

- Population 35,819
- Economy: tourism, services & retirees
  - ✓ Toronto Blue Jays
  - ✓ Coca-Cola of No. America
  - ✓ Achieva Corp Center
  - ✓ The Taoist Tai Chi Society of the USA
- FGBC "Platinum"



# Services & Operations

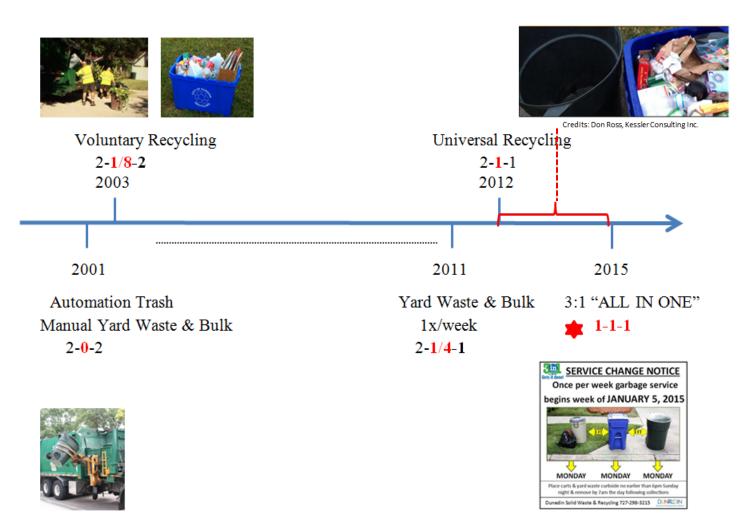


- 13,000 Curbside/SF homes
- 500 metal dumpster customers
- Roll-off & Compactor's
- 21 FTE's





# 1(Garbage) – 1(Recycling) – 1(Yard Waste)





# **Justification**

- Robust Recycling Program (2yrs)
- 60%-40% participation = 2x/week is inefficient
- Rate Analysis with options
- 1-1-1 & Rates: "Cost Containment"
- Environmental Reasons
  - ✓ Encourage more blue cart usage
  - ✓ Safer with fewer trucks on the road
  - ✓ Reduce truck exhaust & air emissions (< City's carbon footprint)
  - ✓ Reduce wear & tear on Dunedin Streets





# Planning Process:

- Involve stakeholders, residents, elected officials, upper management, supervisors & staff
- Develop a well-thought-out public awareness campaign
- Provide data to support the change
- Be prepared to respond to change in policy when public attitudes changes throughout "entire" transition period
- Expect resistance! BUT Be Patient with EVERYONE





# Outreach & Education

- ASL Cart Lid Decals
- Neighborhood Signs
- Public Workshops
- UB Inserts: "Frequently Asked Question's"
- Direct Mailings
- Social Media & local newspapers
- Press Releases
- Ombudsman/In-house training



# Outreach & Education



## **Frequently Asked Questions**

## **Once Per Week Garbage Collections**

## Q: When is the City starting once- a-week garbage collection?

Same day service begins the week of Monday January 5, 2015. The 3 collection services include the green garbage cart, the blue recycling cart, and yard waste. (Known as "1-1-1").



#### Q: Will my collection day change?

To make it easy, most of our residents' collection day will not change, and will be on the same day as their current recycling/yard waste day. Our goal is to have all 3 services on the same day. You'll get more specific information as we get closer to the January 5<sup>th</sup> rollout of the program.

#### Q: Why is the City making this change?

After introduction of single-stream recycling, we have found most customers do not fully utilize the twice-weekly service. Once-weekly collections allow us to keep the same monthly fee by reducing fuel consumption, having fewer trucks on the road, and reducing labor costs. These measures help us control our overall operating costs when facing escalating expenses beyond our control. This change is also consistent with the City's strategic plan to be environmentally green and to minimize our carbon footprint in the delivery of services to the public.

## **Q**: What kinds of garbage can I put in the automated garbage cart?

All household garbage items should be placed in your green garbage cart. It's recommended that trash items be bagged and tied, then deposited in your cart. This practice will keep your cart cleaner and minimize odors. Do not load your cart with hot ashes/coals, recyclables, household hazardous or medical waste or paint.

#### **Q**: Since there will be fewer collection trucks on the road, will Solid Waste be laying-off any employees?

No, we have some employees retiring and those positions will not be filled.

#### Q: How do I set my carts out for collection?

Place your carts out the night before your scheduled day to avoid missing early morning collections. Place carts on opposite sides of your driveway if possible and at least 3 feet away from mailboxes, parked cars and overhead obstacles. Your carts should be placed so the lid faces the street with the handle facing your home.



SEE OTHER SIDE

## **Q**: I'm getting less service, so why isn't my Solid Waste bill decreasing?

Solid Waste rates are not decreasing because this change is a cost containment strategy necessary to keep the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund sustainable. By moving to once-per-week garbage collection, the City can avoid a 14% rate increase to our residential customers next year, should collections remain at twice-per-week. Please note that both recycling & yard waste/bulk collections currently occur once a week. When the City committed to citywide recycling, the disposal volume which could be collected per household increased significantly with the blue recycling cart, without increasing rates. By moving to 1:1:1, Solid Waste is simply restoring the equivalent volume of service provided to that of pre-recycling days, and generally matching the level of service most customers utilized both then and now.

## **Q**: My family generates a lot of garbage and once a week may not be enough?

Residents should conserve space inside their trash cart by not placing yard waste inside. Yard waste is collected manually, so using a personal container or plastic bag is encouraged. Residents are also encouraged to use their blue recycling cart more. The more you recycle, the less garbage is produced. If you're unsure of the material you can recycle, look on the top lid of your recycling cart.

