



# TOWN OF CARBONDALE

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## Residential Trash and Recycling Process

In the fall of 2017, the Town Board of Trustees identified three main objectives that they hoped to achieve by making changes to the way municipal solid waste was handled in Carbondale.

The three objectives are:

- Regulations protecting bears and other wildlife
- Waste diversion and managing our waste stream
- Addressing the number of trucks on the road

Following the development of the three main objectives, to help guide future discussions and provide needed waste hauling industry information, the Town enlisted the help of a consultant with expertise in waste hauling and waste diversion. The consultant was able to provide valuable data related to trash composition, recycling, best practices, volumetric pricing and other industry-specific data which was used throughout the public process.

Since the fall of 2017, this topic has been discussed at 15 different Town Board meetings. During this process public input was solicited at a number of events around town including the Farmer's Market, First Friday, and an open-house meeting at Town Hall. Various forms of media were also used to inform the public and solicit their input including: Facebook, newspaper ads and articles, radio interviews and information on the Town's website. In addition, the website also included an on-line survey that was taken by over 100 people. Several written surveys were submitted as well.

Based on the discussions at the Board meetings, public input and input from the waste haulers who serve Carbondale, the Board decided to move toward a system where residential waste hauling services are provided through a town-administered contract. The first step in that process was to solicit requests for proposals (RFP) for this service. On January 4, 2019 the Town released the RFP, and two companies, Mountain Waste & Recycling and Waste Management provided proposals for the work before the February 22, 2019, deadline.

Staff reviewed the two proposals and both proposals were determined to meet the requirements of the RFP. After considerable review, staff recommended that the Board award the contract for residential trash and recycling to Mountain Waste & Recycling. This item was placed on the agenda for the meeting on March 19, 2019, and the Board did award the contract to Mountain Waste & Recycling.

Over the next several months, staff will be working with Mountain Waste & Recycling to implement the new contract. This will involve producing informational materials that will be distributed to customers explaining the available service levels so that they can choose the appropriate service during the service selection period between June 1 and June 30, 2019. During this time, staff will also be working to develop on-line forms that can be used during the service selection process.