bins for a good deal promoted composting in Madison and could help here. I find it hard to keep a bag for more than 2 days inside or it smells. Hence I would be unlikely to use weekly composting, just use my own

I compost at home. For those that cannot, maybe expand school composting program to other locations - e.g. parks?

If people wish to compost, they should do it on their own. Taxes and fees are high enough.

Just don't go this way...

It will be successful only if it is village-wide program just like recycling.

I would bring to DPW if it was the only option but my work schedule doesn't allow me to get to DPW when it is open

I think the program might be more popular if residents would have access to the compost that is created. For example, free if you pick it up at the dump.

I already compost in my backyard. Perhaps offer residents the chance to buy a composter (like we

bought uniform rain barrels) with instructions? Apartment dwellers should have some other option though.

This survey does not address the situation of apartment dwellers. My food scraps go down the garbage disposal and are recycled as Milorganite. One again the Village of Shorewood is oblivious to the needs of apartment dwellers.

provide low-cost compost bins for yards

We have been composting for 8 years and we reuse the soil every year for garden and plants

Discounted backyard compost bins and education programs

I am in full support of this, but I already use a backyard composting system and use my composted material in my yard. I would bring pizza boxes and soiled paper to the yard however.

I do not understand why this is being considered. I would like to better understand (1) the benefit of composting food scraps? (2) how can such composting be managed sustainably (ecologically and financially?), and (3) options to test initiatives to see what citizens like and value?

I compost my own food waste at home. There is also the Kompost Kids program, which has a dropoff location on Auer Ave. near Humboldt that people could use who wanted to drop off their scraps.

Don't do it

We have very few food scraps and use the garbage disposal for those

I have a garbage disposal, so I wouldn't need this, but I think a fee billed monthly is appropriate.

I already compost at my home

Encourage backyard composting.

Encourage individual composting, the community composting/drop-off point is a good idea.

Maybe by the end of the block, so two blocks could meet in one spot. And the truck would pick up in fewer stops.

I personally like the drop-off idea, as it is likely cheaper than curbside pick-up, although I think fewer people will participate, so I also see benefit to curbside.

Do not add it to property tax bill

Encourage garbage disposals which grind it up and send it to the MMSD which does utilize the waste for Milorganite.

I would support a user-fee-based scrap collection program only (paid for by residents who participate but not by residents like me who compost their own food scraps). Rewrite village code to encourage composting in back yards without fear of being ticketed. Charge by the pound for trash collection--or at least offer to charge less for picking up a smaller cart of trash, and offering for sale a smaller size cart. This would give the incentive for residents to throw less out and divert more into their own compost bins.

If people want to compost food scraps do it yourself. If you are so lazy you need a food scrap compost service. You really think those people are going to take the time to separate the scraps to

begin with. Maybe all the hippies in Shorewood can start a food scraping club.

Portland, OR has a great way to handle compost/trash and recycle. We should do exactly that. Please look into it.

Use schools? Send scraps into outside collection & schools use for their gardens? Organized network of active composting in Shorewood & a way to drop at their homes?

The city of Portland offers this free. Sells compost to farmers.

I answered no to #1-3 because I am in a condo with private services

How about offering a special on home composter units a lot like MMSD does with its rain Barrel program? We have a composter and recycle the composted material into our gardens.

I believe that in some municipalities there's a penalty for not separating, rather than a charge for doing so. That model makes more sense to me, as it encourages participation.

### Composting instructions

I already compost in my own yard, but my neighbors could use some refresher education on how best to compost and get rid of food waste, from my discussions with them.

Concerns regarding food scraps would be how to collect and distribute compost - mulching, particularly regarding christmas trees, provides a reasonable model.

I have a compost bin into which I already place all food scraps except meat items.

Could start with businesses only then scale to households.

Encourage installation/use of 1) in-sink food disposals and 2) DIY composting

Utilize a garbage disposal. Milwaukee waste system needs these items in order to make milorganite. If I wanted to compost food scraps, I would be living on a farm in the country. Therefore, I am not in favor of initiating any food scrap collection that would cost the taxpayers of Shorewood any money.

I favor drop-off to start.

Possible drop off locations at designated curbsides.

Keep hours for drop off convenient.

Not practical on cost/benefit ratio.

Possible farmers market. Or neighborhood designated place. I would take neighbors' food scraps.

I really like the idea of doing something Village-wide, because I won't have the time or need for composting on my own.

I have my own compost bin in the back yard.

1. Use Your Garbage Disposal. MOST HOUSES IN SHOREWOOD HAVE THEM.  
Or HAVE ONE INSTALLED.

Sidebar: Permits are an excellent revenue source Village of Shorewood.

We had a replacement disposal installed several years ago. Two permits required. No follow up inspection by Village.

PERMITS GENERATE REVENUE with LITTLE OVERHEAD.

See Note (4) re. enforcement of codes.

2. Move to the Country. You can throw your Food scraps behind a barn to feed chicken, racoons & animals. NO STENCH NOR SAFETY HAZARDS FOR NEIGHBORS (ie. rodents or stray animals pawing through compost)

3. Provide Public Site for Food Scraps at DPW. HOWEVER, such a service should be based on a USAGE FEE with costs born by individual users. NOT TAXPAYERS- AT-LARGE.

4. Code Enforcement: What is Village going to budget to enforce codes for Raw Scraps and Composting. Think about it! A HIDDEN COST.

We already compost our scraps so I'd like to be able to opt out of any tax increases. But I love the idea.

encourage composting by residents on their own time with their own composters. We don't need a food scraps pick up to facilitate this. Setting out a partially decomposed pile of edibles, especially meat and bread, is an invitation to a large pest issue.

I don't think the village should be doing anything for food scraps, it is a stupid idea!

