



Automated Trash Collection Pilot Program

On August 2, 2016, the Board of Mayor and Aldermen approved a pilot program for automated trash collection. Automated collection is the use of a truck with a single operator and mechanical arm to pick up trash. Automated collection requires that all trash be contained within a cart, acquired through the City, that is compatible with an automated truck.

Why is the City considering automated trash collection?

The Department of Public Works (DPW) believes that automated collection will increase worker safety, improve the cleanliness of neighborhoods, achieve efficiency gains, and lead to better services for Manchester residents. See [Why Automated Collection?](#) for more details.

Where will the pilot program be implemented?

Pilot areas will include portions of wards 6, 7 and 12. DPW staff is in the process of determining the precise neighborhoods that will be included.

How will I know if I am in a pilot area?

We will provide this information on the [City website](#) once it is available. Additional outreach to residents, property owners and businesses in the pilot areas will follow.

Do I need to buy a City trash cart if I already have one?

No. Any trash cart previously acquired through the City is compatible with an automated truck.

What will be the cost of a City trash cart to pilot area customers?

The pilot program approved by the Board establishes that the cost of carts purchased for the pilot program will be borne 50% by the City and 50% by pilot area customers. DPW staff is in conversation with the manufacturer of the trash carts. We estimate that the customer's cost share will be between \$25 and \$35 per cart, including delivery. Pilot area customers will be notified when these discounted carts are available for purchase.

When will the pilot program begin?

Many pieces must be put in place before the pilot program begins, including acquisition of equipment, distribution of trash carts, public outreach, and training of personnel. Currently, we anticipate that the program will begin in early spring, 2017.

Please check our [website](#) for informational updates. If you have any questions, contact Mark Gomez, Environmental Programs Manager, at (603) 624-6444 or mgomez@manchesternh.gov.