



**REPUBLIC
SERVICES**

Waste and Recycle Automation

Under the municipal contract with Republic Services and the City of Wood River, the residents of the City of Wood River will have automated trash and recycle collection. The date of automation is still to be determined; however, in preparing for the automation, communication is the key to an efficient transition. Communication to residents about the automation will come from both the City of Wood River and Republic Services. As soon as a date for automation to begin is determined, a timeline will be put together and specific details will come to residents via the mail, the City of Wood River's website and The Pipeline.

Automated waste disposal collection is becoming the standard for many municipalities, as it has many benefits. Some of the benefits are:

- **Enhanced service delivery:** Residents will receive 2 carts, 1 for trash and 1 for recycle. The carts have fixed lids which reduce blowing trash, odors and animal scavenging. The carts can hold up to 9 bags of trash, which is equivalent to 3 of the 32 gallon personal carts. Residents don't have the expense of purchasing their own containers and Republic Services will replace the carts at no charge due to normal wear and tear.



- **Efficiency:** The style of trucks in the City of Wood River will be different. Because of the carts each resident will have, the trucks can service more households per hour. And, since residents will have a cart for recycle instead of the 18-gallon bin, the recycle truck will be in the City of Wood River on an every-other-week basis instead of weekly. Therefore, the time trucks are servicing the residents in the City of Wood River will be decreased.



- **Safety:** Because of the efficiency, automation provides a safer environment for the residents, as trucks will be in the City of Wood River less than with the manual service.
- **Cost Savings:** Automated waste disposal collection costs less than continuing with manual services. As an example, because the truck is doing most of the collection, drivers don't have to

get out at every household. This provides less risk of injury for the drivers. Another example is due to the style of truck being used, there is only 1 driver per truck verses 2 drivers with the manual disposal. These cost savings are then passed onto the municipalities.



- Higher Recycle Rates: Many communities find that automating collection can also increase recycling efforts. Because the residents will have carts instead of the 18 gallon bins, there is more room to divert recycle items out of the trash carts.



- Personalized cleanups: City-wide spring and fall big trash pickups have been replaced by personalized, on demand, twice a year pickups. When residents are ready to request their personalized cleanup, they need to call Republic Services customer service representatives to schedule. Customer service will communicate your date for you to set your items out curbside. No more missing the date. No rushing around after work to get your items ready to put out. Just convenience.

As information becomes available on the upcoming automation, it will be rolled out to the residents.