

Single Hauler Trash, Recycling, and Yard Waste Service

Work Session

Council Goal 2.3.C.

Investigate a single hauler trash, recycling and leaf removal program.



What We're Doing Here Tonight

- ▶ Comprehensive review of entire single hauler process.
- ▶ Provide direction for next steps.

Steps We've Taken to This Point

June 24, 2024	2024 Citizen Satisfaction Survey Results Presentation
July 8, 2024	City Council Directs Staff to Proceed with Single Hauler Process
Aug. 26, 2024	Public Hearing on Resolution of Intent to Consolidate
Oct. 14, 2024	Resolution of Intent to Consolidate Adopted by Council
Oct.-Nov. 2024	Single Hauler Workgroup Meetings #1-#3
Dec 9, 2024	Organized Service Collection Plan Adopted by Council
Jan 6, 2025	RFP Issued
Jan 31, 2025	Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting with Haulers
Feb 14, 2025	Bids Received
Feb 24, 2025	Single Hauler Workgroup Reviewed Bids
Ongoing	Public Communication

2024 Community Survey Results

Merriam should implement a City-wide contract to provide trash/recycling services.

36% Strongly Agree

29% Agree

19% Neutral

17% Disagree

How should we prioritize the initiative?

21% Highest Priority

23% 2nd Highest Priority

13% 3rd Highest Priority

43% Lowest Priority

Purpose and Goals

- ▶ Provide the highest level of service to residents
- ▶ Oversight of a predictable contract
- ▶ Decrease resident cost of said services
- ▶ Reduce quantity of trash, recycling, and yard waste trucks from Merriam streets
- ▶ Decrease vehicle emissions, noise pollution, and degradation of city streets
- ▶ Increase public safety through decreased truck traffic throughout the City

Public Communication

Highlights

MERRIAM NEWS



Community Survey Results Show You Love Merriam
Merriam residents recently completed a community survey to let us know their thoughts about City services and leadership. The feedback helps shape decisions made by City leaders to ensure Merriam continues to thrive for generations to come.

City leaders feel we've built something truly special in Merriam – a place where neighbors look out for each other, our streets buzz with energy, and the spirit of unity runs deep.

We got the survey results back, and you spoke loud and clear – you love Merriam, too!

- ▶ 93% of our residents said they were satisfied with the overall quality of City services.
- ▶ 92% were satisfied with the overall quality of life in the City.
- ▶ 80% were satisfied with the overall value received for tax dollars and

We're so grateful to our community and the opportunity to serve you! You can see full survey results at merriam.org/survey.

City Looking into Single Trash Hauler

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City leaders are still in the discussion phase, so here's how to get involved:

Let Us Know Your Thoughts

Scan the QR code, or visit merriam.org/trashservice to learn more about single trash haulers, fill out a form to give feedback, and find a timeline of what this process looks like, including next steps and opportunities for public input.

Attend a Public Hearing
Join us at the Aug. 26 City Council meeting, where we'll have a public hearing for a resolution of intent to organize collection service.



New Cancer Institute at AdventHealth Shawnee Mission

In May, Mayor Bob Pape and City Councilmembers attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony of AdventHealth Shawnee Mission's new \$76 million Cancer Institute. Photo courtesy of Johnson County Post.

MERRIAM HIGHLIGHTS & RECREATION

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Trash & Recycling

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Currently, residents choose their trash service provider through an approved list and negotiate costs with the company. With a single hauler, the City negotiates and locks in a predictable rate for many years. Every resident would be required to have trash service.

We're still in the discussion phase, so here's how to get involved:

Let Us Know Your Thoughts

[Submit Questions or Comments >](#)

Tentative Timeline (Subject to Change)

[City Council](#) meetings are held at Merriam City Hall on the second and fourth Monday of each month, beginning at 7 p.m. All meetings are open to the public.

