

Muskingum Township Single Provider Trash Service

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Why is Muskingum Township exploring the idea of using a single provider for trash service?

- Reduce costs to consumers:
 - Some paying up to \$138 per quarter
- Eliminate excess wear and tear to roads:
 - Muskingum Township has about 50 miles of roads in the township.
 - Over the past three years Muskingum Township has spent an average of \$350,000 per year for resurfacing of township roads.
 - Most roads and streets are not designed for heavy traffic.
 - Some trash trucks can weigh as much as 50,000 lbs. when loaded.
- Safety:
 - 4 to 5 trucks per week on some streets and roads times 52 weeks a year
 - Size of trucks and number of passes can be limited

Exploring the Idea:

- A committee was formed including:
 - Three Township Trustees
 - Three Community members
 - Representative from the Southeast Solid Waste District
- Explored the advantages and disadvantages of implementing a single hauler trash service.
- Sought input from neighboring townships that implemented this system.
- Established a timeline for decision making whether to continue with the idea or to not continue.
- Wanted to survey the Township residents to get their input on this issue.

Legal Authority

- Under Ohio Revised Code 505.27(A)

(1) Boards of Township Trustees, either jointly or severally, may provide, maintain, and operate facilities for the collection, transfer, recycling, and disposal of solid wastes or may enter into written contracts with the proper municipal or county authorities or with independent contractors for such services for the township or waste disposal district as provided in section 505.28 of the Revised Code

(2)(a)(i) The contract shall be entered into only by competitive bidding

(2)(a)(ii) No other independent contractor or other person or entity shall provide, in the township or waste disposal district, the services agreed to in the contract during the contract period

Pros / Cons

- Less heavy trucks on the township roads and streets. Reducing wear on those streets and roads
 - Possible lower monthly cost for trash service for the residents.
 - Safer streets. Many trucks now back down dead-end streets.
 - Less maintenance on streets allows the township to cover more miles of road maintenance.
 - Consistent pricing. Contract for a three-to-five-year period.
 - Township can handle complaints or problems with the contracted provider.
- Choice of provider
 - Possibility that bid rates can be higher than what some people are currently paying now.

Timeline

- December 2020
 - Initial discussions started
- July 14, 2021
 - First committee meeting
- August-September 2021
 - Residents surveyed via paper mailer and online
- October 19, 2021
 - First public informational meeting held (Devola)
- October 20, 2021
 - Second public informational meeting held (Oak Grove)
- November 1, 2021
 - Regular monthly township meeting. Trustees to discuss information from the two public meetings.
- First of 2022
 - Topic tabled due to transition of Trustees
- November 10, 2022
 - Pre-bid meeting held with area service providers
- December 5, 2022
 - Regular monthly Township meeting (Oak Grove). Trustees to decide on whether to go out for bids.
 - If approved by Trustees, bid period will be December 6-30, 2022.
- December 31, 2022
 - Regular monthly Township meeting (Devola). If bids were requested, Trustees will open bids for reading to the Public
- February 5, 2023
 - Regular monthly Township meeting. Trustees to decide on acceptance or rejection of bids.
- July 1, 2023
 - If a contract is awarded, this is the anticipated start date.

Survey of the Residents

- Survey asked three questions:
 1. Are you interested in reducing your waste bill, reducing wear and tear on our township streets and roads, and enhancing the safety of our streets?
 2. Are you interested in curbside recycling?
 3. Which area do you reside in? East Muskingum or West Muskingum
- Approximately 1700 post card surveys were sent to landowners in the township.
- The survey was also available online.
- Over 600 responses

Results of the Survey

- Are you interested in reducing your waste bill, reducing wear and tear on our township streets and roads, and enhancing the safety of our streets?
 - Overall:
 - Yes 68%
 - No 32%
 - East Residents:
 - Yes 68%
 - No 32%
 - West Residents:
 - Yes 69%
 - No 31%
- Are you interested in curbside recycling?
 - Overall:
 - Yes 63%
 - No 37%
 - East Residents:
 - Yes 65%
 - No 35%
 - West Residents:
 - Yes 59%
 - No 41%

What are the Costs

- Four other townships in Washington County currently using the single provider trash service.
 - Barlow Township
 - Rates below include weekly pickup and a recycling dumpster at their Township building
 - City of Marietta
 - Rates below include weekly pickup including recycling as an option
 - Waterford Township
 - Rates below include weekly pickup with no recycling option
 - Watertown Township
 - Rates below include weekly pickup with no recycling option

Entity	Contract period	Service Provider	Monthly Residential Service		Monthly Commercial Service	
			Basic	96 gal. Tote	2 yd	4 yd
City of Marietta	7/1/18 -6/30/23	Rumpke	\$14.26	\$16.24	\$64.84	\$90.77
City of Marietta (Recycling)		Rumpke	incl. above	incl. above	\$54.60	\$76.55
Barlow Township	1/1/19-12/31/23	Rumpke	\$16.53	\$18.53	\$87.00	\$122.00
Waterford Township	1/1/21 -12/31/23	Waste Management	\$14.65		\$49.08	\$90.44
Watertown Township	7/1/21 - 6/30/24	Rumpke	\$15.53		\$50.88	\$92.96

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I currently don't have trash service, will I be required to have it?

A: No, If you can dispose of your Household Waste on your own property without creating a nuisance, health hazard, or water pollution. If you have commercial service at another location, you may dispose of your household waste at that location.

Q: Will the rates raise after a year?

A: No, they will be fixed rates for a period of three years with an option to renew for fourth and fifth year.

Q: Will we receive a roll cart with new carrier?

A: Possibly, some waste haulers provide wheel carts for disposal & recycling and the cost is built into the contract price or by rental.

Q: What type of bulk items will be able to be disposed?

A: All items, typically 1 item per quarter, will be provided for in the contract. This is for bedding, furniture, and non-freon bearing appliances. Freon bearing appliances are typically provided for an additional cost. Haulers typically require at least 24 house notice for bulk item pickup. Upholstered items must be wrapped in plastic film.

Q: If I'm residential will I have to switch if the carrier is different?

A: Yes

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Q: Will there be a senior citizen rate?

A: Not specifically but you can elect the lowest level of waste disposal (one 35-gallon container).

Q: How would recycling be implemented?

A: Recycling will either be curbside or by site (one dedicated site in Oak Grove and one in Devola).

Q: Will the recycle trailer still be available if I don't subscribe to curbside recycling?

A: The solid waste district does not infringe upon Franchise Contracts that include recycling. If the hauler provides for recycling, the District will not.

Q: Will I be required to use the selected provider for my commercial account if I can get it cheaper from another provider?

A: If you have an annual contract in effect and the Township contracts with a single-service provider, your contract in effect at that time will continue in effect until the end of its current term.

Q: Will the township or the provider bill me for the selected service?

A: The provider will bill each individual account.

Q: What is the start date of the service if this plan is adopted?

A: The start date will be July 1, 2023

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