

Town of Apex compromise request to Liberty Waste related to acceptance of grass generated by the current curbside collection program.

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Sent: Wednesday, June 3, 2026 12:06 PM
To: Dan Shields <dshields@libertywastesolutions.com>
Subject: RE: Town of Apex Contract Questions

Thanks Dan,

I recognize that grass volume is a potential concern. In discussing this with my manager this morning, he suggested creating a two-tiered pricing structure: one rate that includes all yard waste types (including grass), and a rate that includes everything else but excludes grass.

Once the Town transitions to the 95-gallon carts, we anticipate some residents may try to slip grass into their bins. We can monitor this, note repeat offenders, and refuse collection for future violations. Ultimately, allowing small, occasional amounts of grass while strictly prohibiting mass quantities could be a viable compromise if total volume remains a major concern.

Kind regards,

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Liberty Waste response to compromise request for grass acceptance generated by the current Town of Apex curbside collection program.

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Tue 6/30/2026 2:37 PM



Dan Shields <dshields@libertywastesolutions.com>

RE: Town of Apex Contract Questions

To  John Mullis

 You replied to this message on 6/30/2026 4:47 PM.

Hello John,

I appreciate you and Brandon Roberson meeting with Rick Klonowski and me last week to review our concerns regarding the grass material and discuss potential options.

Prior to that meeting, Rick K. made extensive efforts to identify any available internal options or outlets for the material. In addition, he contacted outside sources provided by NCDEQ to determine whether any facilities would be able or willing to accept the grass.

Tim Davis with NCDEQ recommended that we contact Lauren Hill with the NCDEQ Solid Waste Section for assistance in identifying permitted composting facilities that may be able to accept the material, particularly given the volume involved.

Lauren Hill provided a link to the NCDEQ Permitted Compost Facilities Map ([NCDEQ Permitted Compost Facilities Map](#)), which we used to identify and contact multiple potential facilities. Unfortunately, after repeated outreach efforts, most facilities declined to accept the material or simply did not respond.

At this point, we have made every reasonable effort to identify a viable outlet for the grass material through both internal resources and NCDEQ-recommended external options. Despite those efforts, we have not been able to secure a facility willing to accept the material. As a result, we cannot accept the grass at our Apex facility.

I will develop revised pricing and language in the agreement based on the loss of grass volume and add charges for contamination of materials, should it occur with either household waste or grass. In addition, I will provide pricing for 30 yard open top roll-offs should the Town of Apex need containers to be staged and used for emergency cleanup of acceptable yard waste materials, such as would result from a storm. Finally, I will provide exclusive vs. non-exclusive pricing, as you do have other viable outlets geographically closer depending on where the trucks are collecting on any given day.

While I am in the process of revising, please advise if I left anything out pertinent to our discussion.

Thank you, and we look forward to partnering with the Town of Apex!



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