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## Council Approves Automated Refuse Collection

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[City Council](#) approved implementation of an automated refuse collection system during the [January 24, 2005](#) City Council meeting. The new system will save money and enhance services in a number of ways:



**Sample automated refuse truck**

- The City will provide each customer with a refuse cart at no charge; Customers will be able to select a 96-gallon cart or a 48-gallon cart. An automated refuse truck will collect these cans.
- A drop-off center for yardwaste, regular waste and bulky items will be provided every Saturday year round at the Public Works Compound at 1301 Mill Street. The disposal of brush, regular refuse and bulky items will be free for Rock Island citizens.
- Yardwaste subscription customers may elect to rent a 96-gallon refuse cart rather than purchase paper yardwaste bags and stickers.
- Customers can schedule an annual free Special Pick-Up at their convenience; Neighbors can work together to schedule multiple free Special Pick-Ups per year.
- The automated system will promote a safer work environment.
- The carts that will be utilized by the new refuse system will limit the amount of trash that is accessible to animals therefore enhancing neighborhood appearance.

Implementation of automated refuse collection could take up to one year to implement based on the time it will take to purchase the equipment needed and design the new system.

Refuse customers will be receiving more information from the City of Rock Island [Public Works](#) Department about the new refuse system in the next few months.

For more information, click [here](#) or call the [Public Works Department](#) at 732-2200.