Keeping food scraps out of the trash could significantly reduce the amount we dump in a landfill and could instead create a valuable resource by turning organic material into compost. The types of food scraps collected would depend on the specific contract, but examples of items included in other programs are meat, bread, vegetables, dairy, coffee grounds, pasta, food-soiled paper products such as pizza boxes, napkins, paper cups, and compostable paper bags

What would you do with the compost of spoiled food?

Are we to "store" spoiled food in our homes...garages?

I don't see the issue with throwing out spoiled food and paper products. That is what garbage is.

Plastic bags can be reused as trash bags.

Shorewood doesn't need another new issue to address.

Our recycling containers and bins on set in front of our homes is really an eyesore...and we don't need to see our neighbors stuff to be recycled. And animals like it though...so do insects.

Blocks carriage walks....and when emptied and THROWN on the ground...lawn...street. The bins get broken from being THROWN down wherever they land...and WE have pay for new bins. No. And why are Karts in the streets? Why are they not placed back on curb after being emptied?

Our garbage disposal handles most food scraps, except for corn cobs, peach pits, turkey bones, other more dense bones, etc. I don't think these things could be "composted."

We have been composting food scraps, leaves and grass clippings for 15 years.

Sell discounted compost bins to individuals who are interested

I would be more likely to participate in a program like this if village residents could receive garden compost in return. Or perhaps purchase at a discounted rate. The idea of saving food scraps to drop off is not appealing. Sounds like an unsanitary mess.

Don't even go there... This type of trash would STINK to high heaven.

Great idea but too expensive

Waste of time and money to do this

Offer compost bins at cost. I have one, and I use it.

can you imagine the stench?

What is so wrong with disposing it in the garbage like we all do now?

Voluntary program

I would like to see the compost available for purchase.

We have been using the compost at Lake Bluff gardens to compost kitchen scraps and our garbage has been cut in half; however the drop off is not convenient. To be effective, this program needs a curbside pick up option. beef deft Ho s ...

I have my own compost bin. Encourage this and maybe see composting bins

I will just compost as I have been.

I would love the schools to do the same! My sister helped to get Compost Crusader at her children's school and it's wildly successful!

Not necessarily a different idea, but I wonder if composting really needs to cost this much. It doesn't have to be collected weekly or even biweekly -- for example, we currently have a compost bin and scraps/partially finished compost that could be collected far less frequently. The cost strikes me as high, although I strongly support curbside composting.

No additional idea for collection, but what happens to the compost? Would I have access to The final product as a participant in the program?

We already compost at home, so our food scraps are currently separated and don't go into the waste stream. I'm not sure about storing it somewhere for a week before pick up, it seems like it could draw fruit flies. Also, it would be nice if you did use this service if you could get access to the compost for gardens.

I don't have a different idea, but the true answer to number 4 (above) is, occasionally, but that wasn't an option.

It makes more sense to me for us to pay more for higher volume of garbage waste, thus incentivizing composting rather than "penalizing" it (financially).

Seattle was doing this in 2008 when I moved here. Home collection, maybe look into how they did it, container, cost, etc.

Just take my money and do whatever program you feel is best!

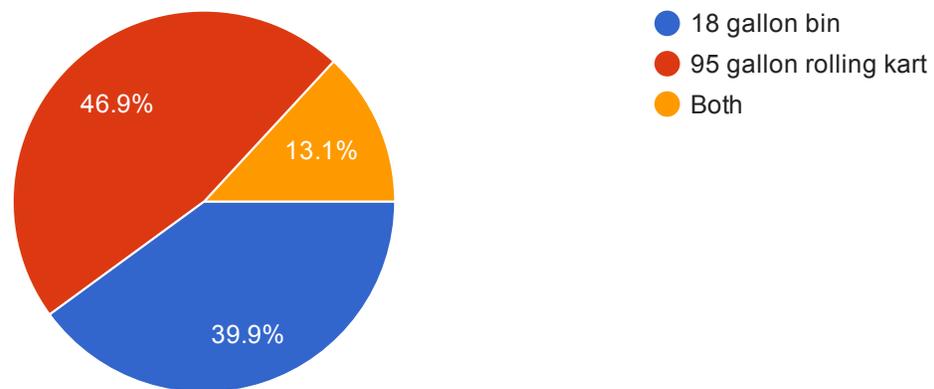
I would pay \$5 per month for pick-up. Would the Village match resident payments?

We lived in Seattle- they separate and collected weekly, it was wonderful!

optional participation is great, we compost on our property and use it on our gardens

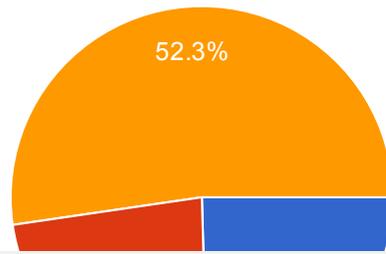
## Section 2: Recycling and Waste Collection

#6. What size recycling container do you currently have? (358 responses)



#7. If you have an 18 gallon bin, would you want to switch to a 95 gallon kart?

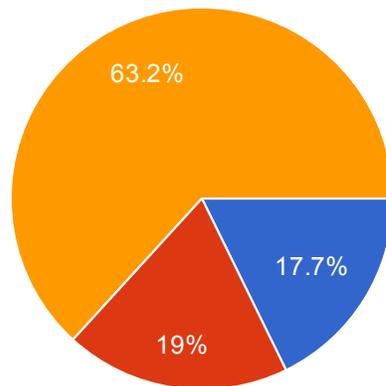
(346 responses)



- Yes
- No
- I'm skipping this question because I do not have an 18 gallon bin

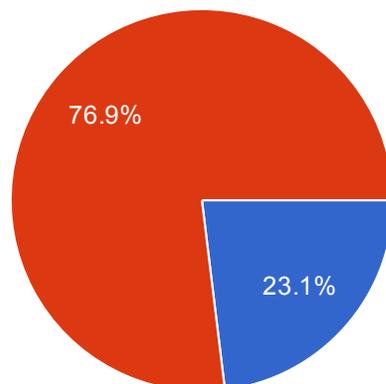
#8. If you answered "Yes" to Question #7, and if you had a 95 gallon kart, would you recycle more material than you currently do?

