

## STAFF REPORT

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**TO:** Natural Resources Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Solid Waste Rate Study Yard Material Pile Scenarios

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*As provided to the Utility Rate Advisory Commission*

### **Recommendation**

Informational only

### **Fiscal Impact**

There are no fiscal impact results for the compilation of this report; necessary staff time is already budgeted. Should the Commission determine the consultant should model additional options for the level of Yard Material Collections Service, additional funding will be necessary.

### **Council Goal(s)**

**Pursue Environmental Sustainability:** Specifically within Objective 3, to Conserve Resources in an Environmentally Responsible Manner; Task F: Explore, quantify and prioritize ways to improve the long-term environmental impacts and costs of our waste system and align them with the City's conservation goals.

### **Background and Analysis**

There are many items included in the calculation of the city's rates for Solid Waste service, including the city's cost for the program (staffing, contract maintenance, outreach), the haulers cost of service, landfill tipping fees, etc. that make up the full cost of the service to the consumer. The component that receives the most attention in the community, and is one of the larger costs associated with Solid Waste, is the yard material on-street collection program. Currently, the city of Davis's waste hauler, Recology, collects yard materials two ways; in the organic bins on a weekly basis, and loose in the street, at various times per year depending on the "leaf season" or "non-leaf season" schedule.

Since the introduction of the organics program in 2016, the city has received extensive feedback and commentary from the community on the timing of the on-street yard material collection. In late 2016 and early 2017, a significant storm event contributed to the conversation around the timing of the collection, with many residents finding the monthly pickups in January and February did not accommodate the amount of debris left over from the storm. As city staff had already begun to review current Solid Waste Rates and associated components, the review focus turned to the loose on-street pickup, the schedule of the pickup, and the costs associated with the program.

In December 2017, the URAC was presented with a list of possible loose in the street (LITS) pickup service alterations and modifications to review and evaluate for inclusion in the full study. This draft summary included thirteen options for modification, including:

- Keep the LITS Collection Program As Is - Do Not Change
- Eliminate the LITS Collection Program Entirely
- Modify the LITS Collection Program
  - Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Maintain Current Leaf Season Weekly Schedule
  - Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Extend Leaf Season Weekly Collection Schedule
  - Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Biweekly Collection During Leaf Season
  - Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Monthly Collection During Leaf Season
  - Keep Non-Leaf Season Collection - Extend Leaf-Season Weekly Collection Schedule
  - Biweekly Collection Year-Round
  - Monthly Collection Year-Round
  - On Demand Pile Pickup
  - Neighborhood-Based Collection Schedule
  - Opt-In Yard Material Pile Collection

*Note: "Leaf Season" is defined as mid-October through mid-December.*

*"Non Leaf Season" is defined as mid-December through mid-October*

During the review in December, members of the URAC requested the city prepare and utilize a survey to get a better feel of how customers would respond to different options, and how they use the current system. In order to narrow down the choices and simplify the survey, staff requested the URAC members rank each option from highest to lowest priority. In February 2018, the commission moved forward with the ranking and worked with staff to determine the top five options for modification of the collection program to include in the survey along with the options to keep the same service, or eliminate the service. The options chosen were as follows:

*Modify the LITS Collection Program*

- Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Maintain Current Leaf Season Weekly Schedule
- Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Extend Leaf Season Weekly Collection Schedule
- Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Biweekly Collection During Leaf Season
- Eliminate LITS Collection During Non-Leaf Season - Monthly Collection During Leaf Season
- On Demand Pile Pickup

The additional option of keeping the current pickup, but extending the leaf season by four weeks, was also added based on staff recommendation.

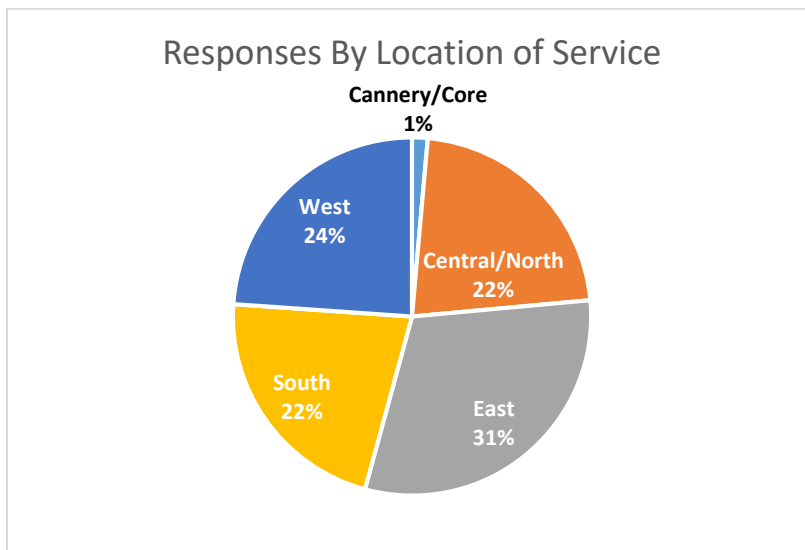
- Keep Non-Leaf Season Collection - Extend Leaf-Season Weekly Collection Schedule

With the options chosen, staff and a representative of the commission worked together to develop the community survey, which was released in April. Open for one month, the survey received 1,134 responses. Preliminary results were submitted to the Commission at the May meeting.

## **Results**

### **Locations of Responses**

The responses came from nearly all areas of the city (based on reported day of service), with the highest percentage (roughly 30%) coming from the eastern side of Davis. The smallest percentage of response is from the areas with no on-street loose material pickup, the Cannery and downtown core areas of town. As the survey was geared towards those who receive on street loose material pickup, it is perhaps not a surprise that the number of responses from the area without this service is so low.



### **Use of Carts**

By in large, the responses show weekly use of the organics cart. More than half of the respondents (nearly 64%) reported using their carts every week for yard materials, while the majority (80%) reported use at least every other week. Overall, the cart will accommodate the materials the majority of the time, with 68% of households reporting they have enough space in the cart at least most of the time, versus 32% reporting only half or less of the materials fit. Based on the survey, yard materials would not fit in the cart only 3-4 times per year, and generally this time is Fall (September-November). The breakdown by location is included in the table below, with the highest percentage response listed:

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Location	How often do you use your organics cart	Percentage	Does your organics cart fit all of your yard materials	Percentage	How often do materials not fit	Percentage	When do materials not fit	Percentage
Cannery/Core	Every week	31%	Most of the Time	38%	N/A - Materials Fit	44%	N/A - Materials Fit	44%
Central/North	Every week	61%	Most of the Time	60%	3 to 4 Times Per Year	37%	Spring, Fall, Winter	24%
East	Every week	59%	Most of the Time	60%	3 to 4 Times Per Year	39%	Fall, Spring	16%
South	Every week	69%	Most of the Time	65%	3 to 4 Times Per Year	37%	Spring, Fall, Winter	20%
West	Every week	69%	Most of the Time	60%	3 to 4 Times Per Year	39%	Spring, Fall, Winter	25%

Households could select multiple options for the seasons when yard materials would not fit, which accounts for the lower percentages of each option. For those times that the cart was full, respondents most often used the on-street pile collection (12%) than other methods, such as hiring a private hauler or composting.

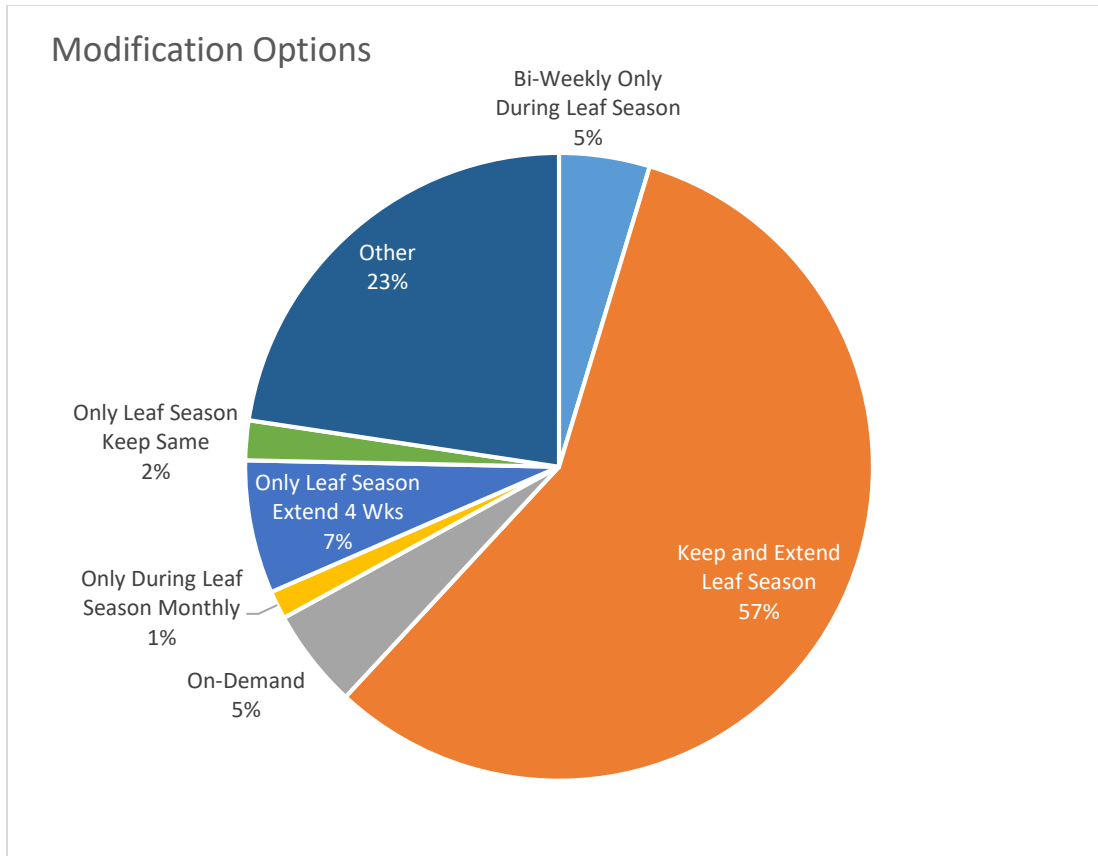
When broken down for monthly vs. weekly on the street service use, households reported using the monthly service on a monthly basis, with 39% of the total responses. The second largest percentage, 25%, reported use of the service almost every month. Weekly service during leaf season mirrors monthly, with the majority of households (39%) reporting weekly use of the weekly pickup, and 31% reporting almost every week usage.

Households are reporting consistent usage of the organic carts for yard materials, and report that most often the materials fit. They are also reporting, however, that they utilize the weekly or monthly loose in the street yard material pickup on a regular basis as well. This would imply that either the cart does not fit all of the yard materials as often as reported (respondents are using an average, or guess), or they utilize the cart and the loose in the street collections for different types of yard materials (for example, use of the cart for grass clippings and leaves, and the loose in the street pickup for branches and other large debris).

### Should the Service Change?

When asked for a preference between the three options of keeping the loose in street service as is, modifying the service, or eliminating the service, the total households responding to the survey indicated a clear preference for modifying the existing service. The percentage breakdown, of roughly 25% to keep the service the same, 60% for modification, and under 10% for elimination, is consistent by response location in town as well, aside from the areas that do not receive the service, which show equal responses to each option.

With the majority of responses for modification of the service, the next question is what type of modifications, of the options included by the URAC in the survey, received the most responses. Of the choices offered, the clear choice is keeping the current loose in the street pickup schedule, but extending the leaf season by an additional four weeks, into January. See chart below.



The second highest response of the options given in the survey was to eliminate the loose on the street pickup during non-leaf season, but extend the “leaf season” pickup by four weeks, into January.

As shown on the chart above, 23% of the responses indicated Other as the preferred option for modification of the loose in the street pickup. The responses in this category vary, and a portion of the respondents would like to return to weekly on the street pile pickup. Bi-weekly and monthly year-round collection of the loose in the street yard materials was presented as an option to consider by the consultant in the beginning of the selection process in December of last year. In the rankings provided by the URAC, and subsequent staff recommendations, to determine survey options, neither of those options were selected for inclusion in this survey. The options likely were not chosen for a number of reasons, including cost, and environmental concerns, particularly related to stormwater quality, and compliance with state stormwater permits.

In addition, some consistent comments included the following (the full comments are included as Attachment 1):

- Some respondents see the introduction of the organics program in 2016, and specifically the alteration of the loose in the street pickup schedule, as a reduction in service
- Residents voiced concerns around having to schedule yardwork around the collection times
- There were requests for more frequent street sweeping, and street sweeping after the loose in the street pickup
- Issues were raised related to enforcement (piles on the street too early, too long, etc.)
- Concerns were voiced regarding the use of carts (too heavy, difficult to store etc.)

- The need for special pickups for Christmas trees (into January)

### **Next Steps**

Based on the results from the survey, and the prior work done by the URAC, staff recommend the following options for loose in the street yard material pickup for inclusion in the Solid Waste Rate Model:

1. No change to loose in the street yard material pile collection service
2. Keep current schedule, but extend leaf season weekly collection schedule by four weeks
3. Only collect during leaf season, and extend season by four weeks
4. Eliminate loose in the street yard material pile collection service

While the choice to eliminate the service was not ranked highly by the community responses, it provides an important comparison of the costs of service for the program. Comparing the cost of solid waste service without loose in the street collection to the cost of yard material pile collection options gives perspective on the actual costs for ratepayers for the service.

After the URAC gives their recommendation of options for inclusion in the rate study, staff and the consultant will work to complete the next draft of the study, which will return to the URAC in July.

### **Attachments**

1. Comments Received on Yard Material Pile Collection Survey

## ATTACHMENT 1

### Survey Comments - All Questions

#### Comments for Question 9

*If you did not use the on-street yard material pile collection, what was the reason?*

*Other, please explain.*

- When available, all neighbors and landscapers are using street pickup. Often times others leave piles for weeks between pickups.
- I did not get a chance to collect trimmings
- My condo assoc charges us a fortune; yard work is included.
- When it isn't consistently the same time every week, every month, I sometimes forget what the schedule is and have to go look it up. When it is only once a month, I often cannot do it on that one day it is allowed, so I have to wait for the next month while my debris sits in piles in the backyard. I hate it.
- I do not dump leaves, only pruning and downed branches
- i was not at home that week
- Often my weekend schedule didn't fit the collection week schedule so I had to skip until the following month.
- Didn't have enough
- Our greatest need occurs from December through March, with pruning and leaf-drop.
- We are a multi-family community that does landscape work as needed. Some weeks - no street waste. Other weeks LOTS.
- leaves hadn't fallen yet
- my yard person doesn't always know when the pick up is and he comes too early in the week so that you give me notices that my yard waste is not allowed to be dumped at the curb. EXTREMELY ANNOYING!
- It is too far away from me. I have to haul it about 100 yards
- Landscaper uses the street pile pick up system
- i use on street for tree and bush branches leaves etc
- We are away June - mid-Sept. we have a gardenening service every 2 weeks, but do not know how they handle the disposal of yard waste.
- I did use it even though I used the cart AND compost at home.
- Timing of once weekly is lousy for trees losing leaves. Our 2 large mulberriea generally lose the majority of leaves after the once weekly pickup ends. Extend weekly pickup to last through end of January, or shift the period to start in Nov & run through Feb. Otherwise we are happy with the new program.
- I forgot it was collection day.
- I compost everything but woody material (mostly pruning in winter, after the frequent pick-up period)
- Not available in El Macero. It should be.
- The pick-up season does not fully match the leaf drop season of my mulberry tree, grape vine or wisteria.
- I time my gardening to the on street pile collection and fill up my cart and sometimes my neighbors carts too.
- I ALWAYS USE ON STREET PICK UP. IT IS MY GOD GIVEN RIGHT
- We use it after our trees start dropping leaves or if we have a special pruning

- I love on XXXXX St and the city doesn't pick up- but I would use it once a week. I hate this new system.
- Limited space on street
- we are lazy and rarely do yard work. We work too much
- Did not meet my garden clean up schedule, so could not leave pile on the street for weeks
- The leaves weren't falling in October and much of November.
- we put our yard waste out every week -- & Wish it was picked up at least a week or two more in December
- We sometime put branches and leaves on the street in fall because it's easier than hauling them to the back yard
- It's too confusing.
- Ni yard, just annual christmas tree
- In the winter I have to borrow my neighbor's carts and also stockpile all my yard trimmings when they don't fit in multiple carts.
- My gardener almost always uses the street.
- We should go back to weekly pickups. This new system is a total mess and very poorly run. The city randomly decides to skip pickups, decided on their own without asking us to reduce pickups while keeping our rates the same or higher. We want weekly pickups. We pay for weekly pickups. Give up this ridiculousness and go back to weekly pickups. It's what we want and you work for US, we don't exist to serve you and your whimsical decisions.
- Sometimes monthly pickup schedule doesn't work out
- The weekly pick up is not when I need it - I have most my yard waste in Jan/Feb when I do pruning and rake leaves. Sadly we don't have weekly yard collection then so I have to either stockpile in my side yard which attracts rats or throw all extra that can't fit in the Organics bin in the garbage. I now send more organics to the landfill than I did before the program which is opposite the intent of the program.
- Our location is not allowed to use on-street collection service.
- I forgot which day it was and missed it
- Occasionally I could get it all into bin and didn't need street pick up
- I mostly use the on street option but for a time my hired help didn't want to use it. He no longer works for me.
- I use it all the time because i do a lot of gardening, and also maintain a big common area shared with my neighbors.
- For the once a month, I try to coincide my yard work but not always successful so I put it off.
- The leaves and winter trimming occur all December through January. October is too early.
- Need more pickups with claw
- we trim bushes once a year and place in carton or on street
- It is so infrequent that it is hard to keep track of when you can put stuff in the street. Sometimes we now have to have a gardener come who can haul away yard waste, other times we just put it in the trash. It is always a pain. Always.
- If it fit in my organics bin I didn't use on street pile.
- most of my yard waste would be difficult to fit into the cart. It would require cutting it up into small pieces and/or cramming it in with considerable force.
- traveling out of town
- weekly collection needs to happen in the spring too
- Need a weekly collection in the Spring (e.g., Apr/May



