

The Division of Waste Collection is rolling into Automation!

A new Automated Waste Collection and Curbside Recycling Pilot Program will roll into the City of Cleveland in early October. The division of Waste Collection will test the use of vehicles that pick up trash automatically by mechanical arms and semi-automatically by vehicles that will include a tipper on the back to lift and tip the containers into the truck. The city will provide each resident participating in the Pilot Program with two large carts: a 96 gallon black or grey cart for garbage and a 64 gallon blue cart for recyclable items. The automated method of picking up waste is currently in use in a number of metropolitan areas across the country. There are many advantages to using this automated process.



Advantages/Benefits of Automated Collection



For Residents:

- Convenient and easy method for residents to recycle
- Easier and safer for residents – no carrying/lifting heavy trash
- Sturdy wheeled carts are easy to maneuver
- Capacity of carts are equal to three – four regular trash cans
- Carts keep rodents and pets out of waste given the tight lids
- Cleaner, healthier neighborhoods with no litter on streets after pick-up

For City of Cleveland:

- Improved collection efficiency and reduced costs
- Reduced employee injuries
- Lowered turnover rate and increased productivity due to less time missed by injured employees
- Reduced Worker's Compensation claims and insurance premiums
- Cleaner curbs mean fewer complaints, less clean up and healthier neighborhoods
- Reduced rodent problem
- Increased participation in recycling



Pilot Program:

The program will be a six month test before expanding the automated service citywide to every household over a six year period of time. Roughly 15,000 residents randomly selected from all 21 Wards will be participants in this initial phase of the program. Once results of the program are determined, the City of Cleveland will move forward with gradually phasing in the automation process citywide.

For more information on the Pilot Program and Automation contact the Recycling Hotline at 216-664-3717.