(310 responses)



- Yes
- No
- I'm skipping this question because I did not respond "Yes" to Question #7

#9. Do you have any large kart storage concerns? (351 responses)



- Yes
- No

## #10. If you responded "Yes" to Question #9, please explain why you have concerns about large kart storage?

(77 responses)

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As a family of 4, we fit most of our recycling in 18 gallon bin and spill over goes in paper grocery bags that are placed next to bin on pickup day.

not much space available where it won't be an eyesore

I presently have the garbage kart and a yard waste cart. If there were a smaller cart for garbage tht has a lid, it might be able to fit 3 carts into the available space. Otherwise, I have no room.

I keep my recycle bins in my basement-- pretty convenient. If I had the large cart, it would be in my garage or in the alley... very far from the actual source of recyclables. That said, those bins are a pain to put at the curb. MAYBE a smaller rolling cart that could live by my side door might work.

If I switch to a large cart I would have to pay for it!!

No place to keep it also hard for me to move when full. I have a yard waste kart already and have storage hassles with it

The bin is large enough for my needs and I can store it in my basement, which is very convenient in bad weather. I do not want or need a large kart. It would also be difficult for me to wheel a kart from the alley to the sidewalk.

We live midblock w/alley (no side drive), predominantly duplexes on both sides of alley. Street-side front entrance is elevated (6 steps) and so we must (and do) hand-carry blue recycle bins down the steps. We are older (have lived here over 30 years) and we cannot now and never could transport any container larger than the small blue bins to the front curb. As it is, it requires 4 trips to place recycles in 2 bins at the curb, and our upstairs tenants do the same. The alley is completely parked up with small garages and slabs, It's a struggle in winter to find sufficient alley space for snow so that the alley can be plowed. Our backyards are tiny. DPW staff does a great job and we love Shorewood! But storage space and transport to the front are big problems for our blocks: 3800-3900 blocks on alleys bwtween Farwell and Maryland.

We don't have storage room for large kart.

Space to put it

We have outdoor storage room for only one kart - and, as two elders, have no need for a larger paper/metals/plastics recycle container.

I have a small lot. There is little space to store 2 garbage carts. This is especially difficult in the winter time. Instead, I would prefer weekly recycling.

It is difficult to haul the large cart to the front of our house when it is stored at the alley with the garbage cart. It would be nice if recyclables were collected in the alley like garbage. Not sure why this isn't done already.

Our currently recycling system at home is designed around the size of the 18 gallon bins.

I own a duplex. If we were required to have a trash cart plus a recycle cart for each family in the duplex, I have no place to store that many carts. And my current tenant and I would not need that many. We could get by with one trash cart and one recycling cart.

Very small garage and no driveway.

Not sure where I would store it, yard space is limited

have room for only one cart.

I already have two karts (one for garden waste) and I don't have a convenient space to store a third kart.

We do not have room to store a large kart for recycling. Our trash kart is picked up in our alley. When we landscaped our backyard and put in a fence, we installed a concrete with only enough room for one kart and for us to enter the alley. We have a tiny one-car garage that does not allow space to store a large kart for recycling. The rest of our backyard is either grass and flower beds and a brick and bluestone patio with a patio table and chairs. There is no suitable place to store a large cart. Having the 18 gallon bin for recycling with overflow going into paper bags placed alongside the bin works best for us. We store these in the basement until recycling day when they are put on the curb. We do not have a walkway that goes from our alley to the front of our house and cannot move any kart from the alley to the curb. Our next door neighbor uses a large recycling kart and just stores it in front of her house's front porch. Yuck! Honestly, we just do not have any room for a large recycling kart.

We live on an alley so I would only want the kart if it would be emptied in the alley and we could store it there as well.

Our duplex currently has two garbage carts, yard waste cart & 3 recycling bins. Not sure where a 3rd cart would fit in the garage.

Very difficult to move up stairs and thru narrow walkways. I use two 18 gallon bins instead.

I don't know why the recycle bin can not be put in alley instead of hauling in front of house especially winter. It is almost impossible for our block on Maryland Ave to haul the recycle bins to the street

No place to keep it inconspicuously

Small property & only storage already used for garbage car & waste cart.

Can we please pick up the recycling every week.

My recycling can is generally full before two weeks. I would like to see recycling pickup every week.

We currently have a kart, but often use the small bins as overflow because we need more capacity. One kart isn't enough, but we don't have storage for 2. We barely have enough room for 1.

no easy way to move cart from back yard/alley to front.

I share this property with two elderly residents. A kart would require either carrying the kart up a set of steps, through the yard, and down more steps to the curb, or pulling the kart all the way around the end of the block to the front. Neither are viable AT ALL. If recycling were collected in the alley like garbage is, we could happily switch to a kart. We have far more recycling than garbage, so alley collection would be ideal.

I have the place to store it. I already have a yard waste cart hidden on the north side of my house that is hard for me to get to the curb or around the yard

No place to put it where I don't have to look at it. I would still need a smaller bin to collect items before taking them out.

We can't get a large cart to our curb in winter and it would be extremely difficult even in good weather. Alley pickup is our only possibility.

No space to put it.

Too hard to move from alley to street, down the hill.

Small yard/space.