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- The only time I don't use it is when I am out of town and haven't generated yard waste that week
- We use both our bin and on street pick up. There's never enough space in the bin and we have to store our yard waste in our driveway while waiting for the next pick up or hire someone to haul it away. It is a disaster for us. Plus we ride our bikes every day and the sporadic pick up makes the bike lanes much more dangerous and have much more debris.
- I have a city pine tree that generates pine needles year round
- I didn't have time to get trimmings out....
- Too difficult to figure out the rules
- I use the on-street yard material pile collection but our piles were/are often NOT picked up on the designated day.
- I wish it was every week year round.
- The timing of street pickup didn't match leaf drop
- Took green waste to the dump myself because generate trimmings throughout the month can't wait for the beginning of the month to dispose off.
- I use it if I have more than will fit in the cart
- clipping fruit trees and other shrubs generates too much for the bins
- I do not rake leaves each week during the fall
- sometimes our bin was large enough to not need the street pick up. Twice we stored our extra that did not fit in bin until the next week.
- It occurs too late in the year
- Big trees on property shed like a dog. Can curb stuff every other day.
- Our gardener deposits material in the street occasionally
- Weekly pick up ends 6 weeks too soon.
- It's difficult to keep track of the pick-up date and then coordinate with landscaping chores.
- I love this service and wish it was more available.
- I use my neighbors bins and I stockpile until my cart has space.
- We have a large front, side, and back garden plus the green belt behind us.
- Dumb question as I use on street collection
- I was unable to do the necessary yard work do to health
- I greatly appreciate this service as we live on half an acre and garden a lot. Many things cannot be composted, like weeds with seeds, rose clippings and the constant pruned branches.
- I use on-street yard material collection as much as I can. I would use it every week if I could. Every year a tree falls or I have significant branches, etc. that fall on my property from my house or from other's. The City of Davis yard waste collection does not serve my needs and the bin provided to me is completely useless. It is too small and too difficult for me to handle. Quite honestly, that bin just sits in my side yard and takes up a lot of space. I think the City of Davis needs to re-evaluate its yard waste collection plan. It is not working. We have too many large trees in our town to deal with so little collection. Not to mention, residents are paying a PRETTY PENNY for the service that I am not getting anything out of.
- I use my large container from you, so do not need to put in street. I do not like that most street piles I see could have been put in the containers. I understand large tree trimming issues but I do not under why other citizens are not using container
- mulch mower
- We dump our grass clippings on a bare patch of soil next to the driveway

**Comments for Question 11**

*If the City modifies the current yard material pile collection program, which of the following options would you prefer? (Please select one option) - Other*

- On-street collection every two weeks from 1/15 to 6/15 would be an improvement. Leaves fall past 12/15.
- Would be nice to increase weekly on street pick ups to mid January
- I think there might be some discretion to start a bit later with weekly but to also have twice monthly during pruning season in winter
- garbage rates are too expensive!
- Please add more pickups. We have more yard waste than the bin can hold nearly every week.
- Fall and winter leaf pickup as well as deciduous tree pruning requires weekly cleanup that cannot possibly fit into a cart.
- Very leading question here as clearly you want to stop on street pick up and decreasing rates for this will certainly have folks checking that box. And no option to say I want more frequent pick ups. Only more OR LESS frequent pick ups in the box that I checked. I would indeed like more frequent pick ups
- For me and anyone who has mulberry trees on their property, extending the weekly pickup to mid January would be VERY helpful. Mulberries do not finish dropping til then, and the final weeks around the winter holidays can be quite heavy, leaf-wise.
- Weekly on street collection should continue thru January. Too many leaves to deal with otherwise.
- Fruit trees and roses are pruned in January, so it would be great to have weekly pick up at least through January.
- In 2017 the leaf fall started earlier than October, that is when there was more debris than my cart could hold.
- Go back to what we had before. This way is much more expensive for us because we have to hire someone to haul away debris which we didn't have to do before or we have a pile of debris in our driveway waiting for the next monthly pick up. Plus we are much more likely to throw away yard waste because we always have space in our garbage can.
- I believe that if you picked up every other week year round there should not be any extra fees
- Make the pickup for leaves later. My 50 year old trees start dropping as the weekly pick up stops. Woodland has a better schedule. And with the decrease of services, we've never gotten an reduction in price. This should not cost us anymore. I don't mind if pickup which is supposed to be Thursday, happens on Wednesday since I know now that you will pick up again on Thursday. I was very upset that after waiting three months to get my arborist here to trim, that his work was rushed on a Wednesday when the piles were picked up early. I didn't get my full pruning as a result and that made me very unhappy.
- I wish when there are renters there was a way to encourage them to use the program more
- Weekly pickups should go from mid-October to mid-January due to xmas trees and other wintertime leaf pickup.
- I'd like to encourage residents to decrease yard materials leaving their property. Too much unneeded trimming going on in landscapes.

- I live in XXXXXX where we have large backyards. My neighbor has old fan palms that drop large sharp debris. I would rather have alternate weeks throughout the year than monthly for so much of the year.
- As a serious walker, I cannot imagine the bikers who lobbied for the abolition of weekly piles are happy with those gigantic monthly piles!!! We would pay more for the return of weekly piles, yes indeed.
- On street collection should continue through December. Also, the first 2 weeks of January should have on street collection to take care of all of the Christmas trees that stay on the streets until the first week of February.
- It would be nice if the City actually kept to the schedule but we have noticed on our street that frequently the piles are not picked up according to schedule. This makes us feel as if the money we are already paying for this service is not actually leading to the service being provided. It creates quite a bit of angst in our household.
- Decrease rates to home owners who don't use the recycle bins.
- Extend the weekly on-street collection through the end of December.
- The once a week does not work for the parts of Davis with huge city trees and large yards. Many city trees drop leaves thru Dec and January. We need on street pick up for that.
- More frequently
- Prolong the once a week on-street pile collection to last into at least the end of January
- The piles are dangerous to cyclists and are often out from the day after pickup in my neighborhood. Either enforce the ordinance, or get rid of the piles!
- We need weekly pick up Oct to March, the leaves never stop falling from the irritating (respiratoraly) sycamores. We need street cleaning the same week and just after. Right now the dust and debris are blown into the street and back out by traffic daily, it is a terrible respiratory problem and it all goes into the drain water.
- I think we should modify the fall on-street pickup, January really still needs weekly pick-up, and we probably don't need to begin weekly pick-ups until November.
- Twice monthly on street pickups would serve my purposes better, due to the extensive gardening I do.
- I would the City to eliminate on-street collection and provide additional green waste bins for residents who need them. Compared to other cities Davis looks like a mess with all the yard waste in the streets. Eliminating on-street collection would also keep debris out of the storm sewer system.
- Delete weekly pickup in Oct and extend weekly pickup through Dec-mid Jan. When it started the City said no rate increase would result from adding compost cart. I did not believe that and now see the City says rates will likely increase if the service is continued. The City's credibility has decreased again.
- Please go back to once a week.
- Maybe have on-street pile collection less frequently
- The city should schedule additional or "emergency" on site street pickup after strong wind storms often happening between December and February
- The winter program should be extended through the end of December to accommodate late leaf drops like this past year.

- street piles are necessary for larger prunings and most residents need to prune trees and shrubs multiple times a year.
- With the previous change in street pickup, there was a corresponding change in street sweeping. Street sweeping no longer follows street pile pickup the next day. Street sweeping should return to a cycle of the day after every day of street pile pickup.
- The rolling bins were a great change. Makes gardening easier to roll the trimmings to pick up site. Will still need curb side pile pick ups on occasion.
- run program later into fall
- Neighbors place materials in the street weeks before the scheduled winter pick ups. Either they are aware of the schedule or they ignore it.
- It occurs later than when I need it.
- Increase on street pile pick ups
- Streets look terrible throughout the city during late fall and winter months.
- Need the weekly pickup to extend farther into December to get all the fall leaves and Winter prunings
- If residents need two bins, let them purchase two or more... reduce carbon truck emissions and save money... and cleaner streets.
- Modify to make it every 3 weeks Dec-Oct and biweekly the other 2 months
- I would be willing to pay a rate increase to have the pick-ups be more frequent - I especially feel they need to be weekly from early October through mid-January
- might be nice to be more frequent during trimming season
- Increase street pile pick up to twice a month.
- Elimination not only would decrease costs, but reduce carbon emissions from additional equipment, reduce bike and tripping hazards, and keep debris from washing into storm drains.
- You start weekly collection too early for leaf fall and quit too soon. Need it to extend 2-3 weeks further in December
- An on-call system would work for us.
- There needs to be flexibility. It started too early due to weather conditions. Leaves didn't fall until late.
- shift beginning of weekly p/u to start November and end February
- Extend the on street collection into January. My trees, Bradford Pears, are still dropping in late December.
- Once-a-week pickup should be continued into early January for late leaf-fall, or for when rain prohibits clean-up.
- I'd rather go back to how it was before the brown cans.
- This option only works if there are alternatives for persons with disabilities, and if there is a place for anyone to take excess compostables, perhaps for a fee.
- The 'leaf fall' season needs to be extended through February. Many trees don't drop their leaves until after Christmas (depending on the year and the weather) including a huge oak in the greenbelt behind our house. Those of us with families, aging, and working families can necessarily do all the clean up in the one weekend before pick up. The calendar for weekly pick-up is extremely unrealistic if you actually take care of a garden and know when the plants are dropping leaves or needing pruning.

- weekly on-street pick up should be extended through mid-January
- We like having the yard pile collection service, but think it could be reduced in the fall to every other week rather than weekly.
- need on-street collection through mi-January. Large trees are still shedding leaves & Christmas decor includes more greenery than can fit in bins.
- Definitely need more frequent on-street pickups (the weekly system was ideal) -- leaves fall \*all\* year long, not just in Autumn (I actually have more leaves come down in the summer). As well, not everyone can or wants to do yardwork every weekend in order to have everything fit in the bin. Also impractical to roll out the huge bin each week just to have a few kitchen scraps picked up (also not realistic/practical to leave the scraps for weeks at a time in the bin).
- Leaves continue to fall after mid-December and clog the drains so weekly pick up from street ends too soon; could start later
- The current program works really well for our house.
- Could or would?
- I don't need on-street pile collection every month
- My neighbors' gardening services almost always leave piles on the street rather than putting leaves and mowed grass into the compost bins. The ultimate effect are yard waste piles that linger for weeks until the monthly street pickup. I'd also like to see more frequent street cleanings because little pieces of trash always seem to fall out of the garbage trucks making the roads look littered after garbage days. Combined with the wind blowing yard waste from piles around the street my street can look pretty gross.
- There hasn't been a question about this yet, but the street sweeping schedule is not good. I'd prefer to have it done the day after yard waste piles are picked up, not the following week, and weekly (like it used to be) would be even BETTER!
- The only time we use the on street option is for our Christmas tree. If there was a Christmas tree pick up at the beginning of January I'd be fine for eliminating the on street pile the rest of the year. Our waste fits in the bin.
- People still throw material on the street 2 weeks before the collection date.
- More frequent pick up in Dec and January
- More frequently needed. I use it and need more frequent yard waste pick-up from the street.
- Modify to have more frequent pickups during pruning season January to February
- I live on a double-lot with a large yard. I can fill the compost bin within about thirty minutes, and it hardly makes a dent in yard waste. For example, sticky week is starting to seed right now; I've been filling the bin every week, and am not able to keep up with it. On windy days, the palm trees drop twelve-foot fronds; this doesn't always coincide with street pick-up, so I've been leaving them on the sidewalk or median strip where they fall. These comments don't even take into consideration pruning of trees and bushes. The current schedule also demands that I have to carve out 3-5 days before street pick-ups to do any major pruning, and there's a lot of pruning to be done in our yard.
- Can we put the yard material along with the garbage if we eliminate the on-street collection?

- Increase the number of on-street pick-ups throughout the year
- Put the pick ups back the way you had them before. Once a week. There shouldn't be a difference in the cost since you already raised the rates. Your current system is not working. I realize the city was concerned about bikes, but there is plenty of room on all the streets, including mine, for the bikes to go around the debris.
- I am 83 yrs. old with many palm trees and others. They come down in storms which now seem to be in Jan. Feb. & Mar. Your schedule ignores this. I can't cut this material up and it doesn't fit the big can anyway.
- The only reason I opt for elimination is to keep the system simple and so yard waste doesn't interfere with bicyclists. I keep extra yard waste in my driveway until the next week. Then I put it in the container.
- We need on street collection through December.
- For those of us living in older areas, there is leaf and branch drop, yard pruning, etc. that occurs far more than in Oct-Dec. The bins are too small to fit all that raking/pruning when there is weekly upkeep that fills the bins much of the year. This has been a problem since the new program was started. We live on XXXXX Ave with lots of bikes and lots of very large trees. Our street, as a collector street, should have a weekly street pickup starting September 1 thru mid-January and every two weeks for the rest of the year.
- We mostly need On-Street for big limbs, etc. We may have to deal with them at any time of year.
- it's a mess most cites don't do it. El Macero doesn't. piles invite other waste such a beverage containers, dog waste, other trash. out-town visitors are astounded. once people see that street waste is permitted the don't pay attention to the fine points of what and when. human nature. waste is thrown in the streets hours after the pickup time. have custom pickups available by appointment or use a yard service. People will figure it out in time! Good luck. people are used to being coddled in Davis.
- We need bi-monthly on-street pickups, and weekly street cleaning. The streets were very dirty last summer. Far too much dust in the air.
- Is it possible for those of us who need weekly pick up to pay a surcharge on our city bill? I'm not always able to schedule my landscape trimming on the once a month pick up day. I do my own landscaping and work full time. I use the cart as much as I can for food scraps and trimmings.
- extend the fall weekly pickup schedule into January to better accommodate Xmas trees and winter storm damage
- The loss of weekly pick up really limits what one can do in their yard. You end up waiting a month before trimming can happen. Also neighbors will pile yard waste near my house but I get the letter stating it can't be there even though I did not put it there.
- Needed more
- Live in XXXXX always have need for street collection of yard material
- More frequent on street pickups would easily justify a rate increase.
- People are not using the current system correctly leading to Parking issues, piles getting spread by wind or cars, stormwater issues, and general messes. Either no atreet pickup or more regular pickup preferred o current confusing and not followed system.
- Include the fist two weeks of January

- The elimination of the weekly on-street collection and weekly sweeping has resulted in the city looking messy and unkempt. In addition, the definition of "leaf drop season" doesn't match OUR climate zone at all--It should be from October through March.
- Our Mullberry trees often drop their leaves after the weekly pickup so we would like the weekly pickup extended a couple more weeks.
- My yard doesn't produce waste frequently, but when it does, it produces a lot of yard waste--mostly branches and leaves (during the fall). The current collection schedule works well for me. I could adapt to less frequent pick-up, however.
- Maybe biweekly for the entire year?
- Need a longer street collection season for those neighborhoods with lots of trees
- I hate the new carts, they are not designed for the elderly, I would like to return to the old collection were pick up was weekly.
- More pick ups.
- The cart is clumsy to use for branches. At least let us put big material in the street on non-collection weeks.
- On-street collection is vital for the older neighborhoods in Davis.
- Please change the once a week pick up to mid-January, so Christmas trees aren't on the streets for weeks at a time
- I much prefer the old system of weekly pile pick ups. I have a large back yard and good sized front yard. Between weeding and pruning trees and bushes, I have a lot of trimmings to dispose of. It never all fits in the container provided. For instance, I have been working on my yard for the past two weeks just pulling weeds. I've filled the container both weeks and still have a HUGE PILE in my backyard. It is about 7 feet long and 4 feet high. I also have large tree branches needing to be cut up and taken out. This means I have to spend each weekend waiting to refill up the container. At this rate, it just never all gets done. I am having company this weekend. We are going to be sitting out in the garden with this huge pile to look at. I hate it! I would be happy to pay more in order to be able to do yard work, put the clippings out in piles on the street and have the job D O N E! Waiting for the right week and dribbling out the project over months is not efficient or helpful. In addition, when I fill that cart, it is very heavy! I end up leaving it in the driveway half the time because I can't drag it back behind the fence when it's full.
- I think the weekly street yard pick up should start later in the year and last into January. The leaves do not fall off the trees in Davis until November.
- Probably people need this service more than once a month during the fall, especially. Street cleanup is certainly needed more than once a month during all seasons.
- Add weekly on street pick up from January thru February because that is when your roses, grapes and fruit tree are dormant and optimal for required pruning. Not all of my prunings fit in the cart so I have to handle the prunings twice by storing on my property until street pick-up week.
- Have the STREET SWEEPER come the day after the piles are collected.
- I have two redwood trees and four pine trees they shed leaves more during summer time when the on-street collection once a month and I have difficulty in fitting all the needles in the organic waste bin.

