

# Coming Soon to the



# Fully Automated Trash Pickup

Automated Trash Collection is the collection of trash using a one-armed trash truck. The mechanical arm is connected to the side of the trash truck and collects specially designed carts at the curb. This system requires only one person to operate as the driver controls everything from the cab of the truck. The driver directs the mechanical arm to reach out to grasp and lift the cart; he retracts and dumps the cart's contents into the hopper, and then returns the cart to its original location. In contrast, the traditional collection system previously employed by the City required two laborers and one driver to collect the solid waste.

The new automated system is safer, more efficient and requires less labor. Because the mechanical arm does all of the lifting there is less risk to the employees and will drastically reduce our workers compensation claims.

## Benefits of this system:

- Safer for city employees – With the mechanized arm doing the heavy lifting, the possibility of job-related injuries is greatly reduced. In the past our city workers picked up an average of 40,000 pounds of trash every day.
- More efficient – More households can be served in less time with fewer men. Fewer workman's compensation claims and fewer lost work days.
- Cleaner - The carts have an attached lid, reducing the possibility of animals getting into the garbage. No loose lids or debris lying around keeps yards looking clean and neighborhood streets and alleys looking neater.
- Easier for citizens - Simply roll the cart to the curb or alley; no dragging or lifting large or awkward containers to the curb. Take all your trash out in one trip, with better storage between pickups.

Using the new automated system is easy! On your regular trash collection day, you simply place your household trash into the supplied blue 95-gallon wheeled cart and place your container on the curb with the lid opening facing the street. Proper positioning of the carts is very important. Please do not park a vehicle in front of carts on collection day. Your carts must be at least four feet from objects (including parked vehicles, fire hydrants, etc.) on either side and at least two feet apart from each other. Your cart must be placed at the curb by 7 am on your collection day. Trash collection takes place once each week for each city resident. City Ordinance requires trash to be bagged. All bagged garbage must be placed inside the cart; if not, it will not be collected. Construction debris, brush and tree trimmings, and any bulky items should be placed at least four feet away from the cart and special collection request can be scheduled by calling 851-2888.

**\*Residents will be contacted by Public Works with the dates of change. If you have any questions, please call us at 851-2888.**