Alley.

Not so much storage as getting it to the curb, especially in winter. If it were picked up in the alley along with the regular garbage, different story.

We have 2 carts (for a duplex) and a bin. We although we fill all 3 we really don't have room for another cart. I'd rather see more frequent recycling pick up.

I live on an alley and trash is picked in the alley, but recycling is picked up in front of the house on Marlborough. I can keep my rolling trash bin in the alley by the garage, but need to keep the recycling bin next to my house where a large one would take up more space. This is a minor concern and not enough to completely prevent getting a bigger bin, but it would be easier if recycling pickup was in the alley like the trash.

Larger containers encourage more recycled (or garbage) waste. Even if recycling is better than landfilling, consuming less is much more protective of the environment.

We are on an alley and would have great difficulty moving the kart to the street up and down a hill for pickup. We already compost and recycle a great deal. We would like the compost either picked up curbside or the option to drop it at DPW.

Bringing the cart out in the winter, on alley.

On our lot, no good place to store without being an eyesore and overflowing.

We have alley, so no place for kart.

Limited room in the garage. Would take a 95 gallon cart if a smaller garbage option were available.

Small yard on an alley; not much room.

I cannot store it or move to street.

No room in alley.

No room in condo garage.

Alley space.

The statement here and #5 Above represent a 2-member family. We pay taxes based on our property...not how many live here. Do not force us face increased property taxes, service fees. ENFORCE EXISTING CODES. SHOW INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY AS A RESIDENT IN THESE MATTERS.

1. No need for families have minimal recycling needs to pay more for larger karts and related collection costs. Those needing more...PAY MORE.

2. Urban aesthetics. We live on small lots, little space to waster. Why clutter our views with additional bins. Be responsible in recycling. Compress items before throwing in bin. More Bins? UGLY. WHO WANTS TO LOOK AT MORE PLASTIC JUNK.

3. Cost: Do not implement services which increase costs for all residents when only some need them. Pay for service on basis of carts used as well as additional labor required to service the system.

IN SUMMARY: Apply above logic and statements to any and all discussions involving Raw scraps, Composting, and Volume of all Recycling & Garbage Karts.

SEE WRITTEN RESPONSE ABOVE. Item: #5 Raw Scraps. Composting. We live in an Urban Village. Not a rural neighborhood of Farms or ISuburban large plots of land.

I am concerned that more residents will store their karts in front of their home.

hauling the bin from alley to street would be a problem, especially in winter

There is not enough room and we have enough garbage cans in the village.

Where would it be stored? How would I get it to the curb....I have steps. And with snow and ice in winter....I don't think I could drag it down the steps to the curb....Would the recycling people do it for me and return the kart to it's place?

And especially winter....the carts and bins block our walkways...that is a hazzard

We would have no easy place to keep one, either inside or outside our already overcrowded garage.

Recycling pick up not frequent enough and garbage is too frequent

I am a senior living alone, putting cart in the front will be difficult

We have an alley that is dead end. It is impossible to haul the cart from the back of the house to the front if we need to recycle. ( WINTER ).

we have to take our recycling down several stairs, so it is easier for us to have several 18 gallon bins than one large cart

too many carts now. One for garbage and one for yard waste I have no more room to store another.

No room to store it

The kart does not hold enough recycling, or the village does not collect frequently enough. Our kart is always overflowing, and cart is supposed to be spelled with a "c".

There is really nowhere to put it where it's not an eyesore as we are on a corner.

Cannot roll carts through to the curb due to steps on side entrance.

My recycling fills up more than my garbage. There is always an overflow problem. This can be rectified if recycling is picked up every week and garbage every other week. s

They don't fit well in our two car garage, so we keep them outside as out of sight as possible, but I prefer the convenience of having a large receptacle.

If the bin is too large, I might start to recycle too much.

Our recycle cart is often much more full than the garbage cart.

We don't have a logical place to store it.

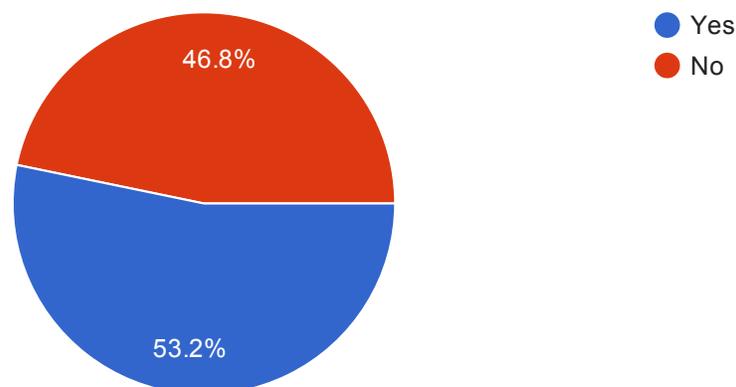
the 18 gallon bins are inside our house - we have 3- so we actively collect all week without going outside, the big bin would be a storage problem

It is not big enough. I need weekly pick up

I can't fit the cart on the side of my house with out interfering with my walkway so I use 3 small tubs for recycling .

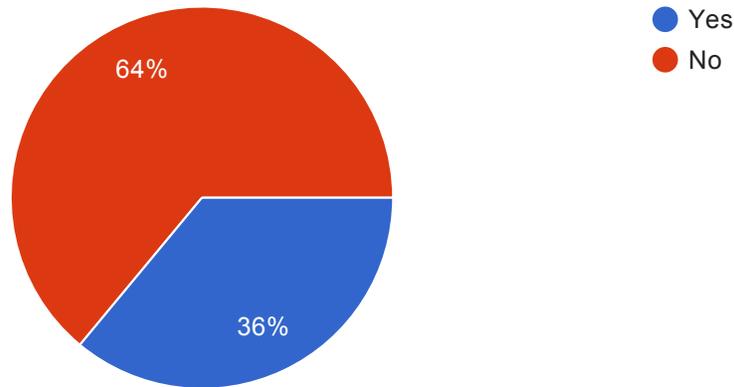
## #11. Would you be in favor of a switch to weekly recycling collection and biweekly garbage collection?