- The schedule needs to be extended to January 30th - it ends too soon.
- During leaf season, the bins are inadequate, we can't just wish the leaves away.
- The current plan does not reflect reality. Trees do not drop leaves by the calendar, it depends on the weather and the type of tree. Also, I do my own gardening and have 23 fruit trees. It is not reasonable to do all of the pruning in the two weeks each year when it is timely and possible to put the branches out! I almost killed myself trying. Also, we had rain one of the two weeks! I feel that you should talk to serious home gardeners, perhaps the Master Gardeners, and get feedback on a more gardener friendly approach. One more thing, this survey was next to impossible to find on your web page!!!!
- The once-a-week pickups should be changed to November through December. In October, there is little extra yard waste. In the last part of December, there are still leaves to be raked.
- more street pickup is needed
- Keep collection as-is, and sweep the streets the next day after the collection!!!
- I think the once a week pick-up needs to be extended into the winter -- we still had lots of leaves and trimmings after the once a week pickup had ended
  
- Need to remind people not to put waste on street too early.
- I much preferred old system. As a gardener I have a lot of plant waste, much harder to us container.
- I would cut back the weekly pick up to the first week in December not the second week in December to save money.
- We would like more frequent pick-ups, perhaps starting earlier than mid-October and lasting later than mid-December.
- I knew Davis would force the maggot cans on us and then charge us
- it seems the new system is inconvenient and inefficient
- Change to every other week for street pickups during October to February. Also, change to the 2nd week of the month. The first week collides with too many holidays. Have more on street pickups in January and February since those are big tree/shrub/rose trimming times for me. Also, mid-November through December are filled with holiday activities so I seldom make use of the on-street pickups. I don't use the cart as much as I wish either since I frequently have more waste than the cart can hold. So I'll put off my work until the street pickup week.
- Twice a month street pile pick ups would be beneficial to home owners. Also please, have the street sweepers come the day of the street pile pick ups.
- Pick up yard debris until at least January 8
- earlier weekly pick up in fall and extending winter/spring weekly street collection would be best
- Go back what it used to be with the same rates!
- Expand weekly pickups to the end of the fall leaf drop season -more like mid january
- Once a week timing needs to be adjusted to December through March to serve pruning and leaf-drop needs.
- Weekly street pile pick-up should start about 4-6 weeks later than it currently does and continue through mid-January. During the Monthly pick-up, there should be pick-up in February and March and then every other month would be adequate.
- Since the yard piles are big,dirty and unhandy I would prefer to get back to the old system. Than it is also less expensive. Or have in springtime the schedule like in October.



the Winter schedule is also to short our trees which are CITY TREES have a lot of leaves in December. If the city would trim the bushes and ivy at our fence I would have much less yard material and fence damages!

- pick up during the spring leaf drop. Not all trees drop their leaves in fall; my city owned magnolia trees drop their leaves in spring. It isn't fair that if your trees drop their leaves in spring they should be picked up just like the trees that drop their leaves in the fall. Many people do major pruning in spring and need it picked up, too.
  - Once a month piles collection is not enough during the months scheduled for such service. Twice a month would be preferable during the months where one-time collection is scheduled. Some neighbors do not read the pickup schedule and piles remain on the street for weeks. These piles get run over by cars and become impacted and then difficult to remove. We have a year-round growing and trimming season, so once a month pick up is not sufficient. I always use the organic cart first, but it can fill up fast. Thank you.
  - The program as currently structured ignores the fact that certain trees, especially live oaks and cork oak (which is widely used as a street tree), drop their leaves in MARCH-APRIL, not in autumn; there are thus TWO peak leaf-drop seasons, not just early winter.
  - We need more frequent on-street pile collection during the January-October period.
  - We have our mature trees professionally pruned every winter. We have enormous piles of yard material then which will not fit in the provided container. If you get rid of the option to pickup yard material, we will be forced to quit taking care of our yard.
  - Any on-street collection at all results in scattered piles, debris in the bike lanes or the part of the street cyclists use, and biodegrading material in the storm drains and waterways. We should containerize it all, all the time, no exceptions.
  - it would be good to extend the once or week to mid Jan or early Jan. mid Dec is too early as many trees don't dump their leaves by the last weekly pick up
  - I believe the same number of weeks would work for me, but with a later start and stop date to allow more accurately for the end of leaf fall.
  - We like the program but would like the weekly collection extended a couple of weeks longer in December.
  - Increase pickup
  - My busiest time for yard waste is in December (mostly leaves) and January (when I prune my trees and shrubs). I don't have a lot of clippings in October, so switching the months would be best
  - Extend the weekly fall to through December to perhaps Jan 15 to pick up late falling leaves and Christmas Trees.
  - For those of us in the central part of town, with big street trees, we absolutely depend on the on-street collection. How on earth would we dispose of massive piles of leaves, pruning, etc? Pile it up indefinitely and create a fire hazard?
  - More frequently extend leaf drop by 2 weeks, add every other pickup during the non leaf drop
  - street sweeper should also operate after the day of on-street collection of yard material
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- Carry it through to the end of December

- need weekly collection until first week of Jan so late falling leaves and Xmas trees can be put out. Many people I know still have leaf piles in late December and could use the weekly service.
- PLEASE extend on street pick-up into mid-January, so we can recycle our Christmas tree. We don't take our tree down until the 1st weekend in January and it's a major pain to store the tree in our backyard for 3+ weeks.
- this program seem inefficient. perhaps shop around for another vendor who can collect at a competitive rate
- weekly yard material pile pick up needs to extend through pruning season, thru January
- if regular pickup is eliminated, it would help to have a way to request/pay for pile pickup once in a while.
- We compost our leaves, so we don't always need street pick-up during leaf-drop months. We DO, however, need street pick-up during heavy pruning months (typically January and February)
- The large mulberry trees in my XXXX neighborhood continue to drop leaves through the month of January and street pick up is necessary. The past two years it has been particularly annoying that the street pick up stops right before the Winter holiday season. We are still raking leaves to and they do not fit into the container. The days are short and I cannot do yard work in the dark when I get home from work. I am a school teacher and have two weeks break at the end of December and then have time to do yard work, prune roses trees, clean up debris, rake leaves etc. and I am not able to fit the yard waste into the container. So, the leaves need to sit (killing the lawn) or sometimes I leave yard waste in the street for a week or so. It is annoying because the bikes ride in the middle of the street not near the curb. There are cars parking next to the curb and we do not have dedicated bike lanes in our XXXX neighborhood. I understand 100% that one cannot leave yard waste in a 'Bike Lane' but n
- Extend weekly on street pickup through mid-January.
- yard waste in the street for weekly collection needs to extend into mid January, or be picked up in cans 2x a week.
- The city has planted many trees, such as American Elms that do not begin dropping leaves until January, which is also an ports to pruning time. Weekly or st least bi-weekly should continue through Jan. Maybe reduce Oct to bi-weekly and add Jan bi-weekly
- The duration of once a week on street pile pickup could be extended by one or two more weeks.
- Extend the weekly on-street pickup through January, or even through February as well. There is still plenty of winter pruning to do during those months and large amounts of prunings do not fit easily into the carts.
- I have a large "city" ash that drops massive amounts of leaves through January. The bin gets full, leaving no option but to leave the mess or create piles that will sit on the street for two or three weeks.
- Please, this is ridiculous. Most landscapes in this region grow and produce trimmings. The folks I feel most sorry for are the residents, that with good intentions, removed their lawns and planted the water wise landscapes the city recommended. Those poor folks are facing the reality of constant trimmings and increased need for on street pick-up. Look around town, landscapes are either dying or completely overgrown because folks have no way to deal with the pruning waste. This new/current plan...NOT a fan.
- Please keep or increase frequency of on-street pile collection

- Garden pruning occurs in late winter after a December. Tree prunings usually don't fit into the container. On-street pick up should be done January through March.
- Make pick up twice a month as well as street sweeping.
- I garden and generate material and then look on calendar and see that I missed the monthly pickup date by a day or two. That can be frustrating.
- Please pick up the street piles the day before the carts, otherwise the street piles get in the way of the carts. Then the day after cart pickup, send the street sweepers. As a cyclist, the constant broken glass and other debris is a huge problem, sometimes requiring me to swerve into the car lane
- spring and summer months produce lots of growth and people do more yardwork--need more weekly pickups People don't adhere to schedule anyway and piles are everywhere all the time. Also, bicyclists don't know the schedules of monthly pickups so piles can appear when they weren't there the week before. So, bicycle safety isn't improved.
- Need at least twice per month
- I cut down all my oleander and clear cut all my backyard trees. front yard will be deforested this summer.
- Weekly pickups needed October-March
- I would like to see the weekly pick ups available through at least mid January. There were Christmas trees sitting in the street gutters for weeks.
- more frequent on-street and take my cart back, it doesn't hold enough when i need it, I'd rather just have street pickup
- I'm having to keep piles of vegetation in my yard for a month
- Twice a month in Spring
- shift the once per week street pickup by 2-3 weeks as I have more need in January due to pruning and continued leaf drop
- extend weekly on-street collection for two more weeks
- January needs weekly collection of on-street waste. Perhaps collect every three weeks for the remainder of the year.
- More pick-ups are needed
- Not sure we need once a week in the fall? Most fallen leaves fit in our cart, and I wouldn't mind collecting in our yard if not. Once a month or twice a week might suffice.
- We need more frequent street pick and street sweeping
- Residents should be getting some price relief for all of the mulch the city is selling. I cannot believe the city is not making money on this program.
- Move it Nov-mid-Jan.
- I would like on street pick up every other week
- We need weekly pick up though february at minimum, but all year round if at all possible.
- Please do not eliminate on-street collection!
- The only thing I ask is that the trucks come on the days of the week scheduled. They often come a day earlier.
- Every week nov thru feb
- Pick up street piles more frequently

- It's really a pain to co-ordinate removal of large branches etc. with the once a month pickup
- A few times a year during heavy leaf-fall would be good, also need to have one in early January for Christmas trees. Please pay close attention and time it for when most people take down their Christmas tree (around 1/1). Those are the only two times a year I cannot fit everything in my bin. I find the big piles unsightly and makes parking and biking on streets more difficult.
- Again, shift the weekly pickup to start later or extend through end of February.
- Put the on street back the way it was and get rid of the brown cart. then the rates can go decrease.
- Do weekly pickups through January.
- The new system is working better than I expected, however after 20+ years of being used to once a week pick up I'm still adjusting to the new system. I usually just put large branches out when I trim grapes or shrubs.
- The weekly pick-up does not currently last long enough - so there are piles in the street for weeks on end...
- why should it cost us more to go back to the same system we previously had for the same service we had?
- Davis MUST pick up yard collection piles later in January. The streets are littered with Christmas trees for weeks and week, this year brown dried trees were spotted around my neighborhood into FEBRUARY. This is a safety hazard, an eyesore, a parking nuisance and a biking challenge in addition to a disrespect of the community that must navigate these piles.
- Provide more frequent on-street pile collection
- More frequent street pile pickups
- The once a week pick up should extend into at least the second week of January to accommodate Christmas tree pickups, especially for those of us who keep the tree up through January 6, a religious holiday.
- We need more weeks of on street pile collection. The current schedule is too short. Personally, I wish you never got rid of the on-street collection, and I ride a bike!
- On demand service for a cost used to be available in El Macero. Please reinstitute.
- Go back to once a week all year. It varies some, but nobody remembers when pickup will be. So huge piles sit for weeks.
- Add more on-street pile clean-up after Christmas when people put their Christmas trees out. Also, this survey does not address the lack of street cleaning after on-street collection.
- We have a big yard with lots of mature plantings. We have stored yard trimmings waiting for the next week to put them in the compost bin. We almost always have oil stained boxes, chicken bones that need to be taken away. Its a lot more work for us than the old method. We hate it when our own city threatens us to "do the right thing". We have a water efficient yard. We compost as much as we can to use for mulch and soil amendment. We're never going to put bones, oils or paper in our compost heap. Maggots in the compost bin (in the summer primarily) are gross and disgusting. We support all efforts to reduce, reuse & recycle, including paying moderate sums to be able to do so. We think larger wood diameter street pickup should be supported (we have the claws to do it, why not use them).Have you considered a large wood dropoff area near City supported brush grinder uppers?

- Far too many residents are placing very small piles of 1.0 cubic foot or less because they know it will be picked up eventually. I say end the street pickup.
- Start when leaves start to fall and don't end until they are done. Probably only an increase of four or five weeks. Also, the street sweeper needs to be run at least every other week year round!
- Eliminating on-street collection risks unsightly and fire hazardous debris piling in neighborhood yards.
- While I like the current system and think it generally works well, my heaviest yard waste is late winter, during pruning season. I would be happy with starting the on-street pick up later in the year, and extending it through January.
- Please sweep the streets more often! Our street is always a mess!
- mid-December cut-off for weekly pick up is too early - there are still HUGE amounts of leaves coming down until January.
- Slide the weekly on street pickup 3 week's later. My trees are not finished dropping leaves until first week in January.
- I generate far more organic waste during the rainy season (December-April) when weeds are growing than I do during the fall when street pickups occur weekly.
  
- christmas trees and leaves still need to be picked up on-street at least through the end of January
- It's very frustrating that we had great weekly pickup, now it's mostly monthly, and if we want to go back we have to pay more than we previously paid. We have been scammed.
- The current weekly pickup doesn't cover the entire leaf fall and pruning season.
- On-street collection encourages bad habits of placing hazardous, unsightly objects in the street. It will always be problematic to get people to follow the rules as long as the practice continues.
- More. I have piles of debris sitting in my backyard,.. once a month, even with the cans, is not enough.
- Generally I am satisfied with the program. Most of the leaves in my neighborhood seem to fall in December, leaving me to save them for the following week pick-up. My second problem is that the leaf barrel, though its really the recycling cart, is so heavy that I struggle to get it off the curb in my downtown neighborhood. More than once I have had to sweep up and reload the cart when it gets heavy.
- More months with weekly or 2x per month.
- Need more frequent pick-ups. Maybe a longer time frame during leaf-drop season????
- The weekly collection should extend later by at least a few weeks.
- During the months of Oct to Jan
- Have more pickups in January/February
- we need more pickups on streets. we are at mercy of when plants need pruning and/or whenever tree or landscapers can come to assist, which does not coincide with city's restrictions on street piles. You make this very convenient for the city/workers, but very inconvenient for those of us who pay thru the nose for this lousy service.
- I live next door to a green belt and I get leaves and debris from the green belt all the time. I need on-street pile collection almost every week, and especially for several months in the fall.

- I barely use the weekly collection when it begins, but when I need it most (in January, February and March), it's gone.
- Why would there be a rate increase? You didn't decrease rates when you went to 1x month pickup
- I think that the weekly collection from Oct-Dec needs to be expanded to include more weeks during that season
- I live in XXXX and the trees here are mature and generate alot of yardage. We need more than a once a month pickup.
- In the XXXXX area I still raked leaves through January and on-street pile pick-up would have been most helpful. Also it would have been helpful with when we took down the Xmas tree, leaving it up a bit longer in the house. I would like to see on-street pile pick-up a couple of times more in spring/summer due to heavy pruning and earlier in the fall, September again for pruning. It is very difficult fitting my gardens' growth patterns and my schedule of work and travel around the city's schedule. I thought services that we pay for are to be convenient to the homeowner with some give and take with the service provider.
- Need weekly pickup all of December and January
- Change the street sweeping to the day after pile pickup!
- Sweeping too late after waste pickup in street. Our streets are a mess.
- We need more pick-ups in the Fall and Winter!
- limit the on-street piles to just during fall
- How about picking up twice a month? I have also noticed that our streets look/feel horrible due to plant debris, especially after a storm or heavy winds. How about an option where the street sweeper comes around more often to help. It'd really help bikers as they ride along bike paths, as this is where most of the debris ends up.
- Extend weekly pick up through the first week in January
- We'd like an additional pick up in January for pruning.
- I need pick up on XXXXX St. this is an unfair system. I have to PAY to have yard debris hauled away.
- The 3rd cart is GROSS TO USE FOR FOOD
- We live on a street with lots of trees and we need pick up more often at least through November weekly or twice a month
- my trees drop their leaves Dec-Februsry. I also have fruit trees to prune. I prune after Christmas.
- More pick ups
- I would like to see more street sweeping and the City to do something about piles put out early and are on the street for weeks.
- I thought we were going to save a lot, when we changed from every-week street pickup. And now, you are preparing us for a rate increase?
- Not everyone has the same kind of yard, so waste pickup needs in the same neighborhoods may vary greatly. One "size" cannot fit all.
- Need extra pickup in Dec and/or Jan
- Increase rate only for those requiring more frequent pick-up. I need mid-size cart which is not available. The large cart is too big for me to move when it is filled, therefore, my small cart is too small.
- Would like weekly street pick up until mid january
- in areas with large trees we need more pickups and more sweeping

- mature trees and bushes create more than I can put in can or compost
- I need onstreet for major pruning fall, spring. I compost grass&leaves. O. cart hard to move for seniors.
- This seems to really just be an issue in January, from the complaints I've heard.
- Get rid of the organics cart and return to on-street collection.
- Modify back to weekly pick ups again. Monthly pick ups are not enough. Piles are now on our street for weeks including piles created by the park maintenance.
- More frequently!!!
- I think we need to add weekly collection to the rest of January. It's typically still in the rainy season. I am willing to pay more for this service.
- in the months now providing ONLY once a month = go to a Bi-weekly schedule and keep the every week in the months now that way
- Pick up twice per month Jan-Sep, once per week Oct-Dec
  
- If we needed, we can always opt for the largest organics cart available. Currently we are using the smallest. I'm not sure if most folks realize they can opt for change to size of cart.
- Tired of the elite cyclists dictating city policy
- Increase to every two weeks
- Could leaves be picked up weekly November 15-Feb 15?
- mid October to mid-Dec is not enough. Leaves are still falling, plants are in need of deadheading and cutting back. I think if should go until mid or late January. Trees have their own schedule for letting their leaves fall.
- The current collection system is not enough for homes that have gardens in the older parts of Davis with larger yards.
- Increase weekly pick up throughout December.
- Should be weekly pickup for two weeks in January. Many like to keep Christmas trees up through January 6.
- I think people just don't want to move yard waste into the bins - there should be more enforcement that people use the bins, as we're supposed to. The piles sometimes get in the way of the bike lane and are left for a very long time.
- How often do you want to increase rates without the public starting to complain. You are offering less service for more money.
- How about extending the weekly pick up slightly, from mid-October through early January. I'd be OK with every-other-week pick up during that time, as our yard does not produce a lot of material, and I can use the can weekly for smaller amounts.
- Yard is next to park with oak trees- even with compost, we generate a very large pile each week during peak leaf drop. There are also times off-season when pruning (e.g felled vines) generates a lot. It would be hard if there was no street pickup
- City gets a solid F - people make piles whenever they please, never ticketed. Haulers often dump in front of houses in my block even though they get the material from jobs the other side of town - called for enforcement, said nothing they could do as can't respond in time. Why pass a regulation/policy which can't be enforced? City Council had good intentions but not capable of making it work.

