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Memorandum

To: Algonquin Township Unincorporated Residents

From: Randy Funk, Algonquin Township Supervisor

Date: September 21, 2023

Re: Franchised Solid Waste Removal Services for Unincorporated Algonquin Township

On April 4, 2023, an overwhelming majority of electors approved the referendum giving the Township Board authority to enter into a contract for the collection, disposal, composting or recycling of garbage, refuse and ashes within the unincorporated areas of the Township.

The designation of an exclusive contractor for waste disposal services should reduce overall waste disposal cost, improve recycling rates, improve air quality, reduce wear and tear on roads and provide a viable alternative to the open burning of yard waste in certain areas of unincorporated Algonquin Township.

The exclusive collection of solid wastes, recyclables and yard waste per the bid document listed in this letter is awarded to Groot Industries for a period of time from February 1, 2024, through August 31, 2028. There were three bids received from two companies, with Groot Industries, of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, being determined to be the lowest, responsible bid.

To summarize the program components and associated costs:

Weekly garbage/refuse removal

Weekly recycling collection service

Unlimited containerized weekly yard waste and comingled food scrap collection service from the first full week in April – second full week in December

1 bulk item/week collection

Christmas tree collection the 2 weeks following the Christmas holiday

The quarterly cost beginning February 1, 2024, is \$68.67 (\$22.89 per month) and for those 65+, the senior discount is \$61.80 (\$20.60 per month).

Program Components:

1. Applies to residential properties only.
2. Costs are established for four and a half years – see chart for year over year increases.
3. Participating property owners will be billed quarterly, directly by the contractor.

4. A 95-gallon covered, wheeled refuse toter will be provided for weekly pick-up of refuse.
5. A 65-gallon covered, wheeled recycling toter will be provided for weekly pick-up of recyclables.
6. Unlimited curbside pick-up of containerized landscape waste from the first full week of April to the second full week in December. Containers must be no larger than 35 gallons and weigh no more than 50 pounds each. Bundled brush shall not exceed 4 feet in length and weigh no more than 50 pounds each.
7. Upon rental of a landscape waste cart, comingled food scraps can be added to weekly landscape waste from the first full week of April to the second full week in December.
9. One (1) bulk item may be placed at the curb weekly at each residence for pick-up. These include sofas, tables, mattresses, box springs, etc. White goods and electronics are not included and would require a separate cost.
10. Christmas tree collection on the two consecutive regular pick-up weeks after Christmas.

This is the only mailing that the Township will be sending regarding the Common Waste Hauler service. Groot will be sending a welcome brochure with detailed information regarding services provided for under this agreement.

If you are currently part of a group (HOA) contract with a waste hauler, that contract will be honored. Please have the representative of the HOA contact us to let us know of the expiration date. Once the contract expires, the associations will transition over to the Township franchise agreement.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you would like to discuss this further. My contact information is rfunk@algonquintownship.com or 847.639.2700 X7.

Quarterly Cost	Year 1 Feb 1, 2024 – Jan 31, 2025	Year 2 Feb 1, 2025 – Jan 31, 2026	Year 3 Feb 1, 2026 – Jan 31, 2027	Year 4 Feb 1, 2027 – Aug 31, 2028
Regular Quarterly Cost	\$68.67	\$71.43	\$74.28	\$77.25
Quarterly Cost with Senior Discount	\$61.80	\$64.29	\$66.84	\$69.54
Special Needs Collection/Back Door Service Fee	\$75.00	\$78.00	\$81.00	\$84.00