(355 responses)



#12. Currently, homeowners and some renters are utilizing a 95 gallon garbage kart. If given the option to trade in your 95 gallon garbage kart for a 64 or 32 gallon kart, would you be likely to do so?

(336 responses)



### Section 3: Other Comments and Feedback

#13. Do you have any comments you would like to share in relation to the new waste hauling contract?

(137 responses)

Please keep yard waste a separate issue from above and continue to pick up brown bags

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I'd be in favor of biweekly garbage and recycling collection if there was a cost savings, we don't generate much garbage so could get by w/ biweekly pickup

Our 95 gallon garbage kart is currently full every 2 weeks, so going to a smaller kart with biweekly collection would be problematic. Our garbage kart is rarely more than 1/4 full so biweekly collection would be fine. Only concern is smell during summer if garbage is only picked up every other week. Please explain how meat can be composted. I did not think any animal products could be added to the compost.

I would be wonderful if all collections were made from the alley not the front of the house for recycling.

My household would very much like to have curbside food waste pickup available. We compost our own on occasion, but the small lot sizes in Shorewood don't allow us to use nearly as much as we could generate.

We would also very much prefer weekly recycling pickup with bi-weekly trash pickup. Our cart+bin are almost always full, and we generate very little trash waste. If curbside food waste pickup was available (and included meat, dairy, pizza boxes, etc.), we would have almost no traditional trash. On a related note, it would be almost essential to have weekly food waste pickup to avoid it sitting around and rotting.

Depending upon the collection schedule we would use a smaller garbage bin. We fill our recycling bin every 2 weeks, we do not need to put our garbage out on the opposite week. I think if made easy to contribute, many residents would compost at a village site.

The service company creates a lot of noise!!

Regarding #11, I would favor switching to biweekly garbage collection AND keeping biweekly recycling. We very rarely fill our garbage container in 1 week and could easily switch to biweekly. Biweekly recycling is about right for us as well. If smell is an issue or concern with biweekly garbage collection during the summer, it could be done weekly during the hottest months (June-Aug).

we only have one small bag of garbage per week... but our recycling kart is ALWAYS full to the brim. i would love to flip the collection schedule!

Plz see #10 above. For all those reasons, we request that our collection continue as is: alley for "garbage," and street collection of recycles in blue bins. No village-sponsored food scrap collection, unless at DPW yard for voluntary drop-off on a limited time- trial basis, to assess cost and potential health concerns (rodents/raccoons, etc) plus any additional village costs. The more dedicated conservationists will more likely be compliant with sorting out their appropriate food waste items, but others likely will not.

thanks for doing the survey.

Our apt. building contracts through Eagle for garbage and recycling bins so it seems that individual owners can contract for their collections independently.

I see a lot of incorrect use of the recycling bins from my building. So, I'm in favor of a local composting program, but I wonder if a compost bin for the building with many users might also be misused, and I personally would be willing to drop off, as a renter.

Any waste hauling contract should require the contractor to place the empty bin on the parkway or sidewalk and not leave it in the street or on the curb.

Can we please issue fines for recyclable material found in garbage karts? Those could potentially go toward controlling contract cost.

Several comments: 1) It bothers me to have to PAY for recycling containers, given the high taxes we pay in Shorewood. It also bothers me to have to PAY for replacement of recycling containers that were broken by the recycling contractor, due to rough handling. 2) It sounds like it might be easier for a recycling contractor to handle recycling carts vs the 18 gal. bins. If this is the case, it would be good to know, especially if it might lower collection costs. 3) I think it more important to pick up garbage weekly, due to public health concerns, attracting raccoons, opossums, rats, etc. and smell. 4) I am fine with recycling pick up being bi-weekly IF the contractor will pick up bins that are placed on the pick up side of the street, regardless of where the bins come from (like across the street)--this is something this seems to have changed fairly recently and I don't know why. 5) It would be good to have more publicity of the financial costs of the recycling contract and the returns to the Village through the sale of recyclable items. Availability of this information in the Village Mangers weekly notes and/or Shorewood Today and/or the Village website might encourage more recycling. 6) Congratulations to the Village for have recycling cans outside of Village buildings--the schools, library, etc. This is a good example to provide to residents and students and not all municipalities have this--for example, I have noticed that there are no recycling containers outside the Whitefish Bay elementary school entrances.

I would encourage our municipality governmental bodies to combine forces with those of others to pressure container manufacturers to change over to/develop more easily recycled materials - and suggest to our community business owners to judiciously consider the pre-packed items they stock for the recyclability of the wrappings. Consumers also need to be better informed, perhaps while they shop, how to identify those items labeled as having recyclable packaging.

Find some way to incentivize trash reduction and recycling, by offering a rebate on the smaller trash cart option, for example.

Prefer weekly recycle. Food scraps are very smelly, especially in hot weather.

Please move recycling collection to the alley rather than front yard.

Our garbage amount has gone down & our recycling has gone up since getting the 95 gal. rolling cart. Why is there such a hefty charge for the cart? Seems to me a lower price would mean more folks would get one, thus increasing recycle vs. garbage amount. Also, it would be a kindness for older folks who can't afford the rolling cart but struggle with carrying out the 18-gal. bin!!

I generally have more recycling than garbage. It is good you are investigating

\* The \$10-20 per month cost for food scrap recycling feels too high. I would be more in favor of the idea at a cost of \$5 a month. (I do recycle most food scraps in my home composter.