- Please continue weekly on street pickups longer into the winter — leaves seem to be falling later and later each year
- I think it is difficult that we are only supposed to put out yard materials the day before the pick up. I
- I needed on-street collection mostly during January when pruning fruit trees.
- Hate the piles in street! Allow alternative containers for th
- None of the above. The old system was great. You ruined a working system that was convenient and practical. The new system is horrible.
- longer period beyond December for weekly pick-up, at least through the end of December.
- You need to run the street pick up longer (into January) to catch all the Christmas trees. Those of us downtown with huge yard sand giant old shade trees desperately need the street pick up during leaf season.
- Change the collection period to 11/1 to 1/31.
- Is this just an excuse to raise the [REDACTED] rates??
- I suggest that weekly "fall leaf" street pile pickup be shifted later. My house is surrounded by Bradford pear, Chinese talo, and what I think are ash trees (actually on a greenbelt). While these used to lose their leaves around Thanksgiving, with our changing climate they are now losing their leaves between Thanksgiving and New Years-- with perhaps the greatest leaf fall between Christmas and New Years. Leaf fall lasted until Jan 5, with large piles.
- I rent and have moved around place to place. The landlord usually includes gardener service. I find that the landscapers that are provided do not follow city of Davis regulations and misuse the yard piles. I think landscapers should be responsible for managing yard waste.
- Recommend a SHIFT in schedule so weekly pickups go through January (based on feedback from others, and my experience biking around). Also, for those of us without yards, I'd hope we could get a discount since we dont use the on strrt service.
- Please modify the weekly pickup to occur Oct.-March. This covers the time period when trees lose their leaves and plants are being pruned.
- There needs to be one education of participants. Some put a pile in the street and lave it there for a month.
- We want weekly pickups back even if it costs more, but it really shouldn't cost more. The fact that the city continues to pretend like rates must increase to go back to the way it was before (why?????) needs to stop. Bring back the old system at the old rates. No one wanted this new system except for a few folks at this nanny state of a city who wanted to force their delusional ideas on all of us without asking.
- Add mid Dec to Mid January to the weekly collection. This is when most of the mulberry leaves drop,
- More frequently during spring
- I'm appalled at the garbage in the street. It hinders and endangers bicyclists, fouls up parking, and looks trashy.
- Recommend shifting weekly street pile collection 2-3 weekly later, perhaps into January. In North Davis, for example, we have many trees still dropping significant leaves into January.



- I am wondering just how wise the city decision makers are with all of the money they collect from us.
- weekly on street collection is needed until mid-january. during end of dec folks on vacation do yard work, leaves drop until end of dec and then there are xmas trees. stopping before Jan 8 is just stupid. sorry but that's true.
- I would really hate to lose the on street collection. We have adapted nicely to the organics can and it was easier than we thought. But the remains a need for on street collections.
- More freq
- Using the cart works well for most of the year but leaf/ cleanup season is more like Dec-Feb .
- Of course, rates will be increased. We have no choices. That's the manner the City operates. Return to former practice where yard waste, without containers, at NO fee increases
- Need more for tree trimmings and thru january
- Biweekly yard wate pickup sept 1-March 1. Monthly otherwise.
- Or move the weekly on-street to Dec-Feb to align with tree pruning time
- You need to adjust the once a week period. We have had two years now where leaf drop season and storm damage cleanup did not coincide with the weekly service period.
- The collection times for weekly pickup needs to be adjusted to accommodate for the actual months of fall leaves dropping, which occurs later than the current weekly pickup schedule
- Effectiveness of any of these plans depends a lot on residents (including us renters) following the guidelines. Also there are locations that seem to need more services than others.
- Many places rely solely on bins and no street pickup. The entitlement of Davis residents appalls me that they cannot fathom a change in the system that benefits the city both fiscally and environmentally.
- shift the once-a-week season to be slightly later in the year. or go to every other week and stretch out the season
- Extend the weekly pickups to the end of December
- There are times of the year when the cart is not large enough for all the debris. As a gardener this is very frustrating and time consuming since branches,etc, must be chopped down into small pieces to fit in the bins.
- We prune through the year, we have many trees. The current schedule does not correspond with the needs
- DWR managed to pick up green wast weekly for many years. Reduction of service without commensurate reduction in fees is a clear cut violation of Prop. 108
- Leaf season goes in to January so weekly pickup should not end the first of the year. I would be happy with an every other week street pick up, otherwise my left over yard waste goes in the trash can.
- It seems to me the most frequently needed pick ups are in the early spring & inthe fall. I don't understand the reason for an increase in the rates since their hasn't been a decrease in rates when the "new" schedule was implemented of once monthly pickups.
- My main complaint is that in spring WHEN MOST PEOPLE HAVE TO PRUNE BACK A LOT OF EVERGREEN SHRUBS ET AL. THERE ARE ONLY MONTHLY PICKUPS. WHY??? FOR MANY PEOPLE IN DAVIS THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR WHEN THEY MOST NEED A WEEKLY PICKUP. I AM THUS FORCED TO

STORE STUFF IN PILES AND WAIT FOR THE MONTHLY PICKUP. IT IS A MAJOR INCONVENIENCE. WHY SHOULD THIS SEASON BE TREATED ANY DIFFERENTLY FROM THE FALL SEASON WHEN THERE ARE WEEKLY PICKUPS FOR THE LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE CLASS OF DAVIS?

- Thank you for including so much under the middle option. I first missed choosing it, and I'm worried that many others will too.
- It needs to go longer because all the leaves are not off the trees all of December till middle of January
- You need to add on street pick up more than once in January for Christmas trees
- Schedule more frequent pickups during fall and winter
- Give me back street pick up or give me extra bins at least. \$2-\$3 a month off my bill is a joke for how much work it creates for me. It is ridiculously unfair. I don't even bother to add my food stuffs because the whole bin plus my garbage can is filled with yard waste
- Provide street pick ups more frequently. Once a month is NOT enough
- Twice a month
- Once a month extra pick up would be fine. We live in a tree filled neighborhood so lots of leaves and pruning, but it could be done. Just requires some planning! Or, allow us twice a year big pruning pick up.
- I think the weekly on-street pick up dates could be lengthened slightly beyond mid-October to mid-December.
- I'm not particularly happy with the system as is but it is the least bad of these options.
- I would like to see weekly on street collections starting earlier in the spring at least by late March when pruning is started
- I would like to see more frequent collection during pruning and weeding season. Or perhaps an option?
- Keep collection days consistent.
- Waste needs to be picked up at least every other week during the months where it is currently monthly. Also, the weekly pickup should start in mid-Sept and go until at LEAST the middle or end of January
- bi weekly throughout the year would be best
- I definitely would like the on-street collections a bit more often. Twice a month would certainly help. Also we need more weeks in the fall for leaves, and for tree prunings in winter. please do not get rid of the on-street collections. I miss them. Also - we need the street sweeper more than once a month. The streets are a mess and often end up clogging the street drains.
- Our rates seem to keep going up, up, up. Bad time to raise fees, etc. when we're facing more parcel taxes, etc.
- We need street pick up in the spring as well. Why not move to pick up every other week instead of weekly Oct. - Dec. and May -June?
- I find the on street piles unsightly and dangerous. I have never known anywhere where this was an accepted practice.
- Modify schedule for weekly from Nov. through Jan.
- increase weekly pick-up thru October thru May
- I moved to Davis about 18 months ago and haven't ever seen the on-street in any other city or area. I get that it's handy a couple times a year, but I'd much rather have a reduction in fees.
- More frequently

- I suggest modifying the on-street collection system to every other week November through mid-February. The amount of pine needles/leaves that fall through January on XXXXX Drive, for instance, make bicycling hazardous and are an eyesore. At a minimum, extend more frequent on-street collection through January.
- Yard waste pick up in the street every other week would work well for us. I have low back pain and cannot pick up waste and put it into that tall bin.
- street pickup needs to be increased by a few weeks. it ends too early now.
- Street sweeping should be day after yard pile collection, not 1 week later. Yard pickup leaves the street a mess.
- Change the on-street yard pile pickups to twice a month during winter, and every week during the rest of the year
- Since when pickups were decreased without a decrease in the cost. You should put it back the way it used to be without increasing the charges. This just looks like u cut back sevices so youcould then give it back to justify higher bills which im sure was the plan!
- Don't take material piled away! PLEASE!
- March seemed to be a heavy month this year for street piles. Maybe weekly pickup then?
- We want more on street pile collection
- Extend on street collection through 2nd wk of Jan to ensure reasonable time to pick up Christmas trees
- Reduce OCT-DEC pick-ups to 2X per month, increase JAN-MAR to 2X per month, include Xmas trees in JAN
- Provide additional green waste bins to those in need and increase street sweeping to once per week during fall leaf-dropping season
  
- our current rates are pretty high as is
- This option seems to work most of the time. And I must say, that I'm very grateful to have any service at all. When we lived in Seattle, we had to dispose of yard waste ourselves and it was a hardship.
- More collection times November-February
- I have no need of the organic bin collection. I do not like them. I use on-street pile collection system only.
- Want more frequent on-street pile collection. As is for mid-Oct to mid-Dec; twice a month for other months
- Leaf drop happens well into December, and things start growing (and need pruning) in early - mid February. The City took away a valuable service - we would like it back.
- Every option is essentially an increase in rate. Shall I just leave the leaves in the street then?
- There should be a longer window where there is street pickup more often than once a week. October is too late for a lot of leaf debris. And December ends too early for broken branches (et al) caused by Winter and Spring storms. I would recommend every 2 weeks pickup all year long or at least September-March.
- On street collection should go through the end of January at least.
- need more collection after mid dec and in jan
- You need to enforce this. I do not like seeing the piles of neighbors who put them out at the beginning of the cycle and they are there every day all week

- Need more weekly pickups. Current schedule bad for pruning, pre-4th of July cleanup for fire safety, trees that don't follow city shedding calendar
- leaf fall begins in early October and debris exists and pruning occurs til Mid February; we need once a week OCT thru Feb
- Just shift the collection later, then no increases would be necessary. Leaf drop Dora any start until mid November and continues through January for trimming fruit trees (which doesn't all fit into bins.)
- More frequent
- interested in consistent 1st week of every month, but might even be good with total elimination of on-street collection
- Extend the fall street pick-ups through mid January.. Leaves continue andso do Christmas trees deposited in the street.
- Weekly street pick up either needs to start later, maybe November or December and extend longer into the next year....at least through February.
- It would be worth the additional charge, particularly in the fall.
- Need to extend weekly pick up through January at least
- Could use twice monthly curb pick-up mid Dec-mid Feb for dormant season pruning, late leaf drop.
- Need more frequently during fall and winter
- Pickup at least twice s month. It was overwhelmingly inappropriate to curtail the pickup to its present schedule.
- Because I also compost, I am not as adversely affected by the reduction in weekly pick ups.
- Neighbors huge oak tree drops thru Dec. Extend thru Dec.
- The hybrid system was a mistake -- just go for the bins 100%. People will adjust.
- Start the weekly collection a few weeks earlier and extend it a few weeks later, at a minimum, to cover the actual season when leaves fall from the trees.
- I really don't have a need for weekly pickup until later October through "pruning season" which extends through January for me. I would love weeklyvservice to start about 5 or 6 weeks later and extend 5 or 6 weeks longer. Just a shifted window of service...costs shouldn't be too drastically affected.
- Once every 2 weeks for a longer period versus once every week might serve our home's needs better
- Would it be possible to request an extra pickup when it is needed?
- The on street pile collection needs to continue weekly through at least mid January as we have trees with significant leaf drop that do not finish until mid January (mulberry trees, all over Davis).
- Please go back to the previous system with weekly pick-ups of street piles. The currently system isn't working for us. We either do a bunch of yard work and have more than would fit in our container in a month or we don't do anything and the container clutters up our garage. My parents live in town and are nearing 80 and their bins are too heavy for them to wheel to the street. So I have to go over to help them.
- How about a bin that isn't as tall?

- Without actual dollar amounts, I am unable to make an educated decision on this. I realize though, that if on street collection of yard piles is eliminated, then I will be paying someone more to haul the yard waste to the dump regularly. This is not a desirable option.
- Many trees in my area that drop leaves in my yard do not do so until Dec and Jan. Extend the time!
- Keep collection as is, OR figure out a way to pick stuff up with more flexibility without changing rates.
- It is pretty disappointing that we get on street pickup once a month instead of weekly, but instead of a rate decrease you want a rate INCREASE! I guess that is the Davis way.
- Most serious pruning. Eg. Pruning roses. Trimming bushes. Pollarding mulberry tree. Occurs in January and February. Also Christmas tree pick up should allow trees to remain up until the 12th night. Leaf raking extends well into February.
- My yard generates way too much waste for that container.
- Continue weekly street collection until mid january
- I would like to see once a month pick up Dec to Oct, and twice a month from Oct to Dec. Perhaps allow for a resident to request a special yard waste pile pick up a limited number of times (2?) per year for times when they have major tree trimming done
- Hate the carts. Miss the regular weekly pickup.
- Maybe start 1/week collection on street later (November?) and go later (February?)
- Extend weekly pickups until at least mid-January when all leaves have fallen and Christmas trees are out.
- The questions about whether my cart fits all of my yard was are not the right questions. Since most of the time I cannot put a pile on the street, I cannot do a lot of the yard work I want to do and use to be able to do. If the policy were changed so that yard piles could be left out for more than one week, that would be a no-cost way of solving the problem I and many others face.
- go back to weekly pile collections and eliminate the carts as a bad idea
- I like the street sweeping more than anything
- Many cities have no on-street collection of yard materials, and have operated this way successfully for decades. It's better for the environment (less stormwater pollution), MUCH safer for bicyclists (no debris added to the road, and no oversized piles creating hazards in bike lanes), and there's no reason to continue the practice in Davis. People can use green waste bins, pay landscapers to haul away yard materials, compost them on-site, replace some plantings with lower waste options -- there are many alternatives.
- I know that Davis lifers will go insane bc they love their yard piles but I've never understood this approach. Every other place I've lived collects a green bin only and it works fine. I'm a biker and runner and the yard piles get in the way. The 3-4 times a year our yard had too many trimmings to fit in a bin we could just wait until the next week.
- I can fit everything I need in the huge organics bin I received. If I have more organics one week than will fit it's not a problem for me to wait until the next week.

