

**AGENDA ITEM EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Agenda Item number: 6.a

Title:	Presentation of Curbside Composting Services
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Presenter:	Chris Adesso
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Meeting: Government Services Committee

Date: January 27, 2020

Proposed Cost: \$ n/a

Budgeted Amount: \$

Not Budgeted: ☐**Executive Summary** *(if not budgeted please explain):*

Organic Composting with Yard waste, otherwise known as Curbside Composting Services (LRS) is included in the collectively negotiated residential refuse contract that the City has with Lakeshore Recycling Systems but has not yet been activated as a service to provide to residents. Recently Public Works staff and members of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) have fielded inquiries from residents interested in leveraging this service and the NRC believes that allowing residents to utilize the service will be a benefit to the community.

Curbside Composting Services provided would be conducted as a “ride along” program to the City’s yard waste program already in place with LRS. Essentially, residents would be allowed in place qualifying compostable items in there yard waste bags and those items would ride along to a composting facility. Qualifying items are things such as Breads, grains, pasta, cereal, coffee grounds and filters, tea bag and other selected paper products. Items currently excluded from the program are Meat, Poultry, Seafood, Bones, Shells, Fats, Grease, Oil, Liquids, Packaging, Paper Plates, and other service ware such as Plastics, Styrofoam, Glass Metal, etc.

Residents would be allowed to place qualifying items into the yard waste bags or toter during the normal yard waste pick up season which runs from April to November at no additional costs to the resident or the City.

Staff would like to understand any concerns the Committee may have and respond to any questions from the Council Committee prior to beginning an educational and public relations campaign to inform the City’s residents of the service. The City’s Natural Resources Commission has expressed interest in working with the City Staff on the educational and relations aspects of the program leading up to it being available in April of 2020.

Attachments *(please list):*

* Lakeshore Recycling Systems Composting Flyer

Recommendation/Suggested Action *(briefly explain):*

For information only.

CITY OF ST. CHARLES RESIDENTIAL COMPOST PICKUP

OPTIONS ARE

- A) Subscription yard waste cart (\$96 for the season)
- B) Sticker-based service for yard waste kraft bags

Email the Customer Service team at StCharles@LRSrecycles.com for more information or to enroll.



Fruit & Vegetables

Coffee Grounds

Egg Shells

Paper Napkins

Yard Waste

Flowers & Plants

Did you know that the City of St. Charles is now offering organics collection as part of its waste and recycling services?

It's simple to get started. Residents may either participate by enrolling for a subscription program, in which a 35-gallon cart will be provided for weekly service, and which no stickers will be required. Or, residents can simply mix their organics/food waste in a brown kraft bag (or a user-owned can) with a sticker attached.

This program is seasonal, and will start and end each year with yard waste service.