

From the Mayor...

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In one month, the City of Warsaw will be implementing our new automated residential curbside waste pickup program. I have spent the last two columns answering questions about the changes our residents may expect. Those changes are being implemented to improve safety for our employees, efficiencies of our residential pickup, and taxpayer savings. On behalf of the fine employees at the Department of Public Works, I would ask for your patience as we all work through this new system. Let's look at a few more questions that have come up.

**When will the City deliver my new garbage tote?** The City-owned totes will be dropped off at your residential location during the weeks of April 25-29 and May 2-6. They will be placed at the preferred location for automated pickup on your regular trash day (see below for more details).

**When will the new program begin?** The new pickup will begin the week of May 9<sup>th</sup> for both trash and recycling. Please do not put your new tote out before then. Remember that both your trash tote and recycling tote must be placed at a curbside location. Any trash outside of the tote will not be picked up. Large items will continue to be picked up, as needed. Only City-issued and Borden-issued totes will be picked up. No third party containers will be picked up. Remember, if you are not recycling now, you may call the city to request a recycling tote. It will substantially reduce your volume of trash.

**Where is the best curbside location for the totes?** The closest location to the curb at the front of the residence will be the most convenient. You may also use a side-street curb location if that is more convenient. Please do not leave any tote in the street. Remember not to block the alleyways and put it in a location that allows for the automated arm to not be interfered with. Totes must be moved away from their pickup location the same day they are picked up.

**Will my trash day change?** In May, once the program commences, the City will evaluate the efficiencies of the automated collection system for a six to eight week period. It is possible there will be a realignment of some routes after we have developed some experience with our new equipment. We will only make a route change if it is necessary. Our intention is to make only one change, if any change is needed at all.

**If I desire, will the city dispose of my old trash can?** Yes! Old cans should be placed curbside, upside down (with no trash in them) on your regular trash day during the weeks of May 16-20 and May 23-27. They will be picked up by the City and taken to Borden for recycling at no charge to the resident.

**What if I have questions about the new program?** Our Public Works Department can be reached at 372-9561. They will gladly assist you if you have special needs or need guidance determining the best pickup location.

As previously mentioned, we will be evaluating routes and special concerns as the program becomes established.