### **Additional Comments**

*Are there any other yard material pile collection services you would like the City to consider? Please note: all comments written here will be included in the survey, as well as comments already included in the boxes provided on previous pages.*

*Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yard material collection service?*

- I think I have made it clear that the current practices and policies regarding yard debris removal do not work for those of us who do not receive the service. It is an unjust and unfair practice and creates a major headache for those of us who are not receiving appropriate option. To take \$2.75 or whatever it is ( less than three dollars) is absolutely an inadequate mitigation.
- 2-3 times per year bulky waste pick up
- Add on demand
- Add some in during the growing seasons
- Again, I'd like more frequent street cleanings.
- allow large item (stumps, etc) pick-up on an on-call basis
- Allow yard waste piles on non-thoroughfare streets 52 weeks per year.
- As mentioned previously, street sweeping needs to occur the day after street pick-ups. As it is now, if it rains, debris flows into the storm drains.
- As stated before, weekly yard collection should go later in the winter, and adding weekly service in the spring/summer would help, too.
- At minimum, there should be more frequent pickups throughout january for all those christmas trees!!
- Because we have the equipment and the operators, it would be cheaper, less polluting and far more efficient to have residents schedule with the city for a monthly pickup (one day per month) if needed. This will clear our streets dramatically, and it will stop the current up-side down system we have today where the people with smaller yards are subsidizing those with larger yards.
- Better info outreach and some how let landscapers know schedule of pickup time
- better street cleanup, once a month is fine if they do a good job
- Big pick up day
- Biweekly bin collection would be fine if the weekly on-street pickups continued through January.
- Bi-weekly pick-up. Pile restrictions: 5x10'; any unobstructed street location on your block.
- Bring back weekly street sweeping. Once a month means more flat tires for bikes
- Bulky items pick up
- bulky waste pick up
- Can you have once a month pickup and then, instead of weekly pickup in the leaf season, have 3 'on-call' pickups?
- Change the street sweeping schedule back to the day after pickup!
- Christmas tree pick-up, in particular, needs to be extended at least through the end of January; many people keep their trees up that long.
- Christmas trees in January

- City handles this efficiently and inexpensively the way it is now. Decreasing the service to "Decrease" residential rates would shift the costs away from the city and end up increasing rates overall.
- Clarify David Waste policy on Special Pickups at additional cost to consumer.
- Claw needs to clean up waste better. Eliminate street sweeping as they do a terrible job.
- Collect every other week.
- Comments
- Delay current leaf season weekly on-street collection by two weeks in Oct and add a weekly on-street collection for four weeks in the Spring, e.g., Apr-May.
- Delivery of mulch
- Dirt collection Rock collection
- Do away with the 5 days before collection rule. It's a pain to have to move piles twice (first to the backyard/side yard and then to the street)
- Don't start weekly pick ups until November and then go 2 weeks into January
- Either scrap the food scrap program or allow much smaller bins for just household organics if you extend the weekly leaf period collection to Jan 15 or so.
- Either ticket or go back to old system, as is it is a joke
- Email or text system to notify City that a special pickup is needed after household has had a large pruning or landscaping job. Appropriate fee.
- Emphasize to residents that small piles don't go in the street. **ONLY LARGE PILES.** Small piles go in the yard waste/organics bin.
- Every other week street pickup as well as organics cart weekly pickup.
- Every week
- Extend leaf drop by 2 weeks. Add second pick up during the non leaf drop regular season.
- Extend weekly collection to 1/15.
- Extend weekly on street collection to the end of January to get nearly all Christmas trees
- Following pile pickup, street sweeping should follow immediately. Currently street sweeping occurs a week later after residual debris has scattered or been swept into new piles for pickup the following month. This makes no sense.
- For yards as large as ours, once-monthly pickups are totally inadequate, especially for large pieces that don't fit efficiently in the containers and for large volumes of prunings. The current system forces us to fit yard services to the arbitrary schedule of on-street pickups. Volume pickups do not coincide with fall-leaf season. Spring pruning of trees and shrubs and summer pruning of the garden are not compostable like leaves are.
- Fruit trees are pruned from January through February, and there is no room in carts from the pruning. Extending weekly street pile pickup through the middle of February, especially in neighborhoods with mature trees, is essential to keeping streets clean.
- garden people do not always follow pick up schedules as it is confusing and not all speak English. The once/month street pickup is sometimes impossible to put out only 5 days before pickup day.
- Generally, Pub. Works staff are good and responsive.
- Given the recent severe drought in '15-'16, there are many trees and larger shrubs which have died as a result, creating an increased fire hazard, both in areas controlled by the City and in the yards of private residences. For this reason there may be times (like now) where there is much more organic waste than usual, and unless the groundwater levels

can return to normal we may see more losses in the next few years. Keeping my fingers crossed for more rain.

- go back to old system of weekly pile pickups and eliminate the carts
- Go back to the old system. This new system is ridiculous.
- Go back to the old way with weekly street collection.
- Go back to weekly pickup or biweekly pickup. Instead of charging for street pickup, charge for the greens bins.
- Go back to weekly pickups. Not everyone has time to deal with all this scheduling and yard work and many of us are seniors with difficulty dealing with picking debris up and putting it in bins. No more whimsical schedule changes and return to WEEKLY pickups and street cleaning. There is no logical reason why all of a sudden this is not feasible without huge increases when we had that system for decades.
- Go back to what worked
- Good!
- Great ideas above.
- Heavy pruning is usually done in January and sometimes in February. Would request strong consideration to have street pick-ups through January and maybe consider bi-weekly in February. As suggested earlier, can start weekly street pick-ups later to help offset costs.
- Here is an option that would keep the streets clean during Jan-Sep. Sweep the day after pickup, otherwise rubble remains on the streets for a week. The option is: Pickup one zone Mon, sweep that zone Tue. Pickup second zone Wed, sweep that zone Thur. Repeat with zones 3 and 4 the following week. This way all zones are cleaned every other week, and sweeping is done the day after pickup. Work is spread evenly throughout the month. Keep weekly services Oct-Dec.
- Holiday pick up schedule
- I appreciate this service - we compost leaves but it is nice to have an option regarding food so as to not attract rats! Thank you!
- I do not get why our prices were increased for less services and now on question 11 you are proposing it to increase again if we go back to how it was. There is something really wrong how Davis does business. This town gets more expensive each year kicking out younger families, so much for a liberal Davis it is the opposite!
- I have always wondered what happens to the food waste that goes into food disposals at the sink. Is there any technology or program in place to utilize the compost waste that goes down those drains?
- I need street pick-up more frequently than current schedule. It needs to be increase to at least every other week during spring/summer/fall rather than the monthly pick-up times.
- I preferred the weekly pick up throughout the year.
- I use my 11 gallon kitchen can for organic sand the little thing the city gave us for garbage. I produce WAY more organics than garbage in the kitchen and definitely need a bigger container in the kitchen than that provided for organics. The bin is fine but that tiny little thing is too small. I wonder if folks don't put much into the compost because the container is so small
- I was sorry to see the city invest in large cumbersome plastic containers for every household. This inconsistency in guiding values between promoting sustainability and purchasing massive quantities of plastic reeks of a corporate mindset



- I wish there were an extra pile pickup in mid October, rather than in January. The option to schedule a yard pile pickup sometime during the year for a reasonable fee would be great, but I definitely wouldn't want to replace regular pile pickup with that.
- I would be in favor of less monthly street collection if the city offered collections on specific events such as following stormy weather where wind and rain might cause broken and falling branches
- I would like the city to get out of as many services as possible and privatize everything. All the city does is drive up costs and employ do nothing bureaucrats.
- I would like the street to be swept either the same day, or the day after the street pickup service.
- I would like to see the streets cleaned more often than once a month. After pile pickup, the street is very dirty
- If I'm doing any major trimming, the container fills up quickly. It is much easier as a senior to move debris bit by bit into a material pile that to tote a full loader down a steep driveway.
- If not On Demand, need to extend leaf season through January for those residents with trees that do not begin leaf drop until late Dec and into Jan.
- I'm a senior citizen and sometimes have difficulty wheeling the heavy yard cart to the street. It would be helpful for to have assistance.
- In north davis the street cleaner comes the day before pile pickup and sweeps around all the piles. The street sweeper should come after pile pickup.
- In the spring things start to grow like crazy and need to be trimmed. Those piles don't all fit in the cans.
- Increase number of pile collections to twice a month
- Is there a way for city residents to purchase compost from the city?
- It is unfair to penalize Home owners on XXXXX St. We pay city taxes and should be afforded services to help with yard debris recycle. Pick up was available before with no issues. The city often allows work vehicles to block street for weeks at a time. Why not help us keep our yards tidy and avoid hauling our debris to the DUMP????
- It would be nice if the City allowed one or two free on demand lead pile pickups.
- It would be nice if the City offered some of the resulting compost to residents for free (residents would go pick up themselves).
- It's just important to have the timing of the weekly pickups adjusted to later in the season. They don't truly reflect leaf season. Woodland has the better schedule. Mature trees aid our utility bills, we shouldn't have to consider taking them out to not have to feel constrained by the pickup schedule.
- Just needed more often, notify people parking on street to park elsewhere
- Keep monthly street pick up February through October. Schedule every other week street pick up November through January.
- Keep schedule as is, unless we have a late "fall" and there is no need for weekly pickup in earlier months and more pickups are needed in January.
- Keep the current schedule as is, but include more street sweeping on the schedule. I can manage my cart, but the streets have been a mess. Alternatively, include street sweeping before/after storms or heavy winds. This would be the greater service to the community, for sure.
- large trash collection day -

- Leaf collection season is good but we have additional needs during the growing and trimming seasons.
- Like many residents I was opposed to cutting back the curbside pickup in the first place. Unfortunately, our Mayor was unable to ride a bike at night without falling over yard waste, so he decided we should all suffer. I guess it's fortunate that he didn't run into a parked car or the city would have banned on-street parking.
- Make cardboard pickup once a month and pile pick up twice a month and not change my rates :-)
- Make pick up twice a month
- Many trees still drop their leaves from Oct thro Jan
- May not be related, but need more street sweeping in some areas when trees are shedding (e.g., XXXXX Street beefwood (cassurina) trees).
- May we please still put out a reasonable amount of yard waste each week, provided the yard waste can is filled?
- Maybe a mix of monthly pickups and on-demand service would be better since different yards generate such different waste amounts (i.e. yards with leaf-dropping trees versus yards with no trees).
- Maybe add a spring clean-up street collection at least every other week for 2 months
- Maybe smaller bins just for grass clippings. Nothing else will fit.
- More active enforcement of landscaper dumps on our streets. How do your costs benchmark to other similar areas for equivalent service levels.?
- More collection in March
- More feedback to users who put piles out incorrectly (at the wrong week or in the gutter). And especially those who put a teensy little pile out, or a little row of them.
- More frequent on-street pick ups would be helpful in older neighborhoods with mature trees and landscapes.
- More frequent pick up
- More street pickups; don't allow street parking on pickup days as people often park on top of my leaf pile and it doesn't get picked up
- Most plants are growing in October and into November. Leaf fall is in November and December. Pruning isn't ready until all leaves fall, so it is mostly in December and January. Moving to a weekly pick-up in January also makes Christmas tree pick up more frequent and user friendly
- My answer to question #11 expresses my precise view: Return to weekly LEAF PILES and adjust fees as necessary.
- Neighborhood collection points with more frequent pickups - ex in XXXXX Expand the 4' pile rule - in my cul de sac the piles at the ends grow large and I get the angry too big notices even when it isn't my stuff.
- Not sure this goes here, but I miss the weekly street cleaning. Maybe this could be done twice a month?
- Offer reductions to residents who don't need a large bin for green waste, because their landscape doesn't produce much (native or drought tolerant plants) or because they have their own compost piles and don't need one.
- Once a month pick up of street piles is not enough due to previous city decisions about which trees to plant. Combined with the five day prior restriction on street piles, we have a city created problem. Living on a cul de sac with no thru bike traffic (the stated reason for the five day restriction) makes this particularly annoying. So, to be clear; the tree

selected and planted by the city drops large amounts of leaves through January. This creates a situation where the bin is over full each week. So, my choice is to leave the leaves where they fall or pile them in the street in violation of the five day prior ordinance.

- Once a year dump stuff would be awesome.
- Once per month is not enough from January - October. Would prefer twice a month year round.
- On-demand large item pick-up (the City used to offer this).
- Only acceptable plan is to return to the weekly pickups that ratepayers pay for. Reduction of services requires reduction in rates. That's the law in Calif.
- Option to schedule pick up as needed when major projects are underway (landscaping, garden tear out, trees that have fallen down)
- Per the map, pile collection is supposed to happen in my neighborhood on Monday, but sometimes the trucks come on Tuesday. What about street sweeping? It used to be once a week, but now, it seems random.
- Perhaps keep current method, but add bi-weekly pickup for a month prior to Oct-Dec and a month in spring.
- Perhaps piles need not be collected as often at the end of December/ early January, and those pickups could be spread to more pickups in spring and fall?
- pick up on request as well
- **PICK UP SPRING LEAF DROP JUST AS YOU DO FOR FALL LEAF DROP.**
- Picking up Christmas trees weekly through all of January.
- Pile Pick-up on request
- Please coordinate street sweeping to occur the day after pickup, not a week later. We don't like having a dirty street for a week. Thank you.
- Please just change the weekly yard pickup to 11/1 to 1/31, at least (2/28 would be better). It's not just leaves that are picked up. It's also shrubbery & tree trimmings that make up most of what we put out.
- Please post or notify customers of the exact week for Christmas tree pick up to avoid dangers of Christmas trees left on the street for weeks before pick-up.
- Please sweep the streets the day after pickup like it used to be. The "claw" scatters debris up and down the street that just sits there for a week or two until the sweeper comes.
- Please, consider twice a month street pick ups from November through May when people are trimming and cleaning up their yards.
- pretty angry that your surgery forced me to pick and answer and not allow my other answer on #11
- Previousy stated.
- Provide the option of a second yard refuse toter for weekly pickup
- Pruning rose bushes and fruit trees need to be done up to the end of January and cannot all fit in the bin .So it is important that the weekly pick up is extended to the end of January.
- Publish results in the newspaper too
- Question unclear.
- Regardless of alternative, street sweeping needs to return to a schedule of the day after every day a yard waste pile is collected. This does not currently occur, and yard waste piles are being smeared down the street with debris left for a week or more before being swept.

- Return to sweeping the street more often.
- Return to weekly collection
- Return to weekly pick up, at a minimum, from October through May. Leaf drop is one thing, pruning is another. This part of town is about 40 years old (mature landscaping)
- schedule of street sweepers; no parking signs on street sweeping days.
- Services decreased however Davis residence still pay the same for less service. Please return weekly service. I often haul my own green waste to the dump because I can't wait an entire month before collection.
- Should also consider have a week in January to collect Christmas tree.
- Should include question about street sweeping. Now very Inconsistent. Like it at least twice a month.
- Some way to have kitchen scraps collected weekly that doesn't involve rolling out the huge bin.
- Specific christmas tree schedule
- Spring is another time a lot of material is produced. How about bi-weekly pick up? Or two month bi weekly pick up in the spring and fall for less time? I have a large yard and it generates a lot of material.
- Spring weekly service
- Street pickup after wind storms in neighborhoods with mature trees due to branches breaking off.
- Street sweeping has been spotty the last year and doesn't seem to happen on schedule. It makes it very difficult to make sure our cars are out of the way at the right time.
- Street sweeping immediately following pick up, not a week later.
- Street sweeping needs to be coordinated with yard pile pickup (the day after) as it was previously. A delay in a week of sweeping just adds to debris getting into the drainage system.
- Street sweeping should take place immediately day after collection, not a week later.
- Suggest a twice monthly pickup and street sweeping schedule even during leaf season.
- sweep more often (2x week) year round
- sweeping should happen the day after pickup - not the following week... Bi-Weekly pile pickup year round should be the absolute minimum.
- take better care of the city trees (mistletoe), Trim the bushes on your side better, after storm pick up the broken limbs ( there are often a lot of dirt which nobody cares anymore because it is not fitting in the container...
- Thank you so much for your efforts, and for this survey!
- The carts are heavy and awkward to use and to move. Many houses have no suitable place to store a cart. Please consider that for some people it is much easier to move yard materials to the street than to lift up into a cart and then move it to the street
- The current schedule didn't work well for my yard materials and I have a yard of trees and bushes, planting. Not much issue with leaves but lots of clipping early spring .
- The street sweeper service should match the yard material pile collection pickup. One a month is not enough.
- There are far too many leaves falling in sept that do not get picked up in a timely manner because the street pickup does not increase until too late in the season and there are still leaves falling when weekly pickup stops!

- There are some big problems with trash piles in yards and increased rats, debris in the gutters going into the water system, debris and respiratory onsloughts.
- There is a fair amount of non-compliance on the "don't put the piles out more than a week early" part of the plan. People have nowhere to put all that leaf matter and branches and pruning. If your goal is to keep the bike lanes clear, we need more pickup days. Also, for those areas with small trees, newer landscaping, if they don't need more pickups, then allocate the pickups to the areas that need them. There is no reason why we have to allocate resources to all areas equally. Equal = Fair Fair = Necessary
- There needs to be more on street collection from at least early October (when the leaves start to fall from my many trees and the crappy city tree the City of Davis insists I keep starts dropping its obnoxious fruit), and then again in February-April when we are cleaning out our yards in the spring. There is not nearly enough capacity in the container, and I live on a relatively small lot in south Davis.
- This survey' was biased toward less street collection.
- twice a month all year
- Twice a month in January, February and March to accommodate annual pruning of deciduous trees
- Want claw twice per month
- We are sad to see weekly street sweeping reduced to just once a month. We hope it could at least be modified to twice a month, still a 50% reduction from the previous service.
- We need street sweeping the day after street pick up instead of leaving the mess to wash down and clog the storm drain.
- We should have the option of having smaller compost cans, at a reduced cost--like we have for garbage.
- We stress that the City should NOT end the "on-street" yard material collection services. It is too difficult to lift yard materials up into the organics cart.
- We wish the street sweeper could come around more than once a month.
- Weekly pickups after high winds. People without trucks have no way to clean up after storms. My neighbors 30' unpruned trees drop large sticks, leaves and debree on windy days that covers my yard. As it stands, I'm supposed to get a truck for this and haul it away now. At a minimum, I should be able to put it in the street.
- Weekly yard material pile collection
- What?
- When this was approved, I was told there would be several opportunities for "on call" pickup if we had more than the cart. When I went to ask for one, it was no more. I feel this aspect has not truthfully communicated to those voting for the change to bins. I feel the city was not honest about this.
- Why is there an increase in cost to add pickup, but there didn't seem to be any decrease when it changed to once a month.
- Yes return to the old system.
- Yes, consider twice per month pick up. That is still half of what we had before.
- Yes, once again in case I was unclear. Bring back the old system.
- Yes. Please fix the sweeping problem. Sweeping should occur at the latest one day after pile pickup, not a week later. I think this can be easily done by shifting half the city to second-week-pickup so each half can have their streets swept the same week the pile is picked up, preferably same day like other cities do, but at the latest, the next day like it used to be done here in Davis. Also, please provide customers with large organics

waste the option of a second cart at no additional charge. Why? Because We used to have unlimited weekly pickup, which has been reduced to the capacity of the organics bin. Even with two bins, the capacity is still less than half of the allowance of one pile by the old standards. People have mature landscapes established under the old rules. Some have city trees they had no control over planting, that shed excessively all year round. Folks like these should not be penalized because the city implemented an organics program. Rather, if they want a second cart, they should be provided it at no extra charge to encourage them to continue to maintain their properties and pick up the city trees debris. Few will ask for a second cart because most do not have the place to store it, so those who ask for it should just receive it. After all, it should be a win-win to the city for residents to use the organics program for their yard waste to reduce the need for claw/on-street pickup as well as beautify their properties/neighborhoods. Furthermore, the organics collected are a commodity, used to create resellable compost via the commercial composting facility. People should be encouraged to compost as much as possible, and not use the on-street//claw pickup.

