

City Council/ Staff Discussion Items

- 1) **Green waste management**
- 2) **Polycart size options**

Green Waste Management: One of the important issues that has arisen during discussions of the conversion process to automated trash collection is how to manage green waste. In order to fully derive the efficiencies of automated trash collection, it is important to keep all trash in approved containers. Residential trash volumes traditionally increase due to extra green waste during the growing season over spring and summer months and culminate with disposal of leaves in the late fall. Many residents have inquired on how to deal with these increased volumes of waste during these times.

The Sanitation Division of the Public Works Department is committed to providing Northglenn residents high-quality, low-cost trash services. In order to achieve these goals, staff is working toward increasing collection efficiencies while at the same time improving environmental stewardship. With this in mind, staff would make the following recommendations regarding residential green waste:

- Whenever possible, encourage residents to mulch or compost yard waste for future use in their yards. The City will continue to offer \$5.00 customer rebates for mulching lawnmowers or mulching lawnmower blades.
- Bring excessive green waste including grass, leaves, trimmings, branches, shrubs and tree stumps to the Maintenance and Operations yard located at 12301 Claude Court. Proof of residency will be required.
 - Proposed hours of operation April 1 to October 31: Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Every 2nd and 4th Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 - November 1 to November 30: Monday and Friday 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Every Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Place green waste in the trash container for collection. In order to maximize operational efficiency no additional items outside the trash carts will be collected.

The additional hours of operation during the week will be accomplished through rescheduling of some solid waste activities. It is estimated that the additional overtime cost for the extended November Saturday schedule should not exceed \$1,300. Previous savings in the Sanitation Fund overtime budget are available to offset this cost. Staff will continue to explore future green waste recycling options. Periodic updates will be given to City Council.

Polycart Size Options: At the request of City Council, staff has investigated a smaller trash cart for those residents who do not generate much trash volume or might have difficulty managing the larger 64 or 96 gallon cart. We are pleased to be able to offer a 48 gallon cart to meet the needs of those residents. These carts are the smallest size available that would work without modifications to automated collection equipment. If approved by Council, staff estimates that these carts should be available somewhere around June 1st, 2009. The price would be \$45.00 per cart with a maximum limit of 3 carts per household. Residents would be able to purchase these carts using a single payment or nine monthly payments of \$5.00 each billed through their utility bill.