



Why Automated Collection?

Converting the majority of DPW's trash collection operations to automated collection will achieve four primary goals:

1. Worker Safety
2. Better Neighborhood Aesthetics
3. Efficiency Gains
4. Enhanced Services



DPW driver testing automated vehicle

Worker Safety

- Refuse collector is the 4th most dangerous job in the country (US News & World Report); the City lost an average of 4,500 hours/year over the last three fiscal years to injuries
- Automated collection eliminates the most dangerous elements of trash pickup

Better Neighborhood Aesthetics

- Carts with hinged lids reduce incidental litter
- Carts eliminate unsightly trash placement

Efficiency Gains... Leading to Enhanced Services

- Fewer personnel needed to collect trash
- Personnel can be re-deployed to do more road repairs, illegal dumping enforcement, park maintenance, and sidewalk plowing



Trash from condominium complex with no carts



Trash from multi-family residence with carts