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Subject: Organics program
Meeting (if known):
Comments:

I have subscribed to the green bin for several years. As council considers garbage and organics, please consider this:

1. We clean up a lot of leaves from the street and lawn that come from city trees, usually 16 large plastic bags. The contents of 2 bags fill the green bin. Green bin pickup should be weekly in the fall instead of every other week ending at the end of October.
2. Leaves that don't go into the green bin end up in the garbage bin in the following weeks. If you want to keep organics out of the landfill, provide more frequent pickup of organics in the fall.
3. Don't penalize citizens who try to do the right thing with leaves that come from city trees. Last year I paid \$55 for the green bin pickup. I'm told it will be at least \$75 for 2019. Help us divert organics by not making the fee for the green bin unaffordable.
4. Transporting bags of leaves on our own to the compost depot is not an option. Scattering leaves in the back alley might become the best option then when trying to keep them out of the landfill.
5. We use our own compost bin during the summer but it can't handle the large amount of leaves from the city curbs and front areas.

Finally, I understand that 60% of the material that goes to the landfill is from commercial construction projects, yet the citizens seem to be told that it is all their fault that the landfill is filling up. Is there a need to have a separate landfill that contains only construction materials? I assume this would be handled differently than one which handles household and medical garbage.

I do not wish to speak at Council however I do want this message forwarded to Cynthia Block for Ward 6 and to the other Councillors.

Thank you,

Al Willems

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/274125>