



# CITY COUNCIL MEETING STAFF REPORT

## MEETING DATE

March 11, 2025

## PREPARED BY

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## ITEM TYPE

Legislative

## ATTACHMENTS

WIWMD Rollout  
Communication Examples

## PRIOR DISCUSSION DATES

[February 3, 2025](#)

[January 28, 2025](#)

[February 25, 2025](#)

## AGENDA ITEM

City-wide Recycling Program Implementation

## PURPOSE

Decide if the city will be implementing a new city-wide recycling program or not

## RECOMMENDATION

Municipal Utilities Committee recommends implementing a program with contract length details to be determined by the full Council

## BACKGROUND

South Weber City contracts with Robinson Waste for garbage collection services in the city. The City currently does not have a city-wide recycling program. However, approximately 300 of the approximately 2,200 homes in the city have taken advantage of Ace Disposal's direct recycling option through Mountain West. The remaining homes within the city currently are not recycling.

Due to the limited lifespan of the landfill and a desire to divert as much waste away from the landfill as possible to extend its life and keep the cost of transporting down, in November 2023, the Wasatch Integrated Waste Management District (WIWMD) adopted a resolution regarding mandating bundled recycling programs within the district, of which South Weber is a part.

That decision kicked off discussions amongst the member cities within the district that ultimately resulted in WIWMD withdrawing the mandate but adjusting their pricing structure to benefit cities that have a recycling program effective July 1, 2025. Cities with a qualifying recycling program (i.e. 80% + participation rate and bundled rates for new residents) will receive a "diversion discount" off of the current \$7.20/can/month of tipping fees that will be equal to the percentage of trash diverted away from the landfill through recycling. It is anticipated that a high participation rate would provide up to a 15% discount.

WIWMD is included in a partnership that provides grant money in the form of a \$15/can reimbursement for the purchase of recycling cans. To qualify for the grant, the City must own the cans, proving a commitment to maintaining a recycling program. This grant money is available if the recycling program is operable by September 2025.

On January 28, 2025, upon review of request for proposal submissions and recommendation from the Municipal Utilities Committee, the City Council decided to begin negotiations with Robinson Waste and gather additional information on options for a recycling program.

Those options were discussed by the City Council in a work session on February 25, 2025 with direction to put a final decision on implementation on the March 11 meeting agenda.

ANALYSIS

As of Dec 31, 2024, there are 2,209 1st garbage cans, 1,121 2nd garbage cans, and approximately 300 residents recycling w/Ace.

Below is a table showing the current monthly utility rates for sanitation:

<b>Current Monthly Rates</b>	Garbage 1st Can	Garbage 2nd Can	Ace Recycling
<b>Total Fee</b>	<b>\$15.47</b>	<b>\$9.11</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
Hauling - RW	\$5.61	\$2.09	
Tipping - WIWMD	\$7.20	\$7.20	
City Admin	\$2.66	(\$0.18)	
Can Maintenance	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Below is a comparison table of the potential monthly utility rates (and savings) for each of the program options being considered:

<b>RESIDENT OPTIONS</b>	Current	Option 1	Option 2		Option 3		Option 4	
		Status Quo (SQ)	Recycling IN <50%	Savings from SQ	Recycling OUT 50-80%	Savings from SQ	Recycling OUT 80%+	Savings from SQ
<b>1 Garbage</b>	\$15.47	\$17.56	\$17.56	\$0.00	\$17.56	\$0.00	\$16.74	(\$0.82)
<b>2 Garbage</b>	\$24.58	\$28.61	\$29.79	\$1.18	\$29.79	\$1.18	\$28.15	(\$0.46)
<b>1 Garbage, 1 Recycle</b>	\$30.47	\$32.56	\$26.36	(\$6.20)	\$25.71	(\$6.85)	<b>\$24.14*</b>	(\$8.42)
<b>2 Garbage, 1 Recycle</b>	\$39.58	\$44.79	\$38.59	(\$6.20)	\$37.94	(\$6.85)	\$35.55	(\$9.24)

Robinson Waste has offered to hold the garbage and recycling hauling rates for 2 years and reduce the monthly hauling rate by \$.75 per month if the City enters a 5 year contract instead of the originally considered 3 year contract.

Below is a comparison of the potential utility rates for the Opt Out 80%+ participation rate between the 3-year and 5-year contract options:

RESIDENT OPTIONS	5 Year	3 Year	Diff
	Recycling OUT 80%+	Recycling OUT 80%+	
1 Garbage	\$16.50	\$16.74	\$0.24
2 Garbage	\$27.82	\$28.15	\$0.33
1 Garbage, 1 Recycle	\$23.15	\$24.14	\$0.99
2 Garbage, 1 Recycle	\$34.47	\$35.55	\$1.08

WIWMD has provided some examples of educational materials that the City can use to communicate about the program. Below is an example of the sticker that would be used to explain what is and is not recyclable:

# RECYCLING GUIDE

Thanks for recycling!



Learn more!

**ALUMINUM & STEEL ✓**



**Food & Beverage Cans**  
Empty cans

**PLASTIC ✓**



**Bottles, Containers, & Film**  
Empty & Remove Cap

**PAPER & CARDBOARD ✓**



**Mixed Paper, Newspapers, Magazines, & Boxes**  
Empty & Flatten

THESE ITEMS SHOULD **NOT** GO IN THE RECYCLING CART

						
Do Not Bag Recyclables	No Food or Liquid	No Tanglers	No Glass	No Clothing	No Batteries	No Electronics

PUT IN GARBAGE CART
DROP OFF AT LANDFILL REUSE AREA

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**CO #11**

TO: Phone		DATE	
South Weber City		2/26/2025	
		JOB NAME	
		South Weber Public Works	
		JOB LOCATION	
		South Weber, UT	
PROJECT NUMBER	EXISTING CONTRACT DATE	TIME EXTENSION	JOB PHONE - VDC
20224		None	
WE HEREBY AGREE TO MAKE THE CHANGE(S) SPECIFIED BELOW:			
DESCRIPTION: GENERATOR			
SUBCONTRACTOR -		COST CODE	
Propane	23 13 26	\$	5,900.00
Live Wire Electric	26 00 00	\$	36,575.00
Generator/ Transfer switch	26 32 13	\$	54,785.00
Bollards	05 00 00	\$	1,724.66
Re-engineering		\$	1,840.00
Generator Pad	03 06 00	\$	1,000.00
		Subtotal	\$ 101,824.66
		OH&P 10%	\$ 10,182.46
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 112,007.12</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> This Change Order becomes part of and in conformance with the existing contract			
<b>WE AGREE</b> hereby to make the change(s) specified above at this total price:			<b>ADD \$ 112,007.12</b>
		PREVIOUS CONTRACT AMOUNT	
AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE (CONTRACTOR)		REVISED CONTRACT AMOUNT	<b>\$ 112,007.12</b>

**ACCEPTED** - The above prices and specifications of the Change Order are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. All work is to be performed under the same terms and conditions as specified in the original contract unless otherwise specified.

DATE OF ACCEPTANCE

SIGNATURE (OWNER)