



## **MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

Prepared for: **Naperville City Council**

By: City Manager's office

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### **A. MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM**

**Source:**

1. Dick Dublinski  
Director of Public Works

**Subject:**

Recycling Carts

**Action:**

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**CITY OF NAPERVILLE  
MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 14, 2024

**TO:** Doug Krieger, City Manager

**FROM:** Dick Dublinski, Director of Public Works

**SUBJECT: Recycling Carts**

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**Purpose:**

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on changes to the recycling cart program.

**Background:**

The Department of Public Works (DPW) manages the mandatory recycling cart program which was established in 2015 as part of the residential curbside recycling collection program. As part of that program, recycling carts must be used by all residents receiving curbside recycling services. At the time the recycling program was put in place, current residents were given a recycling cart. Residents can now purchase a City-issued 96-, 64-, or 35-gallon recycling cart for home delivery on the City's website. Since the inception of the program, more than 7,000 additional recycling carts have been sold.

**Discussion:**

The City's contract with Cascade Engineering is ending in April 2024. Before entering into a new contract for recycling carts, DPW evaluated factors such as cart quality, ease of inventory control, and the fact that the majority of carts delivered at the start of the program will be completing their ten-year warranty at the end of 2024.

Given these factors, DPW intends to purchase carts through Otto Environmental, the same company used to purchase refuse carts, through a cooperative purchase. The refuse carts are much sturdier and DPW has seen substantially fewer repairs needed for refuse carts than recycling carts. In addition, recycling carts and refuse carts are currently different sizes and prices. By ordering all of the carts from Otto Environmental, DPW can improve the quality of the carts sold to the residents and standardize the carts and pricing.

Residents can choose from a 95-gallon cart for \$63, a 68-gallon cart for \$57 or a 35-gallon cart for \$43. The new recycling carts will be green with a blue lid which will distinguish them from the all green refuse carts. Residents with the existing blue carts will not need to switch to the new carts. DPW will work with the Communications team to educate residents about the changes to the recycling cart program.

**Recommendation:**

Please distribute this information to the City Council in the Manager's Memorandum.