\* I would favor bi-weekly garbage collection and bi-weekly recycling collection. We never reach even 1/3 full in the garbage cart.

Weekly recycling please!!!! But be mindful of costs

Require the hauler to report actual volume/weight of waste collected. No estimates based on # of pickups.

I currently have two trash carts and two 18-gallon bins for recycling. However, one of my trash carts has a broken axle and is unusable. Could I trade the broken trash cart for one large recycling cart? I do not want to have to pay extra for the recycling cart.

I would be willing to switch out to smaller kart if there were weekly recycling service

I live in a 6 family apt. and many times our garbage cart fills up quickly-so bi-weekly would create a problem. However, a smaller cart would be nice because in winter, when it gets snow covered and snowed in, it is difficult for me to have to clean off the snow-otherwise it is not picked up and dumped. I did not comment on the food recycling and increasing taxes on property tax because I am not an owner-that would have to be my landlords call.

Weekly collection of recycling, a kart for yard waste and food scraps, and a smaller garbage kart collected every other week please! Get with it Shorewood!!!

village-wide composting program is a must.

Clarification of what is/isn't recycled, e.g. Plastic 1-7? Thank you for doing this!!

A smaller garbage kart would work for us most of the time; we usually only have two kitchen size bags per week. But occasionally we have larger item(s) that wouldn't fit in the 32 gallon kart. If you go to biweekly garbage pick up, what does that mean for garden waste collection? During the growing season, I fill my garden waste kart almost every week.

Re: curbside food scraps collection, I would not use an optional program because I have a composter. But if it's included in my taxes, I would use the collection during the winter.

I live on the east side of Maryland Ave between Capitol & Murray. My garbage is collected from the alley but I have to drag the recycling to the front curb, with no driveway. The recycling guys leave my large kart in the road between parked cars. I would much prefer the recycling to be collected in the alley, by my garage, just like the garbage.

The current pickup arrangement was designed to work with the design of Shorewood's varied blocks--driveways and alleys, flat yards and hilly yards. Many of us cannot physically change from alley pickup to street pickup for trash and do not have room to store a second large kart for recycling. Please don't make life more difficult for the residents. The village should serve the residents, not the wishes of waste haulers. Garbage/recycling pickup is one of the basic services we expect from our village government for the large amount of tax dollars we pay. There are a number of things we spend money on in Shorewood that are frills and not necessary for day-to-day life in the village. Waste collection is not a frill.

I imagine that in the cold weather the trash can be collected every other week and recycling weekly.

To promote recycling, every house should be provided with a cart, especially since the recycling programs pays the city. Absolutely I support recycling pick up weekly and garbage every other week. Make garbage be the thing that taxpayers pay for, not compost and recycling. Support good habits!

We recycle a lot / everything that is "recyclable " and we fill out large rolling cart to the brim every other week. My husband has to get in and stand in it sma mush it down so we can add more

I would like weekly recycling pickup

I am fine with every other week garbage collection, but don't think I need weekly recycling collection with a 95 gallon kart. I already compost and do not have much trash. Summer heat may require weekly garbage collection??

Sustainability to me means being possible for the foreseeable future both ecologically and financially. I believe that any public service must be sustainable. When increasing taxes, I am skeptical of treating the preferences of some people (my self included) as sufficient to justify a policy change.

I would like to see experimentation with public services where there are short term trials, allowing opt in participation, and then with subsequent evaluation by participants and the general public.

My household generates a lot more recycling and compost material than it does garbage. But our neighbors across the alley always have garbage spilling out of their garbage receptacle. So I don't know that less frequent garbage pick up would be a good scenario for everyone.

I answered that I would want a 95 gallon kart instead of my bin, but I don't really care. The bin works OK almost all the time. I'd only have a bin's worth of recycling, but if it would be easier for the collectors, I would be happy to use the kart instead

95 gallon carts should be required. Too much recycling blows around and overflows the 18 gallon bins.

I think the current system works well

I am single so I would like the option of a smaller-than-95-gallons recycling cart. But I would like to get something bigger than my bin.

Since i copost at home, i have triple the recyclable garbage vs regular garbage

Could probably get by with bi-weekly garbage & recycling pick-up but during the growing season really need weekly yard waste pick-up.

Try to reduce or maintain the current cost of collection. Do not switch bins, they are well designed and durable. Please keep alleyway trash pickup. Adding alleyway recycling pick up would be nice.

It is time to do every other week pick up for garbage, especially in the winter months when garbage will not smell. I believe most neighbors on my block would be fine with big weekly pick up too. Bins are not full every week and that is a waste in gas and worker power. Also, this will encourage people to be more conscious of recycling. Lastly, I would expect to see DPW to have decrease in workload and show in employee's hours and hopefully offset winter snow removal overtime money. I'm glad this is being discussed and I hope every other week pick up occurs.

This survey did not address large yard waste i.e. tree shredding nor big item haul away like couches, etc. What are you thinking - special fees? As a small household I often put out trash every other week and recyclables once a month. Price break for less frequent pick up>

I likely would not switch to a smaller garbage cart if garbage pickup was biweekly.

I generally fill the 95 gallon garbage kart with recyclables every two weeks, and I almost never fill my non-recycling kart, but especially in the summer, it is important to empty the garbage every week, especially during the warmer months, lest it starts smelling. However, if Shorewood starts composting (which should keep most of the stuff that starts smelling out of the garbage kart), then perhaps we can switch to every other week garbage collection.

