Waste:

Weekly collection

3 cart sizes to select from (32 / 64 / 96 gallon)

Recycling:

Every-other-week collection

2 cart sizes to select from (64 / 96 gallon)

Yard Waste (no food waste):

Cart, bag, or bulk collection

Drop-off

April - mid-December

Funding & Fees

Waste: Pay-as-you-throw

32 gallon cart \$3.05/setout

64 gallon cart \$5.10/setout 96 gallon cart \$7.15/setout

Recycling: No charge to customers

Yard Waste: Pay-as-you-throw

Cart \$27.50 (one-time cart purchase) + \$6/setout cart tag

Yard waste bag or bulk tag \$2.50/bag or bundle

Drop-off No charge

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

None

Grand Rapids, Michigan

Population (2017)

198,829

Diversion Rate

27% - residential sector only, excluding yard waste

Service Provider

City of Grand Rapids

Waste:

Weekly collection 64 or 96 gallon cart Every-other-week large item collection

Recycling:

Every-other-week collection 64 or 96 gallon cart

Yard Waste (no food waste; pilot ended June 2018):

Brush: Rotating schedule throughout City, April-November
Leaf, Yard and Garden: April, after the thaw - 2 collections through
City; crews reassigned to other Streets operations through
summer; fall, when leaves start to drop - brush collection ends
and leaf collection performed with goal to finish 3 collections
through City, weather-permitting
Drop-offs

Funding & Fees

Property tax assessment; average assessment = \$20.03/household/month (2016)

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

Recycling is mandatory; service is universally provided, and City can refuse pickup of trash carts if recycling is notably present in the cart or if recycling is not set out

City provides daily collection of carts in the designated student apartment area for about a 2-week period in August, coinciding with the majority of lease terminations in mid-August

Madison, Wisconsin

Population (2017) 255,214

Diversion Rate

53% - residential sector only, including special collection programs
29% - residential recycling rate excluding special collections, brush, and yard waste

Service ProviderCity of Madison

Residential: Single-family, multi-family up to 4 units (multi-family of 5-11 units and mixed use residential/commercial properties can also opt in if they can be adequately served with carts - no dumpsters) Waste:

Weekly or bi-weekly collection

4 service levels to select from (32 / 64 / 96 gallon weekly, 32 gallon every-other-week)

Recycling:

Weekly collection

Yard Waste:

Subscription service: cart plus up to 8 bags/week; no food waste Non-subscription service: pre-arranged collection, call to schedule 48 hours minimum before collection; no food waste Collection may not be on same day as waste collection Curbside collection mid-April - November Drop-offs (including source-separated organics / food waste)

Commercial: Businesses and multi-family of 5+ units Must use a licensed hauler, but can select own provider and level of service

Funding & Fees

Waste: Modified pay-as-you-throw

32 gallon cart, biweekly, 2 bulky items/year \$20.28/month 32 gallon cart, weekly, 2 bulky items/year \$23.45/month 64 gallon cart, weekly, 3 bulky items/year \$32.03/month 96 gallon cart, weekly, 3 bulky items/year \$34.15/month

Recycling: Charged on property taxes

Flat rate \$58.20/unit/year (\$4.85/unit/month)

Yard Waste: Pay-as-you-throw

Subscription \$120/year (\$10/month) Non-subscription \$3.00/bag or bundle

Drop-offs No charge

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

All properties are required to have service, with no opting out or sharing service with neighbors

All businesses are required to recycle

St. Paul, Minnesota

Population (2017) 306.621

Diversion Rate

24% - residential sector only, excluding yard waste

Service Provider

Waste and Yard Waste: Citycontracted private hauler consortium

Recycling: City-contracted private hauler

Waste:

Weekly collection

Customer-selected can size - 12 / 20 / 32 / 64 / 96 gallon

Recycling:

Every-other-week collection

Yard Waste and Organics (including food waste):

Weekly collection

Up to 10 extra bags of leaves can be set out at no extra cost per week during November

Drop-Off Sites:

Self-haul all materials to one of two transfer stations owned by the City

Funding & Fees

User fees:

Waste:

12 gallon micro-can \$23.30/household/month

20 gallon mini-can \$28.55/household/month

32 gallon cart \$37.15/household/month

64 gallon cart \$74.30/household/month

96 gallon cart \$111.45/household/month

Extra waste outside of cart \$11.55/bag, bundle, or can

Bulky waste \$30/item

Recycling: No charge to customers

Yard Waste and Organics:

13 gallon cart \$6.15/household/month

32 gallon cart \$9.25/household/month

96 gallon cart \$11.85/household/month

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

Food and compostable paper banned from waste disposal January 1, 2015

Yard waste and food waste service is required for all properties

Recyclables (paper, cardboard, glass and plastic bottles, aluminum and tin cans) banned from waste disposal; waste carts with more than 10% recycling will not be collected

Seattle, Washington

Population (2017) 724.745

Diversion Rate

56.9% overall:
Single-family 73.5%
Multi-family 36.8%
Commercial 65.0%
Self-haul 8.9%
Goal = 70% by 2022

Service Provider

City-contracted private haulers

Waste:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Recycling:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Yard Waste:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Other services provided in conjunction with Boulder County: Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM), household hazardous waste, and MRF facilities in "Recycle Row"

Funding & Fees

Residents and businesses pay haulers directly for service based on the service they select and rate quoted by hauler

Trash tax:

Haulers pay \$3.50/household/month and \$0.85/cubic yard for businesses and multi-family properties with dumpster service to fund waste reduction efforts including costs for Boulder County "Recycle Row" facilities, some costs for programs (e.g., in the past, single-stream recycling conversion)

Bag fee:

All plastic and paper bags at grocery stores have a 10 cent bag fee

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

Universal Zero Waste Ordinance:

All haulers required to offer recycling and compost collection All properties required to recycle and compost All single-family households must subscribe to collection service All special events must provide recycling and composting

Multi-family properties must have at least half of the capacity for recycling as they do for trash (e.g., if trash service is 2 cu. yd. per week, recycling must be at least 1 cu. yd. per week)

Haulers must provide "6-day review" with Monday-Saturday daily collection of waste from all rental properties in designated student zones for 1 week in May and one month in July/August to support move-in / move-out; properties are charged by haulers for extra collections that are made, with containers emptied only if full (Monday-Friday) or half-full (Saturday)

Boulder, Colorado

Population (2017) 107,125

Diversion Rate 40% Goal = 85%

Service ProviderPrivate haulers, selected by customer

Waste:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Recycling:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Yard Waste:

Varies, depending on hauler and service selected

Drop-Off Sites:

Recycling drop-offs - 28 owned and operated by City Yard waste compost site

Funding & Fees

Residents and businesses pay haulers directly for service based on the service they select and rate quoted by hauler

Policies, Mandates & Special Services

Corrugated cardboard banned from disposal April 1, 2018

Waste Reduction and Recycling Assistance Program (WRRAP) rebates organizations for 50% (up to \$750) for recycling and composting service startup, including six months of collection service, container costs, site improvements, and education materials

City provides no-fee benefits including on-site business consultation services, Recycle Lincoln Leadership Recognition Program, and education materials for haulers to distribute to customers

Lincoln, Nebraska

Population (2017) 284,736

Diversion Rate 21%

Service Provider

Private haulers, selected by customer