

Residents prepare for new trash contract

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Kirksville citizens have mixed feelings about the city-wide trash contract that will take effect April 1.

The contract, which the Kirksville City Council approved with Veolia on Feb. 15, includes an increase in monthly prices from \$6.50 per month to \$10.47 per month, a 65-gallon trash can for each household, weekly large-item pick-up, a second trash can for bi-weekly collection of recyclables and trash can unit maintenance and replacement services with no additional charge to the monthly bill.

The contract also offers a discount rate for senior citizens, which includes a smaller, more maneuverable 32-gallon trash can, for \$8.65 per month.

Residents started receiving their new trash units March 22.

Tiffany Norris, Kirksville resident and owner of Brashear Place Bed & Breakfast, said she was thrilled about the change.

"Something was needed," Norris said. "I had a problem with cats, dogs and rodents knocking over my trash. The new, heavier receptacles, which I already use, prevent this from happening."

One common concern about the new contract is the size of the new trash cans. Some residents feel that, because of their size, they will be harder to manage.

Norris, who was recently cleared from lifting restrictions after having a baby, actually finds the new receptacles easier to use than the old ones.

"If you have the same amount of trash you do every other week there shouldn't be a difference," Norris said. "That thing is so easy to push and pull because the wheels are bigger, so it is very easy."

One downside Norris saw in the new contract is the increase in the monthly price, a feeling she shares with other Kirksville residents.

Kirksville resident Jo Monroe, 45, said she was shocked when she heard about the new prices.

- > An increase in prices from \$6.50 to \$10.47 per month
- > A 65-gallon trash can for each household
- > Weekly large item pick-up
- > A second trash can for bi-weekly collection of recyclables
- > Trash can unit maintenance
- > Free replacement services

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"I am disabled and on a strict income," Monroe said. "The \$10 they are asking for some people may not have, but we have to pay because it is connected to our water bill."

Kirksville City Council member Todd Kuhns said that even though the price hike is unfortunate, the higher prices are still less expensive than other communities.

"The price is on par with what other cities pay," Kuhns said. "They are much cheaper than what people from the county area just outside the city limit pay, which is around \$26 per month."

Kuhns said that with the new contract, the elderly have the option to arrange for trash pick-up at their front door.

The new contract is proving to be acceptable to some senior citizens, such as Jenny Lee Lang, 75.

"I like the new units," Lang said. "I didn't think I would be able to maneuver them, but when I went to City Hall to test the trash cans, I found them easy to push and pull around."

Lang said the only thing she would like to see changed is the policy on the disposal of yard waste, such as fallen branches after a storm or excess leaves in the yard.

"You get a storm and are left with a bunch of branches and leaves on your yard," Lang said. "For me to have to bag them and dispose of them myself is too much. I just think yard waste disposal

could have been included in the system and could have been better."

Veolia general manager Dave Sellhorst said the yard waste policy is a separate service and residents can call Veolia and get that set up for an extra charge.

"The prices depend on how many people sign up," Sellhorst said. "They will range anywhere between \$5.50 to \$7.50 per month depending on how many people request it."

Monroe said she thinks residents who oppose the new contract would be more accepting of it if they had been included more in the planning process.

"I don't think the citizens were as involved in the planning process as we should have been," Monroe said. "Part of the reason being we didn't know about it. The first time I heard about it was around the end of January."

Kuhns said the city does its best to keep Kirksville residents informed on the workings of the city.

"The Kirksville Connection is the newsletter that is sent out with every water and trash bill, and it always has a lot of important information," Kuhns said. "We have a Web site, kirkvillecity.com, where events, news and meetings are posted. From there you can sign up for news and notifications to come to you via e-mail or text messages."

Communiversy Garden



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Junior Amelia LaMair worked at the Communiversy Garden on Sunday. The student-run organization functions as a forum for teaching gardening and sustainable agriculture.

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