Collecting food waste from residences does not seem reasonable to me. People should be encouraged to use garbage disposals. The waste then ends up at either Jones Island or South Shore WRRF. The MMSD does a pretty good job of making methane (which it uses) or Milorganite out of the resulting sludge. Some food waste inevitably will end up in the garbage, but I question the value of creating another waste stream for it. And I doubt that people would be very good about separating this stuff out, regardless of the survey results.

Go with cheapest option; bi-weekly trash, bi-weekly recycling, whatever and give break on property

taxes

As long as whatever is done is mindful of health and sanitation rules, that is what is important to me. There is already a rodent problem in some parts of the village and the open composting bins at the schools are only exacerbating the problem. We do NOT want to encourage rats in Shorewood!

My answer to question #12 is really "maybe." It makes the most sense to me to charge residents on the basis of weight of garbage and collect it weekly. If it is not feasible to do that, charging by volume would be more fair and encourage people to divert more into recycling bins and compost bins, but would require some people to trade in for smaller karts (by choice, to get a discount) and might result in a lot of wasted karts. Question #11 really needs more options, such as collection of garbage and recycling on alternating weeks. (Biweekly for both.)

I think food scrap recycling is innovative, but I would need more details.

The current system works for us. Please continue weekly trash collection. It would get very smelly (diapers, meat bones) if it waited 2 weeks to be picked up, especially in summer. We recycle as much as possible and almost fill the 95 gal. recycle kart biweekly. As a result, not much garbage goes into the 95 gal. garbage kart, so a smaller garbage kart would be nice space wise. We compost fruit & vegetable scraps when the weather allows us to run outside to the composter! Thanks for your hard work in figuring out this puzzle. Lots of people with varying needs and a planet to protect.

move all collecting to alley

I appreciate your considering composting options. I really hope recycling is given some real thought. The current method is out dated.

I'm all for it but am on a limited income and also can't make tenants recycle as I do

Continue to accept the smaller blue bins for recycling.

Weekly recycling would be an advantage. We generate much more recycling than garbage.

I would be OK with less pickup if you could drop off garbage when you had extra like recycling.

Depends on frequency.

Biweekly garbage. Weekly recycle.

Have more recycling than trash; want to optimize recycling. We keep recycling cart outside in back.

I live in an apartment and have neither the 95 gallon or the 18 gallon container.

None

I can only speak for our household but we recycle a lot, most likely more than waste in total volume. We have a duplex with two of the 18 gallon bins. We typically fill the two bins from the village and the two we purchased on line and still have over flow. The large carts would be great if we had alley access for pick up, but trying to haul them to the curb (front stairs leading to the street) would be a real nightmare. Thank you for considering the Village residents on these issues.

The idea of bi weekly trash and weekly recycling is good. However, if I had a 95 gal cart for recycling and a 95 gal cart for garbage and food waste pickup (or even drop off), I could easily manage biweekly pick up of both recycling and garbage. Either way, it appears that good changes are coming

to Shorewood's waste management!

I would like our condo building to be included in the Village's recyclable pick-up (Village Manor Condo building on Wilson and Kenmore Place.)

Less garbage, more recycling!

our condo has no village waste collection which seems unwise and unfair

We need to take recycling to the next level. Thank you.

I only put garbage AND recycling out every other week anyway. Every week pick up is excessive for my household, but I think many neighbors would be challenged to do the same.

I am a single person living alone in this house. I frequently skip placing the 95-gallon kart curbside on alternate weeks....putting it as well as the recycling out only on recycling collection days. Often times there isn't a whole lot in the kart because I compost food scraps and faithfully recycle cans, bottles, plastics and papers. Likewise, I faithfully keep garden waste (weeds/branches, etc) out of the kart and set it out separately in paper bags. However, once in a great while, the large kart comes in handy if trash exceeds the usual amounts.

We currently only put out our garbage and recycling every other week, on recycling weeks. This is more than adequate and I would imagine would save a lot of money for the Village if this was the pickup schedule.

Why can't we have weekly trash pick up AND weekly recycling pick up. My tiny recycling bin fills up immediately and could use a large cart...however at \$75/each, I can't afford that.

related to #11: our (3-person) household could easily adapt to less frequent garbage collection.

I have concerns about the possibility of a biweekly garbage collection. If the idea is to throw waste into the garbage, what do we do about rotting items in the garbage. Also, what about families that throw diapers away, the stink from that would be horrendous on a two week cycle. Also, with a garbage disposal I have very little in my garbage can that I have to worry about as far as any concerns with rotting food. Also, to initiate a food collection program, you have to remember that 40% of Shorewood is rental. I cannot believe renters in some of these apartments would separate food stuffs. If the conservation people would like to set up recycling food stuffs, set up a bin at the dump and have that available to people for food stuff recycling. And charge them a modest fee for the utilization of that bin. But make sure the bin is set up so as not to attract rats.

Yes! Waste Management regularly left our blue bins in our driveway, blocking out access out, and our kart, too, at base of driveway instead of putting it back at the carriage walk. I don't like them.

I see that many of my neighbors don't know/understand what items/materials can be recycled (such as TV's and old appliances in recycling bin).

Not aware of differences with new contract.

I live alone; these concerns named affect large families. I'm not opposed, but don't need.

Need to know more about contract.

Keep same schedule.

Be clear on aluminum requirements. Thanks.

We would support food scrap collection but not in favor of suggested cost. Not everyone might want to spend this much money.

Thanks for asking.

Very satisfied with service.

I would love biweekly garbage and weekly recycle collection

I guess I missed it. Is this a contract now being written or one that is already signed. IN OTHER WORDS: Why did you ask the above if you refer to the "new" as compared to "proposed" waste hauling contract?

I love the idea of having more recycling and less trash pickup. I also would love to see the ability to recycle plastic bags. Right now, I take any that I get to Target. I also like the idea of being able to drop off food waste at the very least. I would like to know what we do with it... I imagine composting...

