



MEMORANDUM

TO: City Commission
FROM: Robin I. Gomez
DATE: April 24, 2024
RE: Residential Trash Collection Discussion

Background

The City of Madeira Beach provides twice-per-week (2x) residential curbside trash/sanitation collection on either a Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday schedule. In 2023 various changes occurred to address staffing issues, enhance efficiencies, and ensure adequate funding of capital equipment: (1) each residence received a 64 gallon container to use for the trash collection, (2) weekly (every Wednesday) recycling collection also received a 64 gallon container to place recycling items/materials' collection (by Waste Pro), and (3) monthly trash/recycling collection rates increased for the first time in nearly 6 years.

Review/Discussion

The listed and other changes such as codifying the days/times containers can be placed out (for collection) and their retrieval yielded changes that the City discussed at various Commission meetings and issued/distributed via our various media. Residents adjusted with the new cans, however a recent addition to our sanitation fleet, a side loader collection truck, has yielded some concerns.

Many cities and other private trash haulers have been utilizing side-loaders to empty containers such as the 64 gallon one the City issued last year. This change to trash collection via the side-loader requires the following:

1. Trash collection (2x/week) of the 64 gallon cans can only incorporate trash that fits in the container.
2. Any additional, larger, or bulk trash (that does not fit in the 64 gallon brown container) will continue to be collected on WEDNESDAYS, which has and will continue to be the City's bulk and yard waste collection day, City-wide.
3. Recycling container collection will still also occur every WEDNESDAY.