- You should pick up sod. It is a good thing that homeowners are converting their lawns to low water landscapes yet you would not take the sod
- Your "leaf season" does not match up with any of the trees in the neighborhood. It starts too early and it ends about 2 months too early. I have to try to clean up my yard 1 bin at a time which doesn't fit into my schedule. I end up filling my bin and multiple neighbors' bins for weeks.
- Residents who have more material than what will fit in the cart will be punish with a reduced service schedule. In these times of climate warming Davis should be doing everything it can to encourage this residents to grow trees and plants. It is the plants that remove the planet warming green house gas CO2. and convert it to life sustaining oxygen. City actions do affect how green Davis is and will be. We are already much less greener since high water rates have taken effect(discouragement #1), reduced yard pile service would be (discouragement #2). The yard pile material collection is a wonderful , efficient service. Make it easier to stay green to have trees and plants .
- How about providing a compost bin equal to the size of the organics card to households that would like them?. Without having to go through the classes that are sometimes offered
- I even understand that some of the other people who don't get street pick up get a free extra yard bin but I've been repeatedly told I would have to pay for an extra one if I wanted to get one. Your policy isn't even uniform. I can't even fight this battle with the city anymore. I've given up
- I think that yard material pile collection is important both for bicycle safety and for the appearance of Davis streets. In addition, residents are encouraged to grow vegetables and fruits, and those generate yard materials.
- \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ And what happened to street sweeping!?
- (1) On-Street piles placed on non-scheduled week's is problematic. Every month there are piles that are placed within few days of the monthly collection that blow around, are hazard for bikers and the like. (2) Vast majority of on-street would easily fit into Yard Bin but landscape service or resident do not use. Bins are large and have good capacity for grass, leaves, garden material. For my 9000 sf lot with large sycamore three on-street piles are really needed more for pruning that generate large bulky piles.

- A more detailed account of what can go would help. Wax? natural fabrics--rags, string? food containers including plastic covered ones (e.g., milk)? paper towels with motor oil, solvents? etc., etc.
- ABSOLUTELY increase street sweeping to twice monthly AT LEAST. The debris in the bike paths is really bad. I've had two flat tires on my bike this year from debris in the bike paths after not having one for over a decade. Covell Blvd. is especially bad despite DWR claiming it gives extra service to the major roadways. I've seen more branches, leaves, pods and seeds, trash and nails and other items in the bike paths which is unsafe and unacceptable. The City didn't properly explain how street sweeping would be dramatically reduced when they implemented the yard waste bin program. In addition, street sweeping should take place the DAY after street yard waste pickup, not the WEEK after. This is common sense because all the leftover leaves spend all week blowing all over the neighborhood. Not cool.
- Along with yard material collection, there needs to be street sweeping regularly during the seasons when there is more debris falling from trees (e.g. pollen/allergens). Many city trees make a mess and this needs to be cleaned up regularly--more often than once a month!
- Although the carts are large and we need to keep in the front yard, they are easy to use. When on-street pick ups occur, there should be street sweeping every time.
- Any changes will be ignored by many residences and the piles will sit for months...just like they sat for weeks went you stopped collecting weekly.
- Arranging for individual pick up is a nice option.
- As a small, elderly person I cannot move a full cart. It's too heavy for me. There is no one else to move it. What if I injure myself ?
- As I said before, it would just help if they stuck with the posted days of the week.
- As I stated previously, these carts are a struggle for elderly/disabled. They are cumbersome, can be difficult to fill, and hard to store. The old system - weekly pick-up, worked very well. The bike riders were appeased, however, the elderly/disabled were disadvantaged.
- As I wrote earlier in the survey, there were no questions about street sweeping. I would prefer to have that done the day after the street piles are picked up, rather than the following week. Even better would be to go back to weekly street sweeping - the streets were much cleaner!
- As long as the city makes street pick up available, people will use it instead of changing their habits. I do believe that some people may need two carts during the leaf season and there should be some provision for deciding who needs an extra cart, but most properties can get by with one cart and a little extra work to keep the streets clean.
- Audit whether the piles are actually picked up as scheduled now. They are not in our neighborhood and it is really quite infuriating.
- Better education and providing home composting and worm box kits will help.
- Better info outreach! People seem to leave huge piles in the street for pick up that inhibits parking and scatters leaves w/o knowing pick times????
- Bins are too big to use fir kitchen waste that includes bones,fats or other proteins. They go rancid. If you want to encourage composting kitchen waste you need smaller bins with weekly pick-up.
- cardboard pick-up is spotty (we've had our piles missed on two occasions)
- Comments

- Composting is yucky but I do it anyway.
- Consider providing compost bins for people who want to start their own compost piles, thus reducing the amount the City needs to pick up.
- Continuation of the monthly on-street collection throughout the year is essential and should not be abandoned.
- Continue to send paper fliers, educating us on the rules, schedules, etc as you have been doing. Remind us of what can or can't go in each can: organic, paper plastic, trash. Thank you.
- Coordinate street sweeping with the street pile pick ups. It is awful having the streets look dirty for over a week after the pick ups.
- Could the city offer finished compost for sale to residents?
- Could you offer delivery of chips for mulching—on a very limited schedule...1 or 2 times a year?
- Current and offered options are not frequent enough to handle the seasonal organics production in many yards.
- Current monthly pile pickup not working—people are leaving piles of yard materials in the street for weeks at a time, creating traffic hazards for cars and bicycles.
- Current plan forces folks to put piles in the street for THREE WEEKS waiting for once a week collections. maybe going every other week year round would make more sense. DON't create rules you are not willing to enforce. Frankly I'm more worried about water resources than all of this.
- Current restrictions will lead to dangerous fire conditions as residents struggle to avoid citations and debris piles up on site. The pile restrictions are a bizarre and unnecessary micro-management. Our block is heavily parked by students and parents so debris can't be staged without a violation. Fruit drops are a major recyclable yet they are now forbidden. We have mature landscaping not unlike thousands of fellow residents. The restrictions ration the recycled material to suit the City's budget, criminalize usage that violates restrictions, ignore the unintended hazard the City will create. I would rather have the City return to the prior weekly pickup costing 250K per year than pare it back to hire 4-5 more City employees such as the Deputy Assistant Media and Communications Officer. Laissez nous faire !
- Currently, landscaping services are not using neighbors' bins before placing wastes in street, sometimes way before prescribed pick-up dates. There needs to be more education for landscapers and enforcement.
- Davis is the only place we have ever lived that let you pile yard waste in the street. This seems uncivilized to me.
- Dump dumping. Beautify Davis.
- During the bulk of the year when street pick-up occurs only once a month, numerous homes and apartment complexes either don't pay attention or don't care. We see piles of debris left on the streets for weeks at a time, until the next pickup; this is a visual blight, a hazard to bicycles, smelly during the summer, and obviously not what was intended by this program. If you're going to limit pickup as has been done, then your enforcement response needs to be much, much stronger.
- During the once a month pick-ups, it is important to do more regulating of piles, ensuring that people are not leaving piles in the street for too long, and also that if the streets are only getting cleaned once a month that people are informed to move their cars, etc. for maximal impact. Thanks!!



- DWR is truly a fine, responsive, company. Employees are equally so. We are privileged to have DWR as our collector agency.
- Enforce violation for leaving materials out before scheduled pickups. The materials sometime remain for weeks, clearly hazards to bikers, auto, and pedestrians.
- Extend Christmas tree collection
- EXTEND LEAF SEASON THROUGH DECEMBER AND OFFER TWICE A MONTH PICK UP.
- For changes to the schedule, calling for street pick up was a close option for me.
- For you the last two years I have noticed that we have a huge need for leaf/branch/ XMAS tree collection on our streets during the last two weeks of December. The program ends too early.
- Frankly, I saw no reason to switch to containerization in the first place, other than political pressure by the "bicycle lobby." And as a biker I never had a single accident due to leaf piles in decades of residence here.
- From summer into winter we have a lot of needle fall from a canary pine in our front yard. Far more than the organics bin can accommodate. We rely on street pickup for this.
- Given the number of larger items that don't readily fit in the recycle bins (like branches and extra large accumulations of plant debris) the weekly pickup is valuable.
- Go back to curb dumping and forget the third can
- Go back to the old system. This new system is vastly inconvenient.
- Hate it. The street pick-up is much more customer-friendly. If the city must have these bins, which seems like a costlier and less sustainable method, at least give us multiple or larger bins.
- Have a large yard
- Have pick up day always be the first Thursday (or other days in other neighborhoods). Now it can be first or second.
- Have street sweeper sweep the day following the in street collection. Enforce no more than a week for in street pickup.
- Having the street sweeping a week later than the yard trimmings collection means that the street is full of small debris for one week out of every month, which isn't great -- could sweeping be done on the same day as pickup? Also sweeping sometimes misses spots even though they aren't too close to cars.
- How about Street pile collection twice a month. (And every week during leaf season.)
- How can Street sweeping and refuse pickup go from once a week to its present haphazard schedule without at least a 50% reduction in cost?? Doesn't make sense. Unless those in charge spent way too much money on large obtrusive organic plastic waste cans or are quite literally the worst contract negotiators in history.
- how do we know which day is the monthly week for street collection?
- How well is this process working for you, the city? I've done some research and in many towns throughout the country garbage disposals have been installed for getting rid of food waste. The counter bins do smell no matter how careful one is and the cart becomes a mess. It makes no sense to me to buy compostable bags which don't eliminate the odor inside the kitchen and which don't compost readily. Wrapping it in newspaper just makes a layer of "yuck" in the bottom of the large gray bin.
- I am actually recycling my yard waste less now. I used to know what day to put it out, and I'd use a small wheelbarrow to leave it at the curb. Now I try to use my wheelbarrow to dump it into the bin but I'm not really tall enough or strong enough.

- I am bothered that in the last two years we have reduced services and no reduced costs. But now to get back some of the original services there is mention about rate increases. Also, I am bothered that we only have once a month street sweeping. During the fall/winter rain seasons, gutters are becoming clogged with debris.
- I am happy we are getting the waste out of the street
- I am really happy that the city has a composting program.
- I am unclear why the old system needed to be changed. It does not appear the new one is cheaper
- I am very happy with the change to the refuse carts. I live across the street from a school and the city workers were frequently unable to pick up my smaller piles of refuse because school employees would park on top of my refuse pile.
- I am very serious about the Christmas tree problem, it is a major source of stress to neighborhoods throughout January.
- I am worried about the energy and pollution costs from the enormous trucks.
- I appreciate having curbside pick up and would hate to have it eliminated. I'm not sure what I'd do with my yard waste without it.
- I appreciate the free compost that has been offered through this program.
- I appreciate the organics collection including both food scraps & soiled paper (ie, napkins, tissues, towel paper)
- I appreciate the service. The "Claw" needs to be extended weekly though early January, matching the full "leaf" season.
- I commute by bicycle and have never had trouble avoiding street debris. No one on bike should be racing through Davis. We can teach our children how to safely navigate obstacles
- I currently have 2 bins waiting to fill the organic bin emptied on Friday ( Sat) also have two piles of other debris. It has been a wetter winter and spring so far and so there is more growth, weeds etc.
- I did like the flexibility of weekly pile pick up but didn't use it too often
- I do not know if this observation is related to the new street pick up schedule or not. It's my observation that for the past two winters, during "leaf season" there has been an excessive amount of leaves on some bike paths in green belts. In some cases, it has been so bad that the edges of bike paths were obscured resulting in some hazard, i.e. that hazard of riding off the bike path pavement and into landscaped areas. I came close to doing that a couple of times. Also it should be noted that an excessive amount of wet leaves on a winding bike path is a hazard. Sometimes they are very slick and can cause a crash.
- I do not like the cart system. I preferred the on street system.
- I do not understand why you bring the street sweeper one week after the on street pickup instead of the next day like you used to do. After a week the surplus debris has scattered everywhere and since the sweeper does not clean the entire street but just the edges, it is not nearly as effective. What was the reason for this change?
- I do not use it because I live in an apartment without a yard.
- I don't have any service and I would appreciate reinstatement on XXXXX St.
- I find it easy enough to time large yard maintenance with the weekend prior to my pickup day. I prefer to put larger yard trimmings on the street rather than hoist them into the bin and often have to cut them into smaller pieces to maximize space (things get stuck on each other so easily in the bins).

- I find it hard sometimes to not be able to prune according to my schedule. Having to wait until the once a month date adds stress to my schedule since I have a very bad back and have to do my pruning according to pick up day.
- I get tired of seeing yard waste piles in the street for a couple of weeks while waiting for the ONE monthly collection. It seems the city is not enforcing the rule. Sometimes the organic can is so heavy collecting weeks of material that I can hardly push it to the street.
- I got used to it very quickly. Especially like the little scrap collection pail, even though I have to buy compostable bags to use with it.
- I had a large 45 yr old Pine/Fur Tree in my yard. Had a tree service cut it down in January because of the reduction in claw service. Problem solved.
- I have a 10,000 square foot triangular lot with no space in front for leaf piles. My neighbors giant trees drop in our yard. Because of the current rules I am not allowed to build piles across the street and have no space in my front yard. This system is unfair. We should be able to build leaf piles on public road where space is available. We pay for this service but don't get to take advantage of it. We are required to go to the dump or pay to hire someone to remove these leaves. We are encouraged to be tree Davis, without a good way to get rid of leaves. Make the rules fair for everyone and not penalize homes without front yard space.
- I have a large property and probably use my collection barrel more than most but even I don't fill it every week. Could it be collected every other week as a cost savings?
- I have a smaller lot and less yard materials then larger lots might generate but I find it easy to use my green waste cart and to fit in the materials that I need. Keeping yard waste materials out of the street means that our stormwater is less polluted and helps to protect our local waterways.
- I have found if I put brush in front of my house, I have to clean up the debris left behind as neighbor's car blocks sweeper's access to gutter area.
- I have never used the on-street yard piles since I received the organics cart. The on-street piles are an unnecessary, expensive, duplicative service that only benefit a small number of people who like to complain loudly.
- I have received a city notice saying i piled yard waste at the curb too early. In only one of these instances was the yard waste from my yard. It is annoying for me to get noticed when the yard waste belongs to someone else. I did not have the type of trees whose clippings were piled in front of my house. Do not penalize me for other people using my curb as a dumping ground.
- I just selected eliminating pick up piles, but I'm worried that residents are becoming 'anti-tree' because they only think of the leaves, and not all the benefits of having the wonderful trees. I love trees and want to have more, not fewer, in Davis.
- I like and use the collection can. I think most people can't break the habit of throwing waste in the street. Eliminate the once a month/week street pick up and you force the use of the can. Plus reduce our costs. Win/win.
- I like being able to dispose of any kitchen waste, including greasy paper etc., so I find the "new" program actually makes things easier.
- I like having both carts, which we use primarily for household food compost, and piles for large quantities of yard debris.
- I like it. I like being able to put kitchen scraps in there because I have elected not to compost kitchen scraps due to rodent problems.

- I like that it includes food items altho I compost most veggie scraps and I mow many leaves into mulch. Major problem also occurs with renewed vegetative growth in spring following rains - hard to coordinate pruning with your schedule.
- I like that we can recycle cardboard milk cartons. However, a plastic spout is almost ubiquitous on these cartons. I always remove the plastic on mine. Have you found this plastic to be a problem in the carts? If so, I would recommend reminding people to remove plastic spout when they recycle their cartons. (It's very convenient to put my kitchen compost in the cartons). It would be nice if plastic was banned from these milk cartons! I'm trying to reduce my plastic waste, and this seems like an unnecessary addition; we managed without these for years before they appeared on the market. Also, I was wondering if it's ok to put organic things such as cotton (balls/old clothing), and hair in the bins.
- I like that you accept food waste including soiled food packaging.
- I like the brown bin because it also is a way to compost food scraps and materials that are too tough for our home/garden compost. We use the counter-top brown bin, lined with a green compostable bag. How can you get more people to recycle food scraps - can bins be shared or a community bin be made available? When/where will the compost from the brown bins be made available to Davis residents?
- I like the old system and would be happy to pay a higher price for it.
- I love having a compost bin!
- I love having the organics cart and being able to put kitchen compost in it. I also like the cleaner streets from reducing the on-street pile collection.
- I love that the streets are cleaner...they look so much better. Also, it is safer for biking and running.
- I love the ability to compost - we have greatly decreased our garbage output by using the composing ability - please keep as is!
- I love the compost bin and the fact that the streets are usually cleaner. I would like more frequent street sweeping WITHOUT cars parked in the way.
- I love the convenience of mixing the material with my organics waste.
- I love the opportunity to have my yard waste AND other appropriate materials composted. Thank you!
- I love the organics cart. I have almost no garbage and would ideally like to pay for garbage pickup only once or twice a month. Sometimes I only have one tiny bag of trash.
- I miss the old schedule and street sweeping. The roads have more debris and less safe for bikers as a result
- I miss the way it was with weekly yard pick up.
- I miss the weekly pick up service!
- I only use it when I have a Christmas tree or when I have my large trees trimmed annually. It takes a few weeks to get everything tossed, but it saves a dump fee. All grass and yard trimmings are taken care of by the HOA gardening service.
- I prefer the on the street collection to the bin collection. I find the bins smelly and they attracts insects, therefore I do not use them at all.
- I preferred the previous system with on-street collection. It is difficult and time-consuming to have to stuff branches and other yard material into a cart. Maybe this helps DWR but it is not user-friendly.
- I really appreciate the on street yard collection service. I no longer have the strength to cut up limbs to be small enough to put in bin. I'm 70.

