



## City Expands Partnership with DSI for Trash and Recycling in 2022

Farmington has a long history of providing solid waste service to the community dating back to the 1940s. City Code 7-1-2 requires all refuse to be collected, conveyed and disposed of by the city. The city has provided this service using city-operated trash collection and contracted recycling collection partnering with Dick's Sanitation Inc. (DSI) since the mid-90s.

New state and county requirements provide that all haulers provide **weekly recycling collection starting in 2022**. To meet these requirements the city updated its trash and recycling contracts to incorporate the new changes. In addition, the city will be expanding on the existing partnership with DSI and the Red Wing Resource Recovery Facility to transition trash collection to DSI. This partnership maintains a cost-effective approach for trash to be used at a waste-to-energy facility and out of landfills.

Generally, residents will not notice a change in service through the transition outside of the frequency of collection for recycling. Below are some Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) you may have as the transition occurs. Included in this packet is a brochure from DSI on the services they provide for Farmington customers as well as a cling that notes the holiday schedule for 2022. Peel the back off the cling and stick it somewhere you'll see to remind you of the holidays. You can move the cling to a new spot by peeling and re-sticking it.

### Why are we going to weekly recycling?

To be in compliance with state and county requirements all haulers in Dakota County must provide weekly recycling service to their customers starting in 2022.

### What does this mean for me?

DSI will be completing all trash and recycling collections beginning Jan. 1, 2022. DSI will be responsible for providing all residential sanitation services, including collection, disposal and billing. Most of the transition will happen behind the scenes. However, residents are asked to verify their account information prior to 2022 for the billing transition to DSI.

### How do I verify my account information?

Simply verify your account information by using the online form. You can also sign up for automatic bill pay and enroll in service notifications to remind you of your service days and holiday changes. Either visit [FarmingtonMN.gov/Verify](https://FarmingtonMN.gov/Verify) or use the QR code to the right to navigate you to link.



You can also use the form in the enclosed brochure and mail the information directly to DSI at the following address:

**Dick's Sanitation, Inc.**  
**PO BOX 769**  
**Lakeville, MN 55044**

### Will I get new trash carts?

No. As part of the contract, DSI is purchasing the existing trash carts owned by the city and will continue to use those existing carts for waste collection.

### Will my trash pickup day change?

The vast majority of trash and recycling routes will remain the same with DSI in 2022. If changes to your route become necessary, you will be notified of that change in advance.

### What is the pricing for 2022?

Generally, there will be a \$4 increase from the current rates that provide for every other week recycling. The schedule incorporates a 3% annual escalator. The quarterly residential combined trash and recycling rates for the first 5-year term of the contract are listed below.

Container Size	Current Rates	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
35 Gallon	\$62.16	\$66.21	\$68.20	\$70.24	\$72.35	\$74.52
65 Gallon	\$77.03	\$81.09	\$83.52	\$86.03	\$88.61	\$91.27
95 Gallon	\$90.54	\$94.59	\$97.43	\$100.35	\$103.36	\$106.46

### When will I get my first bill?

Billing will transition from a city service on your utility bill to a direct bill from DSI. Farmington currently bills for service after it has been provided. The first quarter of the city utility bills in 2022 will include amounts for services provided through the end of 2021.

All customers will be transitioned to payment through DSI on the same quarter in 2022. The city will be funding the first quarter trash and recycling bill in January through the sale of the city solid waste assets. The first bill residents will receive from DSI will be for the second quarter of 2022 (April to June service) and will arrive mid to late March.

### What if I have more questions?



Check out the city's website for the most current information. Use the QR code at the left to take you to the website or use the following link: [FarmingtonMN.gov/Recycling](https://FarmingtonMN.gov/Recycling).

If you have specific questions regarding the transition or any city billing inquiries, please call the city at **651-280-6800**.

For questions regarding service or account verification with DSI, call them directly at **952-469-2239**.