[July 8 City Council Meeting](#)
Single Hauler Waste Service Discussion | [Presentation](#) (PDF, 2MB)

Aug. 26 City Council Meeting
Public Hearing for a Resolution of Intent to Organize Collection Service

Oct. 14 City Council Meeting
Consider adopting the Resolution of Intent to Organize Collection Service

Dec. 9 City Council Meeting
Public Hearing and Consider Organized Collection Service Plan

April 14, 2025 City Council Meeting
First Reading of Ordinance Establishing Organized Collection Service Plan

April 28, 2025 City Council Meeting
Second Reading of Ordinance Establishing Organized Collection Service Plan

Social Media

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City Leaders Looking into Single Trash Hauler

City leaders are discussing whether to use one trash company across Merriam. There would be a negotiate rate, and every resident would be under the City's contract for trash service.

The goal of a single trash hauler is to lower residents' yearly costs for this service and reduce the number of trucks on City streets.

Talks for the switch started after the 2024 Community Survey results showed overwhelming support for a single trash hauler.

Get Involved
Tell City leaders what you want. You can ask questions or submit comments through an online form at www.merriam.org/trashservice

You can also attend a public hearing at the Aug. 26 City Council meeting.

The City Council will determine if they should pass a resolution of intent to organize collection service. Even if the City Council passes a resolution of intent, the City could back out of pursuing a single trash hauler at any time throughout the process.

Learn more and view a tentative timeline at www.merriam.org/trashservice



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NEJC Chamber and 65 others
41 comments 20 shares



Feedback Themes

- ▶ Price
- ▶ Eco
- ▶ Traffic
- ▶ Service Provider
- ▶ Choice
- ▶ Senior
- ▶ Logistics
- ▶ Yard/Compost
- ▶ Bin Size
- ▶ Recycling

What the Organized Collection Plan (RFP) Included

- ▶ Timeline
- ▶ Selection Process
- ▶ Contract Period/Term
- ▶ Frequency of pickup
- ▶ Distribution/Pickup of Carts
- ▶ Trash Bin size
- ▶ Trash Overage tags
- ▶ Trash & Recycling bins
Elderly/disabled residents
- ▶ Recycling Bin size
- ▶ Yard Waste limits
- ▶ Yard Waste Containers
- ▶ White Goods disposal
- ▶ Customer Service expectations and standards
- ▶ Bid Alternates
 - ▶ Bi-annual Large-Item Pickup
 - ▶ Annual Tree Limb Pickup
 - ▶ Holiday Tree Pickup
 - ▶ Exclude HOA Residences
 - ▶ Seasonal Yard Waste Removal

RFP Responses

SINGLE HAULER BID SUMMARY

Company	Subcontractor	References	Cost/Month/ Residence	Total City Contract Cost	Cost/Bag Tag	White Good Collection	How many days/week collection?	Bid Alt #1: Large- Item	Bid Alt #2: Tree Limb	Bid Alt #3: Holiday Tree	Bid Alt #4: Exclude HOAs	Bid Alt #5: Seasonal Yard Waste	Notes:
GFL Alternate	None	Yes	\$ 19.50	\$ 833,742.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 60.00	4	3/month included	Drop-off Program/ex tra charge	Included at no extra cost	No bid	No bid	Cost is negotiated. No 35-gallon bins. 2nd trash cart available at \$10/mo direct bill.
GFL	None	Yes	\$ 20.25	\$ 865,809.00	\$ 2.00	\$ 50.00	4	No bid	No bid	Included at no extra cost	No bid	No bid	No 35-gallon bins.
Constable	None	Yes	\$ 25.70	\$ 1,090,502.40	\$ 1.50	Varies	4	1/month included	No bid	No bid	No bid	No bid	No 35-gallon bins. Contract start 3/1/26.
Republic	Compost Connections (Yard Waste)	Yes	\$ 33.00	\$ 1,410,948.00	\$ 3.00	No bid	5	Drop-off Program	Limited/incl uded in bid	Included at no extra cost	\$ 1,254,528.00	No bid	No 35-gallon bins
Waste Management	None	Yes	\$ 35.75	\$ 1,528,527.00	\$ 1.50	\$ 75.00	5	\$ 85,512.00	No bid	Included at no extra cost	\$ 1,364,774.40	\$ 1,475,082.00	



Next Steps

April 2025

First and Second Reading of the Ordinance
Establishing Organized Collection (accept bids)

Jan. 2026

Services begin (pending contract negotiations)

Oct. 2026

18-month window to terminate individual service
contracts expires

Public Communication

When do we want to communicate this to the public?

Draft postcard.

Discussion