- I REALLY HATE THE CURRENT WASTE COLLECTION SYSTEM. REALLY HATE IT.
- I really like the organic bins for yard material. We can store our stuff during the week and just put it out on waste day. And there are not constant unsafe and ugly piles in the street.
- I really need it and want it continued
- I rely on this service as I do all my own yard work.
- I see many of the elderly in my neighborhood struggle to get yard materials into the yard materials bins and can't help but think that not continuing to offer pile pick up would be a very real hardship for them.
- I spent years telling people in other communities how wonderful our weekly street pick up was in Davis - and then we took a giant step backwards. From the sound of this survey, the city is planning to go backwards even farther. Just what am I supposed to do with all the tree branches, old plants, etc. that do not fit in the organics bin?
- I think a sweet spot on rates is 0-5%.
- I think it is terrible- why not return to street collection?The bins are way too big for weeks when one doesn't do yard work and then too small for major clean ups or leaf season. It is an extra pain during leaf season to have to pick up batches of leaves to throw into the large bin instead of raking them down to the street.
- I think it's amazing. My wife and I just bought our home in September and moved here from Orange County. We've never seen anything like it.
- I think it's reasonable as-is. If I were to change anything, it may be to shift the weekly collection to slightly later (starting mid-Nov and going to mid-Jan)
- I try to maximize use of the organics cart for things I cannot easily compost.
- I use the organic material cart each week for food preparation residue and left overs that went bad. Since I am doing this my regular garbage cart is almost empty.
- I usually only have organic food waste in that large container, maybe with small amount of grass. Large branches etc. mainly spring and fall.
- I was skeptical about the organics cart, as I thought it would be hard to get materials into, and not sufficiently large, but it has been easier and worked better than I expected.
- I was skeptical at first, but I love it now- our landfill waste stream is down
- I wish all the residents in my condo complex would use the carts more. We are one of the few using them. Most of the residents are students and it appears they hardly ever use them.
- I wish it was the way it was in the past. A lot of people still put stuff out on the street when they need to regardless of the date.
- I wish the street cleaners came sooner after street pile pick-up.
- I wish there were more street sweepings
- I would like the on-street yard material collection option to continue
- I would like the street cleaning to be the day after the yard waste pickup. Currently it is a week later and the street is a mess for a whole week.
- I would like to be able to place woody fruit tree and other large prunings in the street the winter months Jan, Feb, and March as needed as a weekly pickup. It is too hard to cut large pieces of woody material to place in the compost tubs
- I would like to know where the yard waste and compost goes? Nobody seems to know! And the only modification I would ask for is to extend weekly pickup to extend all of December

- I would wait another year to eliminate pile collection. Residents might still be adjusting to the change.
- I'm very glad the city has made this service available.
- If on-street yard material collection is continued, better enforcement is needed to prevent piles from creating hazards in bicycle lanes. Especially in winter months when days are short, branches or leaves that extend into the bicycle lane can cause serious injury if a bicyclist falls or cause a collision if a bicyclist must exit the bike lane suddenly to avoid a hazard.
- If people want street piles, that should be weighed against the need for bicyclists to have clean streets, free of branches. I also think that piles invite landscapers to bring yard waste from Woodland to Davis and dump it in piles if they going to both cities anyway. That's an abuse of our system.
- If you keep on street piles, you must fix the street sweeping schedule!
- I'm disappointed that yard waste collection practice continues to follow the Davis Waste Removal practices...provide substantially less service at an increasing price.
- I'm really happy with Davis's yard material collection at this time.
- I'm surprised how much green waste we have. This justifies the program more than I expected
- In place of street collection, could those of us who have a lot of landscaping get an extra cart, please!??
- In the Old North, it is hard to find street space for all three cans that are not next to cars and DWR does not want to empty cans close to cars. Fine cars that park too close to cans!!
- Include private streets as part of the yard collection facilities. We pay taxes as well. We are paying for yard collection services for other neighborhoods. Then why exclude us. Else, don't charge the private streets for yard collection facilities so that our monthly bill goes down.
- Is there a way to have a drop off site we could bring debris to when we have a big project or downed tree?
- Is there still street CLEANING the day after street pick-up? Sometimes the street is so dirty I can't tell. Just wondering.
- It appears to me that a lot of people solely rely on the street collection and do not use their organics carts. The piles are unsightly, and sometimes sit for a few weeks if they are put out on a non-collection week.
- It has helped safety for riders in bike lanes
- It is a big improvement. We are glad that food waste can be disposed of in the cart, too. Trader Joe's has compostable bags for produce items, while other grocers have plastic bags. Encourage the other grocers to provide compostable bags in the produce section.
- It is a very good service
- It is difficult to find a private debris hauler currently in Davis unless they are also hired as landscapers. (We tried last summer.)
- It is fine as is.
- It is good!
- It is unreasonable to only be allowed 3 days prior to the designated yard material collection day to put out trimmings. Weather and Mother Nature do not play by these rules. It means leaves and fallen limbs lay scattered on the road rather than being tidily piled because the collection day is too far away, thereby causing more clogged drains and

bike/pedestrian hazards. You should have left the old system in place. It worked better than this current system.

- It is very difficult to schedule pruning of trees around the pile collection "once a month" schedule. A private arborist does not haul away debris, nor uses a grinder. So, a home owner must schedule tree pruning around the once a month collection schedule, and that's kind of inconvenient and difficult to do. It was easier when there was once a week collection service. I don't think collection service should be centered around "leaf season" -- it can be "leaf season" all year round depending on the trees in a neighborhood. In my neighborhood, the Modesto Ash drops its leaves twice in the spring/summer and once in the winter. I have seen Christmas trees put out on the street weeks before scheduled collection time blocking drain ditches and taking up parking spots. But, there they will remain for one month until pickup time. The bottom line is: the current schedule is not working. It's not enough collection time, not for the average Davisite who doesn't read, trim, and play by the scheduled collection rule book.
- It is very frustrating that many residents put out large piles that remain in the street for weeks, often having work done just after a once monthly street collection. They could save it for their cart. And dog walkers add their poop bags which is a problem for the program. The yard services have contributed to the street waste tremendously.
- It just seems like we were stuck with a schedule that met the criteria of "what can we do without raising rates?"
- It looks to me like you are trying to phase out the on-street service. I strongly hope you do not do that. It is a very valuable service. It takes a lot longer to stuff large amounts of prunings into the bins than to haul them out to the street. This makes yard work harder to do, especially for people ages 60s and up.
- It makes life harder.
- It needs to be extended by 4 weeks without additional cost.
- It needs to occur more frequently, like it previously was
- It seems like the Oct - Dec weekly pile pick-up starts and ends about a month early. Nov through Jan seems more appropriate.
- It seems that if leaves are picked up less than 1x/week during leaf season, then leaf piles might get bigger and intrude on bike lanes like they used to.
- It stinks, especially in warm weather and when there is no other organic debris from the yard to put in. I use my garbage disposal as much as possible.
- It would be a lot nicer if street sweeping went back to the day after street pick up.
- It would be nice if at least raw vegetable kitchen waste could be added to the organics cart with the yard waste unbagged.
- It's a great service provided by the City and our contractor, but we need to keep it from cluttering up the street and bike lanes.
- It's a particular problem if piles don't get picked up (whether because they don't meet specifications or get missed) when there isn't a pick up for a whole month.
- It's kind of annoying when people put yard waste out that could fit in their bin the week after it has been collected. It happens all over XXXX.
- It's too complicated. It's not only leaf season, but given our climate, pruning through January and February and on and off thru the year.
- It's very inconvenient to not be able to leave your pile on the street or you get fined
- I've no idea if this is possible, but if we don't put our trash/organics cans out for a week it'd be nice to see a decrease in our bill.

- Just want to emphasize that "leaf season" collection is way too short.
- Keep the bins. The large one is wonderful.
- Keep the claw!
- Keep the monthly pick-up as is up until leaf season, extend weekly leaf pick-up four extra weeks, and offer an additional chance to call-in extra yard waste pick-up services three times a year. At the very least, please extend the weekly pick-up for leaf season!
- Keep up the good work.
- Kerp yard waste out of the bike lanes and storm drains. Outlaw leaf blowers!!!!
- Lack of flexibility like after storms or spring cleaning/maintainous
- Leaf fall is too early for typical leaf fall season, which starts in November and frequently extends through September.
- Leaves are a problem until the end of December
- leaves are the least of Davis problems
- Looking at the trees in Davis, it does not appear the leaf collection times are timed with the majority of the leaf fall. Our neighborhood was far later than the weekly pickup timeframe.
- Love the bins and cleaner streets without piles in the street 365 days per year. Wish there was more enforcement of people that disregard the timing of piles in streets. Wish the street sweeper came through the day after the monthly street pick ups.
- Love the composting program. We use it for all of the kitchen waste.
- LOVE the organics bin program.
- Love the organics cart! Any chance we could have a larger bucket for inside the house to collect waste from inside and to keep the smell at bay?
- Many mature trees and currently stinks trying to schedule that one weekend for yard work around the lone claw monthly visit. If weather or family life intervene then just defer maintenance or keep pile in way for another month.
- Many residents are unaware that they can request to have smaller bins for both trash and compost with reduced rates. Recommend putting stickers on larger bins, signs, or flyer notices to remind residents of this option.
- Mid-size cart is needed as large cart is too heavy to move and small cart does not hold enough.
- Monthly pick up during the pruning season result in much larger piles that endanger bicyclists more .
- My biggest complaint is the decrease in the amount of street sweeping. The streets are consistently dirtier than before the change.
- My brown top cart is used to store some of the considerable volume of compost generated in my yard. If the City chooses to reduce my green waste pickup and street sweeping service by 75% the law requires that the rates also be reduced. DWR is making out like a bandit while rate payers suffer reduced services. I can only imagine how much worse things are going to become when Recology takes over the program!
- My observation is that it seems to be working for people who understand and utilize the service. I have the small organics bin and compost much household food waste.
- Need the on street collection to continue after Christmas to collect Christmas trees.
- Need to notify violators of on-street collection.
- Next week street cleaning is a waste of time, should be the following day before this mess is spread all over. May I charge the city for the extra clean up of house and garage?



- Nice to have trees, but we must pay the price in fall and early winter. I question the choice of some street trees: sycamores, Chinese Rain Trees, pines and others that have excessive drips, extra large leaves or invasive roots and/or non-natives.
- No system is perfect!
- No, but I love my organics cart and it always has more volume than my trash
- No. Residents need to abide street pick up days & not leave piles for weeks blocking bike lanes & making neighborhood look junky.
- Not everyone has piles only during leaf season. Some of us have palm trees that get trimmed twice a year and need pick up
- Not really, but I do know that I normally generate far more organic waste materials from my yard than do my neighbors. Being handicapped, more frequent collection of street materials would be far more helpful to me, but to have to pay for my personal plant enthusiasms would not be fair to my neighbors. Therefore my preference would be to have some sort of baseline pickup service of street waste for everyone, and if any of us has extra needs, then perhaps we could arrange for added pickups as needed, paying extra fees for each added service.
- Not yard specific but green-bin related - I LOVE THE COMPOST PROGRAM! We have almost no garbage now. It was probably hard to get that program implemented but I so appreciate it! We'd tried composting in our own yard and just got molding food and tons of rats. Curbside compost is the best. Thank you!
- Nothing.
- Now that they take all organics, the carts are now useful. Street piles are the only feasible way to handle fall leaf drop and pruning needs, especially for areas with older and /or larger yards, which have big trees. I hope even people living in newer, small homes can appreciate that the big trees are an asset to the City.
- Once a week yard material collection during fall can be reduced to every other week if the cost is reduced. Having to store tree trimmings until pick up day does not work if you have heavy pruning or tree work done by a professional. Homeowners usually cannot handle cleanup of branches by themselves.
- One of the reasons street pick up of garden material was ended was to help with bike riding safety. I think to have street piles just periodically is less safe for bike riders.
- One thing I liked was the weekly yard waste pickup on the street..why didn't you include that option?
- Only issue is late leaf drop season, January.
- Organics bins are fantastic and allow us to greatly reduce material in the garbage can for the landfill. We had a similar program when we lived in Ventura and we really liked it.
- Organics carts work well for grass clippings and some of the leaves. They are not adequate for bush/tree trimmings, which happens outside the fall leaf season.
- Originally the homeowner was allowed to put out yard waste near the trash cans on trash day if the yard waste can was full. May we still do that?
- Our neighbors put out piles regardless of the pick up schedule. Other neighbors claim that their maintenance crews leave the piles and they are helpless to control them. There are piles of debris on our street every day of the year. Is there to be no enforcement, and anything goes?
- Overall I like the compost bin service. Have significantly reduced the amount that goes in the trash. Hardly ever use garbage disposal in my kitchen sink. Problem with street pick up is that leaf drop from trees does not always occur in the fall.

- Overall, I like it. I really like the idea of the City doing composting on a large scale.
- Overall, I love the compost cart - thank you!
- Overall, your team does a good job, thanks.
- People do not honor the rules for when to put out street material, creating much more of a hazard for cyclists, as well as a nuisance with piles out for weeks.
- People parking on top of the piles is a problem on XXXX street. I also had a problem with being served a notice about my neighbor's pile.
- People put out piles regardless of when the pickups occur
- People put waste on curb whenever they have it.
- Perhaps a larger bin or multiple bin option would help some people. Also I find my recycle bin (container and paper combo) is most likely to fill with my needing to ration how I fill it. I need to check and see if a larger bin is available; if not, perhaps this could be analyzed as well.
- Piles in the streets look sloppy, people don't understand changing rules, college students aren't here long enough to know complicated rules, and we depend upon the landlord to tell them, and many landlords don't care because they don't care about the neighbors who do. Your questions are confusing for people who don't know the fine points of the nomenclature. All this means the questionnaire is not useful. Where are other cities doing this. Are they successfully doing it? El Macero dost do this, and they don't have messy streets. Make the rules one way...no throwing anything in the in street. If you have trimmings too large for the designation yard materials can, hold the excess in your backyard till the following week.
- Please keep this service. Those of us with yards and trees really need this service. I do not have another option.
- Please do not even think about abolishing it. It is a really nice service in Davis.
- Please don't have your workers be helpful by rushing arborists who are pruning our trees. I understand that were trying to be helpful but it wasn't helpful and they complained that he hadn't piled the prunings carefully enough. He always does that perfectly, but organizes the pile at the end of his work. Which he wasn't allowed to finish, so I have a 50 year old walnut tree and fruit trees that will now need pruning during the summer as he didn't get them done.
- Please enforce the rules for neighbors who park on their own piles.
- Please enforce when piles can be put out, I don't like seeing them every day. And they take up parking
- Please follow-up with those households that inappropriately leave yard materials in the street for extended periods of time and are obviously not paying attention to the pickup schedule.
- Please increase. The current system simply does not work- often results in huge piles once a month that create driving/parking/walking hazard. City is going to be sued as a result of this policy,... it's only a matter of time.
- Please keep current schedule, but sweep the streets the next day after the collection, not the whole week after!
- Please pick up more often in January Our waste fills the bin fast because we have fruit trees and grape vines
- Please see previous box.
- Provide weekly leaf pickup; do not eliminate. No way I can stuff all my leaves in the weekly bin!

