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Residential Trash and Recycling Collection

Request for Proposals

The City of Grant, Michigan, invites proposals for residential trash collection, recycling options, monthly bulk collection, annual community cleanup containers, and designated municipal trash service.

Approximately 250 residential dwelling units will be under contract. This is an estimate for bidding, not a guarantee of a fixed account count or recycling subscription level.

1 Procurement schedule and submission

Item	City information to complete
RFP issue date	Tuesday, September 22, 2026
Questions due	Friday, October 2, 2026
<u>Proposals due</u>	<u>Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 1:00 PM – local time</u>
Service commencement	January 1, 2027
Submit proposals to	Kasey Jernberg, City Manager 280 S. Maple St., PO Box 435 Grant, MI 49327
Questions and addenda	Kasey Jernberg, City Manager. kjernberg@cityofgrantmi.com

Submit the completed Bid Form and supporting proposal by the stated deadline. Identify the submission as “Residential Trash and Recycling Collection.” Questions must be submitted in writing. Only written City-issued addenda modify this RFP; acknowledge each addendum on the Bid Form.

2 Contract structure

Provide separate proposals for three-year and five-year initial terms, with a firm rate for each contract year. The City intends to select only one of the three service options—Option 1, Option 2, or Option 3—and either a three-year or five-year contract term after evaluating proposals. The selected option will apply throughout the residential contract service area. Within the selected structure, residents choose a 64-gallon or 96-gallon trash cart. Individual bag service will also be evaluated.

The City does not guarantee that households will select a particular cart size or optional recycling service. Final service addresses will be coordinated before startup; additions and deletions must be handled at the applicable contract rates.



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3 Residential service options

Bid item	Weekly trash service	Recycling service and price basis
Option1-64 / Option1-96	One 64-gallon or one 96-gallon trash cart, resident choice	Option 1 trash-only monthly household rate
Option1-MR	Added to either Option 1 trash cart size at resident choice	Optional Monthly Recycling, separately billed to subscribers; one container/cart, size specified by bidder.
Option2-64 / Option2-96	One 64-gallon or one 96-gallon trash cart, resident choice	Weekly recycling, one container/cart, size specified by bidder; one combined household rate for both trash & recycling.
Option3-64 / Option3-96	One 64-gallon or one 96-gallon trash cart, resident choice	Monthly recycling, one container/cart, size specified by bidder; one combined household rate for both trash & recycling.
BAG	Weekly collection of individual bags; no trash container required	Price per bag

For Options 2 and 3, recycling is included in the combined rate for every cart-service household, whether or not the customer sets out recycling.

Option 1 permits residents to subscribe to monthly recycling for the separately quoted charge. State recycling-cart capacity for each recycling option; do not assume that the same size is required for every option.

“Monthly” means one scheduled collection each calendar month, or 12 annually. “Weekly” means collection once each week, subject a holiday schedule.

4 Carts and individual bags

The contractor shall furnish trash and recycling carts needed for the selected service and retain ownership and repair responsibility. Residents must be able to select their trash-cart size when establishing service. For individual bag service, specify maximum bag capacity, and whether residents must purchase designated bags or tags. A trash cart will not be required.



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5 Bulk collection and municipal services

Monthly bulk collection

Required: Include one scheduled bulk pickup per calendar month for each residential cart-service household, limited to one cubic yard in total per household per collection. One cubic yard equals 3 feet long by 3 feet wide by 3 feet high. Include this service in the quoted household rate under Option 1 and Options 2 and 3; do not add a separate mandatory bulk fee.

Annual community cleanup event

Required: Provide two (2) 30-yard containers once annually for a City-designated community cleanup event, including delivery, removal, and disposal, at no additional charge to the City. The City will provide staffing to operate and supervise the event. Contractor personnel are not required to staff the event; the contractor remains responsible for container delivery and removal. The requirement covers one placement and one removal of each container. Coordinate the event date and placement with the City. Event duration is approximately 3 days.

City Hall and DPW

Required: Provide one (1) 96-gallon trash cart at City Hall, one (1) recycling bin at City Hall, and one (1) 8-yard trash dumpster at the Department of Public Works, at no additional charge to the City. Include container provision, delivery, routine maintenance, collection, and disposal. The City will identify placement locations before startup.

Monthly bulk collection, the cleanup event, and municipal services are mandatory under whichever option and contract term the City selects. Municipal and cleanup service costs must be incorporated into the proposal without a separate City invoice. Bidders must acknowledge these requirements on the Bid Form. No Bid responses are not permitted for these required services.



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6 Customer accounts and direct billing

Customers will contact the contractor directly to establish their accounts, select their trash-cart size and any available optional services, and arrange billing details. The contractor shall bill customers directly and collect payments. The City will not establish individual customer accounts, bill customers for these services, or collect customer payments on the contractor's behalf.

The contractor shall provide a dedicated customer-service telephone number and an electronic contact method, enrollment instructions, billing frequency, payment options, and an itemized explanation of charges. Customer account terms may not override the City contract.

7 Collection standards

Provide reliable collection and replacement equipment when needed. Handle missed collections and complaints directly. State the proposed correction deadline; the City's requested standard is correction by the next business day after a verified missed collection is reported. Clean up contractor-caused spills, return containers to their collection locations, and address contractor-caused property damage. Explain holiday, weather-delay, assisted-collection, and noncompliant-setout procedures.

8 Proposal requirements and evaluation

Submit the Bid Form, service and transition narrative, equipment and backup resources, relevant municipal experience and references, and insurance coverage, and a complete list of exceptions. Provide pricing, fee schedules, enrollment conditions, and service exclusions with the proposal.

Every pricing item must contain a price, "Included/No Additional Charge," or a checked "No Bid" box where provided. The required-services section must be acknowledged; those requirements may not be declined with a No Bid response. Blank entries are not zero prices. Rates must include routine collection, transportation, disposal or processing, required containers, and applicable service costs except expressly disclosed charges. Show each contract year separately; disclose any proposed adjustment formula as an exception rather than leaving future prices undetermined.

The City will evaluate total cost over the proposed term, service coverage, exceptions, experience, reliability, customer service, and readiness. The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, request clarification, negotiate terms, and select the service structure and term that best serve the City. A proposal or selection does not create a contract; service requires a written agreement approved by the City. Hold proposals open for 90 days after the submission deadline.