# **Q**: What about the additional trash generated over the holidays or weekend family gatherings?

Solid Waste will manually collect extra trash cans or bags on your next collection day after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's at no additional charge. If you are planning an event that will create additional household waste, call the Solid Waste Division at 727-298-3215 to schedule a special collection at a nominal fee.



#### Q: Can I get an extra cart?

Yes. The City will provide additional garbage carts discounted at 50% of the monthly service rate. Larger recycling carts are available at no additional cost. To request an additional cart, call Utility Billing at (727)-298-3024.

## **Q**: Is there any change to the yard waste collection service?

No. There will be no change in the yard waste schedule or service levels.

#### Q: Is there any change to the recycling service?

No. There will be no change in the recycling schedule or service levels.

## Q: Once-per-week garbage is a horrible idea, this will invite critters & flies and the trash will stink!

The Cities of Safety Harbor, Lakeland and Sarasota, to name a few in our area, have already started a successful, once-weekly garbage collection program. Presently, over 4 million Floridians have garbage collected once per week. Odor, insects and rodents should not be an issue as long as trash bags are tied tightly and your cart lid is fully closed. The City-issued green garbage carts are specifically designed with a tight-fitting lid preventing rain, wind, rodents & flies from entering. An occasional washing with water and dish soan will help keep your cart odor-free.

# Still have questions? Contact William Pickrum Division Director of Solid Waste 727-298-3215 or Come to an OPEN HOUSE!

Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>
Dunedin Community Center
6pm – 7:30pm

Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>
Dunedin Library
10am – 11:30am

# Once-a-week curbside garbage collection begins week of January 5th Solid Waste & Recycling Solid Waste









## Holiday Service Exception Notice

Extra kitchen waste was picked up outside of your green cart today

This notice is to inform you that the overflow kitchen waste at the curb was picked up today as a courtesy. We understand that major holidays are generally accompanied with parties and guests which produce excess household garbage.

Extra kitchen waste will be picked up in white kitchen bags outside of the green cart on the service day following these major holidays:

- · New Year's Eve
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- · Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas

Under regular operations, kitchen waste must be placed inside the green garbage cart for service. As a reminder, non-food waste and yard debris may be placed independently at the curb for manual collections.

Help Keep Dunedin Delightful!



# Outreach & Ed. Cont.

## Courtesy Notice HELP KEEP DUNEDIN DELIGHTFUL!

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Please help us, help you, to collect your garbage and vard waste. Your attention to the box(es) checked below is appreciated. Thank you!

- ☐ 1. Yard waste cans larger than 32 Gal; over 50 lbs not permitted
- ☐ 2. No bottom or handles on yard waste can, please
- 3. Hazardous materials not allowed
- 4. Location of yard waste cans; trash not curbside
- 5. Unmanageable brush; over 50 lb bundles *or* over 4 feet in length or logs over 4" in diameter or not bundled/tied for manual collections
- ☐ 6. Brush pile over 4 cubic yards total
- 7. Kitchen waste must be placed in city issued automated cart. \$6.50 extra pick-up fee after 2 courtesy pick-ups per year. (This does not include the overflow kitchen waste following the 6 major holidays)
- 8. Yard waste bags not of sufficient size/strength
- 9. Clean up container required
- ☐ 10. Building debris/fencing/ sand/rocks in cart
- 11.
- ☐ 12. Contact Utility Billing 727-298-3024

#### #1 thru #11 PLEASE CONTACT:

Dunedin Solid Waste Division 727-298-3215

Truck#

Time 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11

Address

Time

Truck#



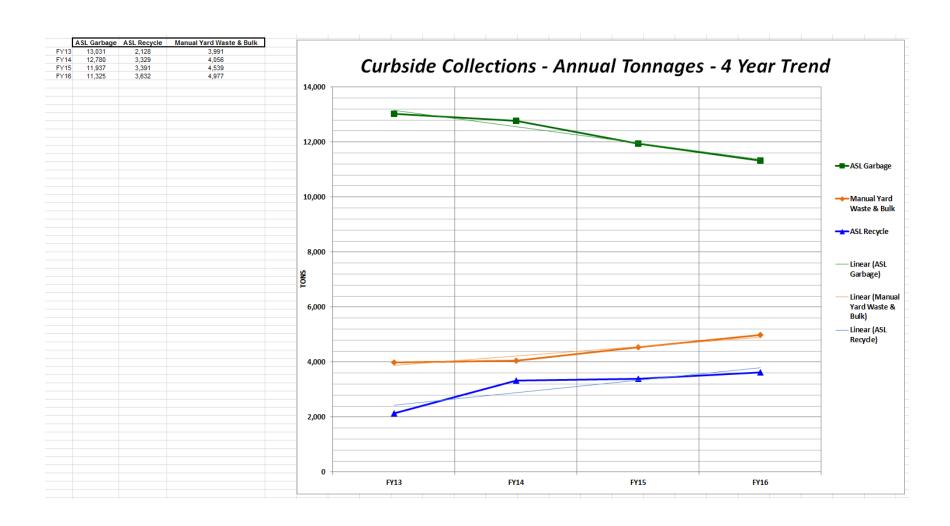








# Trends & Now what?





# "Summary"

 Build consensus! Customers will be more receptive to change if they see a direct relationship between their fees and the amount of service received.





# Home of Honeymoon Island

## Solid Waste & Recycling

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