- Pruning materials should go in the street, they can be too unwieldy & heavy for the cart. Our pruning usually extends into January.
- Put it back the way it was
- Re: organic food waste composting... I don't like having to purchase food waste bags which start decomposing quickly and are nearly always broken open and spilling the rotting contents in the bottom of the cart by the time the it is picked up.
- Residents are currently accommodating the city. We have a hard time scheduling tree work and other landscaping activities around the city's strange schedule. This needs to change.
- Return to weekly collection. Having piles of yard waste littering the yard three weeks out of the month is unsanitary and aesthetically displeasing
- Review the city budget and provide better service to residents. Train customer support specialist to support residents better.
- Right now it is not enough for only monthly collection.
- Schedule street sweeping the day after pick-up so the left over debris does not get scattered due to wind or traffic.
- Schedule yard material pick up the first and second week of January as there are many Christmas trees on the street
- See above.
- See previous comment (Q11)
- see previous comments. Thank you for creating this survey.
- seems unsafe in areas for bicyclists, especially at night
- Should maintain street cleaning services in residential area, and consider clean the street more often during the months with less frequent pile removal.
- Some gardeners seem to not know about the new organics carts, and continue to leave leaf piles on the street.
- Some homeowners do not seem to know when not to put out yard waste (leaves and prunings) Often they then stay along the street for three weeks until the time to pick up occurs. If the people would cut up many pruning material it would fit into the can.
- Some kind of enforcement of the one-week-in-advance piles is needed. During the once-a-month times, people lose track and their piles sit there for weeks
- Some times it difficult to plan a big yard project (e.g., overall spring pruning or fall cleanup) when pickup is only once a month. This is especially true if the timing gets off due to weather and you can't do the project right before the pickup. Then we end up having piles along our house that we meter into our compost bin.
- Sometimes it just works out that we have a large collection of debris at the wrong time and we have to store it for weeks. BUT we don't need increased rates!
- sometimes the pickup does not follow the schedule
- Start picking up wood bark. It can be shredded down further for mulch.
- sticks/branches are very difficult to fit in the bins - this is a problem
- Stopping Christmas tree pickup so soon after Christmas was not adequate. There should be weekly tree pickups until at least the middle of January.
- Street cleaning should be done same day as pickup. Signs on streets instructing no piles until 5 days before.
- Street sweeping could use to be more frequent.
- street sweeping is needed weekly all year

- Street sweeping should be at least twice a month and the sweeper should be doing a better job
- Street sweeping should be day after yard pile collection, not 1 week later. Yard pile pickup leaves the street a mess.
- Street sweeping should be done biweekly throughout the year.
- Street sweeping should occur on each and every day that on street pile pick up occurs, Not the week after pickup. Our city streets look dirty over 25% of the time under the current street sweeping schedule and I'm sure a lot of debris is washed into the storm drain system.
- Street sweeping the day after material pile pickup is not adequate (in a hurry and miss a lot)
- Street sweeping used to be the day after the claw pickup. Now it's a week later, so the debris, grit and dirt left behind by the claw is blown around and scattered all over the street for a week. Please schedule the street sweepers to come around the day after the claw instead of seven days later. I've seen good suggestions on NextDoor, none of which are reflected in this survey: biweekly pickup all or most of the year, allowing street piles to be put out on weekends (when most people garden), and perhaps looser rules for streets with low traffic. I'd really like more street pickups. Using the wheeled organic waste bin for yard clippings is problematic: it involves navigating a huge, high-sided, often heavy cart around the yard, taking in the smell of garbage while I garden, and then trying to pack it to overflowing with leaves and clippings. I often have to keep green waste piled alongside my house, only to move it, again, the following week, into the cart. We need more street pickups and coordinated street sweeping.
- streets with bike lanes should not have on street pick up of yard waste. neighborhoods with a lot of trees need special on street collection following storms.
- Sweep the streets twice a month. OR have the Chamber of Commerce brag about the dirty streets in Davis.
- Sweeping should follow the street pickup immediately, or at worst the next day like it used to be
- Take into account when pruning happens not just leaf drop.
- Ten container is too small for Yard material and if you only use for organic kitchen waste it is too big.
- Thank you
- Thank you for asking us!
- Thank you for checking back with us. 4 more weeks are needed. A reasonable fee based on demand 2-3 times a year needed too.
- Thank you for seeking public input. I don't think I'm alone in my discrepant "leaf season" experience. If I am, I may need to re-think my plantings!
- Thank you for the opportunity to give feedback on this important issue.
- Thank you! Davis does an amazing job-- better than any other city I've lived in regarding waste and yard waste and composting. I love it.
- Thanks
- Thanks for providing the service!
- Thanks for the service!
- Thanks!
- The 5 day limit to place yard materials in the street before pick-up is too challenging for most of us to make work. A full week prior to pick-up would be most helpful.

- The bins are dangerous. I just incurred a Emergency Room bill on XXXX after trying to lower my bin (with the lid open) into the street from the sidewalk. The bin rolled away from me, but I was still holding on, and went face first into the bin. I am 6 feet tall. The bins are awkward and unbalanced when the lid is open and I am now quite gun-shy about using the bin any more.
- The bins are great! Please get rid of the claw entirely! It is wasteful and damages the street, leaves lots of debris everywhere. It's 2018, not 1958. Thanks for doing this followup survey.
- the brown cart sucks.
- The current collect schedule is a total failure. The huge city trees drop leaves thru Jan. The yard clippings do not fit in the bins, and the bins are cumbersome and difficult for many of us to use. The streets of Davis are a mess now. Extend 4 time pick up thru Jan and collect every other week for the remainder of the year as needed in parts of Davis with huge yards. And sweep the streets each week.
- The current policy actively discourages homeowners from maintaining their property. It penalizes us for keeping gardens, lawns, and hedges trim, and takes no notice of the seasonality of growth, blooming, leaf-fall, and pruning of different parts of the garden, It punishes us for being good neighbors.
- The current system is a disaster during the winter. We pick up monthly, then then we begin weekly, then we restart monthly... and few people bother to note the actual schedule of this. We get piles on the wet streets 24-7-365 all through the winter months. It is horrible for transportation use of our streets. Let's stop the whole concept of regularly piling our refuse in the street, though still allow it occasionally with pre-scheduled pickups once a month for those who need it, and those who wish to pay for it.
- The green belts in XXXX need lot of help. When residents took care of what the city woukdn't The claw driver refused to pick up what had been put in the street. The green belts are part of the city so not picking it up is ridiculous. That ordinance should be eliminated.
- The hired landscaper clean up crews do not adhere to the schedule , piles sit on the streets for weeks. Christmas tree disposal is problematic when you have once a blue moon pickup date. Generally the current system and contracted services vendor do a poor job addressing this issue. The streets are not clean and the scheduling is too arduous to keep track of.
- The material from the little plastic compost bucket often don't even go in the cart because it is FULL of yard waste. So it defeats the purpose of food composting, if that is really what you were trying to accomplish.
- The most difficult part is for us is street space, we have a lot of cars and fitting three cans on the street is difficult. Ideally it would be great to do yard pick up on a separate day than the rest of the waste pick up so I could fit all the cans on my street.
- The need of service varies greatly depending upon the maturity of the yard and desire to keep the yard attractive and well-kept. I value this service because I live on an older area of town with large trees, shrubs, and a large garden.
- The new brown bin allows me to compost materials that I cannot use in my backyard compost bin. I love it!
- The new system is terrible. Families with busy schedules can't plan when yard work Occurs. It happens. Then we are stuck with piles of debris in driveways until the scheduled pickup. This leads to more on street parking. Offer an app that schedules

pickups on demand with 5 free over the year and cost per each one after (fixed fee). But don't limit amount that is silly.

- The old weekly on-street collection service was ideal. And as a daily bike commuter, I can testify that the piles were/are *\*never\** a problem for me (bike safety was listed as one of the reasons for the change, but that's just not valid).
- The only comment I have is that maybe there should be an extra pick up in January for Christmas trees. This year people put trees out after the first of the month and they were on the street that whole month until the next street collection.
- The on-street collection is pretty terrible on my street---piles were not actually collected weekly (weeks were skipped) and piles were rarely completely removed.
- The post-collection street sweeper effectiveness has gone downhill over the past year or so. Typically the sweeper is raising a cloud of dust, not picking up a majority of debris, and seems to be running 'dry' (with little or no water being sprayed from the front/bottom of the vehicle. Additionally, the day of the week in our North Davis neighborhood (the week after the monthly pickup) has been fluctuating. We try to move cars off of street that day, but it's been hard to predict since this new schedule went into effect!
- The previous way of collecting/sweeping weekly worked except for the cyclists. In trying to fix that issue, you really made a mess of things.
- The program was implemented incorrectly due to Brett Lee. People are still confused and leaving their green waste all month - No street pick up - just the carts - people can ask for more carts if needed
- The service works well for me. I am glad I could get a smaller container.
- The street pile pick up should be twice a month and extend through January
- The street sweeper needs to come a day after pickup not a week later
- The street sweeper schedule is highly irregular and never occurs the following day if at all.
- The street sweeping does not seem to be regular and is not included on the published schedule
- The street sweeping needs to be done right after the pick up, rather than leaving all the debris (which is a lot!) for a whole week and then sweeping.
- **THE STREET YARD PICK UPS ARE VERY HELPFUL. PLEASE DO NOT GET RID OF THEM.**
- The sweeper needs to come the following day **AFTER** yard material has been cleared from the street-NOT the next week. Too much debris left in the street for a whole week
- The team that comes by our neighborhood does very fast, thorough, and efficient work.
- the weekly needs to run long enough to collect Xmas trees and tree trimming, each of which are after Dec 25
- The whole thing is ridiculous. Unless we want to turn Davis into a treeless replica of Kansas we will have piles of branches all year round. That can't be scheduled for convenience. And it makes no sense at all to essentially eliminate the bus service for waste and make every waste pile drive its own car to the dump. It's absurd.
- The yard material pile pickups are useful for neighborhood, common/shared area cleanups. As a side note: its annoying when neighbors create yard piles right after a pickup has occurred (i.e., after a morning pickup, yard piles might appear in the street that afternoon, and not during leaf drop season).
- There are many people who put piles in the street whenever they want to, and the pile can sit there for weeks. There needs to be another "street monitor" who fines such people.

Also, we need to have some way of keeping our streets clean. With only once a month sweeping, some of the streets look like the "ghetto". Cars need to be moved on certain days of the week, so the sweeper can come through and actually clean the streets. In some areas where students reside, the cars don't move in time for morning street sweeping, and the filth builds up.

- There are too many piles on the street for extended periods of time. This is especially the case for piles put out by apartments and professional landscapers.
- There needs to be better enforcement of the rules for yard piles in the street. I just saw yard waste placed in the street hours after the monthly pickup.
- There should be a way to charge based on household use of services.
- There's more to it than just whether we think it's currently enough FOR US, but all these questions focused on that. We don't have on street pickup so my answers are skewed. But based on my broader experience as a Davis resident and cyclist, I feel there are improvements needed, esp in late Dec into Jan/Feb (when uncollected waste blocks bike lanes and makes parking difficult). In the future, please consider adding some broader questions to get these missing pieces.
- They City fails to pick up any leaves or tree branches on bike paths. All they do is blow it off the path. I regularly pick up leaves (sometimes 2 feet deep so sprinklers can't water bushes) and branches on the bike path near my house and place in street for pick up, which is why I want continued monthly pick-up of street materials. My neighbor uses his wheel chair on the bike path for exercise so the City should be picking up debris that blows back on the bike paths instead of just blowing it off. We pay taxes for green belts and bike path maintenance and they do an inadequate job.
- this is an amazing service. Thank you!
- This survey was confusing.
- This survey was VERY hard to find!!!!
- This whole system is too complex.
- Three cans is overkill in my neighborhood and is causing problems
- Three garbage cans are at least as unsightly and hazardous to bikers as leaf piles.
- too many people don't pay attention to the schedule and leave nasty collection piles in the street for weeks
- Trees and gardens kept in good condition by Davis residents are city amenities. Yard trimmings are generated year round, not just in the leaf season. For example, early Spring pruning generates substantial yard trimmings. It is unreasonable for the city to expect that one street-pile pick-up per month during most of the year will be adequate. The growth cycles of trees and shrubs should determine the time for pruning, not the City's pick-up schedule! The city needs to support residents who keep trees and gardens, by providing street-pile pick-up every other week throughout the year.
- Two points: (1) Do more frequent collections during the times when trees are pruned rather than when leaves fall. (2) Permit piles to be out for more than a week so that we are not restricted in when we can reasonably do yard work.
- Use the carts please. Don't just toss it in the streets.
- Very happy with it.
- We abide by the current repellent rules although there was no need to institute them, but as a pedestrian I have encountered illegal (wrong dates, wrong sizes) all over the city. Twice, some scofflaw placed massive piles along our own property line. (The city was helpful in posting a sign for us, so the problem has not recurred.)

- We appreciate it! I hope the compost you're creating is useful.
- we appreciate the nice men (?and women, though I've never seen a woman) who come and entertain my preschooler every week (she loves watching them do their job using the trucks to pick up bins). We spend a lot of time running out of the house to wave and wonder at each truck.
- We are appreciative of the collection service and notice the rest of the block uses it, too.
- We do not currently have once a month collection service, and we miss it (used to have it). So we cut up our yard waste and TIGHTLY pack our organics can, often climbing a ladder and jumping on the contents to compress them. When there is not enough space in the can we cooperate with our neighbor(s), putting the overflow material in their organics can.
- We have 3 Monterey pines that drop needles year round. We have 2 valley oaks that drop leaves and flowers and branches over several months twice a year. 14 other trees!
- We have not received any schedule for 2018. I like the magnet sheet with the schedule
- We have several months of pruning and leaf fall, including leaf and twig fall from the greenbelt.
- We have whole-heartedly accepted and implemented all waste reduction models (and then some). I would like to see some information on how the city is doing as a whole in people's implementation of the organics program, the amount of waste taken to the landfill now vs before the implementation of the program, etc.
- We like the on-street collection, please don't eliminate it completely.
- We need more pick up, current schedule is not well timed to leaf drop season.
- We need street sweeping twice a month
- We really like the collection bins and the ability to put such a variety of materials in the compost yard collection bins.
- We value street pickup for leaf drop of our front yard "City tree" and hope that continues. We removed our front yard grass so most of the year don't have a need for street pickup.
- Weekly collections are in the wrong months. Should be changed to Nov-Jan. Few trees loose leaves and little pruning occurs in Oct. Many common tree species e.g. valley oak, Bradford pear do not drop leaves until late Dec. The other major generator of waste is dormant season pruning e.g. roses, fruit trees etc. which occurs in Jan. Move the weekly pickups to these months.
- We're very unhappy with the new schedule. We live in an older neighborhood with many mature trees. We cannot afford a gardener, and sometimes struggle to complete our major gardening in the timeframe that accommodates the monthly pick up, so as not to leave a pile in the street longer than is allowed. The new schedule rewards residents in new neighborhoods. Additionally, those who can pay a gardener will not be inconvenienced, while longtime Davis residents who work very hard to maintain our property AND our finances are an afterthought.
- What about when the organic cart doesn't have enough to haul to the street but stinks for another week?
- What happened to street cleaning? Previously, my street pile collection was every Wednesday and street cleaning was every Thursday. Why is my current "seasonal" street pile collection, still Wednesday, not followed by street cleaning on Thursday? Pick up one day, street clean the next. Otherwise, we have very messy streets and the flow of water in gutters can be affected.



- What is the rate of compliance with organic waste diversion using the kitchen waste small containers? Can it be measured?
- When the claw picks up material it leaves a lot of leaves in the street. A sweeper comes through within a couple of days to clean it up.
- When tree work needs to be done, the trimmed tree parts don't fit in the brown lidded cart. This is one reason we favor more frequent street pile pick up.
- Where are we supposed to put grass clippings?
- While we do not like having to house another large plastic bin, we think the current system does work well but the fall leaf-season weekly pick-up ends too early in the season. We would like to see it extended into mid- February. We do use and appreciate the once-a-month street pick-up the rest of the year.
- Whoever came up with this new system should be fired or run out of office. You should be aware that there are lots of rumblings in the city about the totally incompetent city of davis and city council who took it upon themselves to implement a totally ineffective and unnecessary system that causes more problems than it solves. Return to weekly pickups and street sweeping.
- Why are rate increases for modest changes necessary. There must be substantial savings resulting from the change from weekly to monthly plus leaf weeks schedule. Where did the money go?
- Why are the street sweepers only coming by monthly now too? We have really messy streets and more so in the fall naturally, In the winter when we need the storm drains clear (hoping that we will have stormy weather) keeping the streets cleaner is also necessary. It appears you have carefully worded this survey to show that the current bins are meeting the need. When it would have been nice to ask a question or two about how we are enjoying the massive extra bin that now must be stored on our property (where is there space for this??). It would have been good to also know how many folks are using this bin for composting (we have found compostable bags, but my neighbors gave up using it once the maggots took over).
- Why would returning to the original on-street pick up schedule require you to increase my utility rates? I'm currently getting less service for the same cost as before.
- Wish street sweeping was the day after pile collection as it was before. Having to wait a week for sweeping leaves a lot of debris in street
- Wishing you would go back to weekly pick up. The monthly is not working out. Your pick up schedule happens a month after Christmas so there are dead Christmas trees everywhere until February. The bins are way too difficult to deal with for people who have back problems.
- With the compost pickup I have very little garbage - just recycling and compost. I live in a condo community so the landscaper uses the street pick up piles and has adjusted to the schedule which took a while but our streets are clear of debris and residents can park at the curb easier.
- Without weekly pick up in the summer this really limits the work one can do in the yard- you can only do the work the weekend before your pickup.
- Working fine for me. Just don't like piles on street for weeks left by people who can't read!!
- Works great.

- Would it be possible to do twice a month street pickups during the spring? Maybe March, April, May? Or even just two of this months...there is so much tree and hedge trimming and gardening/landscaping once the weather improves
- Would like rules enforced. Many leave material in streets for weeks during monthly schedule. Could waste drivers leave information for homeowners when waste in streets at wrong time. Also some apartments leave waste in streets illegally.
- Would to be able to get the mature compost more frequently from the weekly compost bin pickup
- Yes! Yesterday after I put my bin out someone threw some dog waste in a plastic bag in - I could not fish it out!
- Yes, I'm paying for street/curb sweep, but rarely see them cleaned. In the past they were swept once/week.
- Yes, Some people at the end of our court leave piles on the street year round. Even if the pick up is only once a month the piles are there all the time. Makes mail delivery hard too because it blocks the mail boxes.
- You need to change to more often with both pick up and street sweeping.
- You need to pick up the detritus from oak trees (many are city street trees) that collects daily in the streets and gutters and in the middle of the streets. It is a mess and the tree owners don't pick it up.
- You should warn/cite those who establish piles weeks before scheduled pickup dates. Landscapers add to these "permanent" on a weekly basis.
- Your staff is fantastic. Careful, thorough, and always there for a smile and wave. I appreciate you all so much! (XXXX ave).