

# YARD WASTE DISPOSAL OPTIONS

## OPTION #1 – DMC Landfill

Residents continue taking all yard waste directly to the Landfill. This option is the most fiscally responsible as the Landfill is already set up to accept yard waste and eliminates city staff from moving yard waste down the street and paying to dispose of brush that is dumped at the site by non-residents.

### **LANDFILL TIPPING FEES EFFECTIVE 7/1/21-6/30/22:**

**Brush:** \$.012 per pound (Currently free to WB residents)

**Yard Waste:** No charge (Includes grass clipping/plants/leaves)

### **PROS:**

- Residents are already driving to the Public Works Facility
- No charge to drop off yard waste (grass, plants, leaves)
- Brush is free to drop off if they show a WB Water Bill. The Landfill only bills the city for any brush that is dropped off by WB residents. The attached spreadsheet shows the difference in the cost when charges can be split out accurately. This saves the WB taxpayers from covering fees for non-residents.
- Eliminates wear and tear on city equipment
- Eliminates the abuse of Landscaping Businesses using the site to avoid Landfill fees
- Eliminates safety issues with people pulling in and out of the Public Works parking lot
- Eliminates staffing issues caused by having to pull 1 -2 employees off a job to load and haul yard waste to the Landfill

### **STAFFING COST:** *(Note: This doesn't include hauling if there is a storm event)*

- October & November: 2 guys loading and hauling yard waste 2-3 days a week

**Approximate Cost: \$10,329**

- April – September: 1 guy loading and hauling yard waste about 12 hrs a week

**Approximate Cost: \$7,747**

### **CONS:**

- Residents must drive another 2 miles to the Landfill
- Current Landfill hours limit the option for evening and weekend disposal of yard waste, which is when many residents are doing yard work. Additionally, the current landfill hours directly affect the amount of yard waste that is dumped at the Public Works site by non-residents. When there is a free and convenient drop-off site on the same road as the landfill, people abuse it by dropping off their yard waste when the Landfill is closed.

### **LANDFILL HOURS:**

Mon- Friday: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon

Sunday: Closed

**Possibility:** Talk to the Landfill about extending hours for yard waste drop-off during the spring and fall.

Expanding drop-off hours may also help residents that want can't make it to the landfill for other items as well.

## OPTION #2 – Yard Waste Carts

Residents that can't or don't want to haul yard waste to the Landfill have the option of renting a 95-Gallon Yard Waste Cart from LaVeine Sanitation.

The cost for a Yard Waste Cart would be:

\$2.00 per month for the rental of the cart

\$4.75 per pickup

When the customer wants their cart dumped, they call LaVeine's and set the cart out for a Wednesday collection. The customer is only charged the \$4.75 when the cart is dumped.

Collection is available March – November (The last pick-up is the week before Thanksgiving)

### **PROS:**

- Residents don't have to haul yard waste off-site
- Only residents that want the option of yard waste collection are charged for the service rather than all taxpayers
- Eliminates wear and tear on city equipment
- Eliminates the abuse by non-residents
- Eliminates safety issues with people pulling in and out of the Public Works parking lot
- Eliminates staffing issues caused by having to pull 1 -2 employees off a job to load and haul yard waste to the Landfill (See savings in Option #1)
- Available to all residents allowing people without transportation to dispose of yard waste

### **CONS:**

- There is a cost associated with renting the cart and having it emptied
- Not as practical for residents that only use the site occasionally. However, there is no contract or minimum amount of time you have to rent the cart.
- Limited to 95 Gallon cart

**Possibility:** Consider working with LaVeine Sanitation to cover or partially cover the cost of cart rental and dumping for residents that are interested in using the service.

## OPTION #3 – Roll-Off Containers

LaVeine provides large Roll-Off containers at the Public Works Drop-off Site.

The cost for LaVeine Sanitation to provide containers at the site would be:

- \$75.00 per month for each container (We would need 3-4 containers to accommodate the same space and keep yard waste separate from the brush)
- \$75.00 charge each time LaVeine dumps the container. (Depending on their schedule to dump containers this may cause some issues with overflow)

**Approximate Cost: \$2,400/yr**

**Approximate Cost: \$14,304/yr**

*(Based on dumping containers three times a week Oct & Nov and one time a week April – Sept.)*

### PROS:

- Eliminates wear and tear on city equipment
- Eliminates staffing issues caused by having to pull 1-2 employees off a job to load and haul yard waste to the Landfill (See savings in Option #1)

### CONS:

- Allows abuse by non-residents while WB taxpayers are covering the cost
- Potential continues for dumping non-yard waste items (See photos below from one example)
- Difficult to lift loose yard waste or bags over the sides of the containers
- Open-end containers: People pull up and fill the end of the container then yard waste overflows into the parking lot and starts blowing around. Trying to get people to fill the containers from the back will be the issue because they pull up and rake yard waste out of a truck bed or empty heavy bags without going all the way into the container. Currently, crews use equipment to move yard waste to the back of the dump site until they have time to load it and haul it to the Landfill



## Option #4 – Public Works Site with added security

Continue with the current Drop-off site at the Public Works lot

### **PROS:**

- Currently open 24/7

### **CONS:**

- Residents have to drive to the site
- No security at the site to help with illegal dumping and dumping by non-residents
- Wear and tear on city equipment
- Safety issues with people pulling in and out of the Public Works parking lot
- Requires 1 -2 employees to load and haul yard waste to the Landfill

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### **Possibility:**

- Hire someone to load and haul yard waste. They could also load and haul rock, sand, etc. for public works.
- Install a gate to limit hours of use and hopefully limit illegal dumping
- Update camera system and issue citations for illegal dumping