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The City of Morrison will be requesting proposals for refuse services this summer. We are interested in your thoughts and insight on how to best implement a service that is the most efficient and cost-effective for our residential customers. We are taking a simple, preliminary survey by means of your water bills to help us accomplish that, and we need your help.

First, a summary of the service contract currently in place and carried out by Moring Disposal. Moring disposal will, for a charge of \$11.10 per month:

1. Weekly curbside collection of up to three plastic bags of garbage, up to 30 pounds per bag; and, bulky waste and large items will also be picked up at no additional cost.
2. Pick up of “white goods” such as refrigerators, stoves, washing machines / dryers and dishwashers can be picked up by arrangement for an additional fee of \$25 to \$45.
3. Weekly curbside collection of all recyclable materials placed in the 18 gallon bin or otherwise secured in additional containers.
4. One annual pickup of live evergreen Christmas trees.
5. Seasonal pick up of an unlimited amount of yard waste placed at the curb in kraft paper bags or approved containers not to exceed 35 pounds per bag or container. Several noteworthy points bear consideration:
 - A. The addition of unlimited seasonal yard waste and fall leaf pick up for all residents added a nominal monthly cost of about \$2.00 per customer.
 - B. By making this pick-up universal, it prevents those less civic-minded individuals from dumping grass clippings off in parks or along country roads or placing bags in front of someone else’s home in the middle of the night.
 - C. The options of either charging a per-bag fee (usually about \$1.50 per bag in other communities and Morrison before the change in practice) or an annual subscription fee (usually around \$70 - \$75 per year in other communities) both exacerbate the problem of “midnight dumpings” of leaves and grass clippings around and outside of town.

Secondly, options for consideration for the new contract for refuse services, to be determined by competitive bid for the lowest cost, highest value service. The request for proposals we will provide to interested refuse haulers will include the above list of services plus an alternate proposal for use of **Wheeled Toters** as follows:

1. The provision of a 90 to 95 gallon wheeled toter for garbage; and,
2. The addition of a 60 – 65 gallon tote for recyclable materials.

For the preliminary survey, please mark your water bill with your preference for bags or totes and return it to City Hall. The question is as follows:

Mark your preference for refuse: refuse, recycling, yard waste service as presently provided; or as is, with wheeled totes for refuse and recycling; or, greater emphasis on recycling. See www.morrisonil.org for further details.

The attached image shows 95, 65, and 45 gallon wheeled totes.