If we received weekly recycling pick-up, then I would consider downsizing my 95 gallon cart. If it remains an every-other-week pick-up, I'd need the space of the big cart.

I've been interested in obtaining a 95 gallon recycle cart, but have been holding out on the "purchase" of one due to the timeliness of this discussion and understanding as to where the requirements or standards are headed.

I would like to know how often the food scrap material would be collected.

We spend too much for recycling - originally this program was sold as a money maker but now we pay too much for it.

95, 64, 32 gallon kart...why so many sizes? What is the answer you are looking for?

I would like all employees of Shorewood to live in the Village of Shorewood...including public work employees. They need to respect and appreciate us...our property our Village...and with them living in the Village that employs them....hopefully they will have learn/live to respect.

Alley pick up of our garbage bin...the siding of my garage is dented and slashed from the bin being SLAMMED against the garage after they've emptied it.

I think there is a hidden agenda somewhere in this proposal.....

No, but thanks for offering the survey.

The large carts are heavy and as we age we think they would be difficult to manage. Our household is divided on our ability to store another bin in the house for food scraps, etc.

Definitely support more frequent recycling pick up, we always have more recycling than garbage and the kart overfilled. We are also not always sure if we are putting the recyclables in the kart correctly,

sometimes it's not picked up with no explanation. More/clearer instructions and education would be helpful.

Big yes to weekly recycling pick up. I ALWAYS have much more recycling than I do garbage. Seems silly in today's day and age to have only bi-weekly recycling pick up.

We recycle more than we use the garbage. We would use a smaller garbage can/

As a senior citizen couple, we have little garbage. We recycle and compost. In winter, we put our cart in garage and use neighbor's cart. She has no objections. Less work for everyone. More room for snow!

The current recycling vendor is sloppy, leaves re y labels I. Street and die not return carts to spot from which they came rather often leaves in middle of driveway approach....very rude.

They do a great job currently. we Would be most interested in compost collection. switching to a smaller garbage bin only makes sense if they need replacing. It seems more wasteful to landfill a functional garbage bin for a smaller one

? 11 would not be a better method of collection. We always have way more trash than what fits into the 95 gallon kart and not so for recyclables. I understand that some options do not include picking up anything not contained in the karts which would be a reduction in services.

Please keep everything as it is now. I can't imagine that doing it any other way could cost us tax payers less.

We recycle at least four times what we throw away. We compost. We recycle. We don't throw away all that much.

I don't need a large kart but recycling bin contents blow around on windy days, they block the carriage walk when it snows. I would rather have recycling collected from the alley than the sidewalk.

?#11=hell no

The current contractor for recycling pick up has very careless employees who leave materials in the street, strewn across the sidewalk, etc. They never get all the material. They then leave the KART and/or blue bins at the end of the driveway, blocking the driveway, even though we leave everything on the carriage walk for them and that is where they should return the empty containers. This is a pattern. I don't like them.

Neighbors are sometimes sloppy in handling recycling carts and garbage carts. Can visualize food waste falling into the street.

Our garbage carts are picked up in the alley behind our house and recycling on the curb. I would rather see mishandled garbage in the alley than on our front curb. Many residents leave recycling bins with lids open on the curbs.

Please include the kitchen scraps pick up in the contract. Just imagine if everyone's garbage was cut in half like ours has been! tput,

WFB collected my recycling monthly. With a large cart I could do that. (Have 18 gal. bin)

I'd love to see the cost of food waste composting offset by additional fees for garbage removal. This would incentivize separating food waste out of garbage.

that is too expensive to add food scrap collection. Make composting easier - how about a program where you subsidize the cost of a compost bin? Then offer ideas for how to use compost in yards and gardens and possibly a compost co-op for people who need more compost than they produce.

I would ask that we ask the recycling crews to be neat about their collection, so often there is recycling left all over the village on those collection days b/c they are careless with their clean up.

Simply to express my thanks for the fantastic service we receive from the public works department staff.

I would strongly be in favor of weekly recycling pickup!

Re: question #11 I would maybe consider switching to biweekly trash collection, if there were substantial savings passed on to homeowners, but I would be concerned about the smell of garbage in the neighborhood after 2 weeks.

Also, I would like to see better enforcement of ordinances pertaining to neighbors removing their garbage and recycling bins from the curb after pick-up in a timely manner.

Finally, re: question #9, some of our neighbors who are renters in duplexes keep their bins in the front yard, I believe because they are too large to store in their small backyards, this is very unsightly, but I don't know if the neighbors have better options because of the size of the carts.

I am wholeheartedly in favor of a switch to weekly recycling and biweekly garbage collection!

Thanks for recycling as much as possible!!!

I think a good option for garbage and recycling pick up is: Recycling: every other week (now that I have my large, rolling bin; when I didn't, once a week would have been good). Garbage: Once a week in the summer, every other week in the winter

I'd like to see the contract go with a Shorewood company

If I had the larger recycling cart, pick up every 2 weeks would be fine. In other words, I would be in favor of switching to pick up of garbage AND recycling on a 2-week cycle if that saves the village \$ and allows for more focus on composting.

Thanks for asking, I love the Village. Progressive and smart.

I would support biweekly garbage pickup in the cold months, but in the warm months it starts to smell and get buggy in less than a week. That would happen even with composting as our garbage holds our dog's waste.

Just take my money and do what government already knows is best, and is going to do anyway. I believe in Shorewood!

Excited and supportive of collecting food waste!!

We're in favor of anything that helps our tax bill!!

I would like the village to switch to weekly recycling AND weekly garbage pickup. I routinely overfill my 95 gallon rolling recycling cart over the 2 week interval.

We need this at our schools desperately. There is a massive amount of food waste there every single

day.