Pay-As-You-Throw

The more you recycle, the more you save!

Opinions of Bismarck Residents on Recycling
Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program

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Executive Summary

In September 2009, the City of Bismarck Public Works Service Operations department submitted an application to the Bismarck-Mandan Leadership program for consideration of a field class project surveying Bismarck residents to ascertain their understanding of a volume-based fee structure and determine if they are in favor or disagreement of a volume-based fee structure (also known as Pay-As-You-Throw) for garbage disposal. If this information proves viable, a curbside recycling option could be brought to the commission for approval with the backing of the users.

In 2008, UND performed a phone survey to determine the attitudes of Bismarck residents towards recycling. This information moved the City of Bismarck to form a Recycling Task Force. The task force studied recycling issues in Bismarck and made a recommendation to the Board of City Commissioners in April of 2009. The recommendation was that the city should consider curbside recycling with a commercial recycler. The City of Bismarck is considering a volume based fee structure for Bismarck that would reward citizens for recycling if they reduce the volume of garbage they dispose of.

In collaboration with Public Works, the leadership team created a light green colored survey and fact sheet combination printed on one standard (8.5 x 11 inches) piece of paper. The survey is attached as Appendix A. Targeted to city of Bismarck Public Works garbage users, 16,500 surveys were inserted with a pre-stamped return envelope with January 2010 Public Works utility bills. Responses were to be returned by February 8, 2010.

The survey was broken down into the following five categories:

- Age
- Number of people in household
- Level of knowledge regarding the Pay-As-You-Throw program and fee structure
- Level of support regarding the Pay-As-You-Throw program
- Additional Comments

Of the 16,500 surveys mailed, a total of 4,558 (28%) were returned. Of the 4,558 respondents, 1,940 also provided comments.

In response to age range of survey respondents:

- 42.2% (1,922) age range 40 – 59
- 40.5% (1,844) age range 60+
- 15.9% (726) age range 18 – 39
- 1.4% (66) did not indicate age range

In response to how many people in household of survey respondents:

- 47.5% (2,164) have <u>two</u> in household
- 18% (821) have <u>one</u> in household
- 13.9% (635) have <u>three</u> in household
- 12.1% (551) have <u>four</u> in household
- 6.9% (314) have <u>five</u> or more in household
- 1.6% (73) did not indicate number in household

In response to whether Bismarck <u>understands</u> a volume-based program and fee structure, 70.6% of survey respondents felt informed (adequately informed and very informed):

- 58.8% (2,679) adequately informed
- 24.5% (1,116) uninformed
- 11.8% (537) very informed
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In response to whether Bismarck is in favor or disagreement of a volume-based fee structure for garbage disposal, 41.5% of survey respondents felt supportive (support and strongly support) while 34.6% were in disagreement (oppose and strongly oppose), and 21.3% felt neutral:

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- 21.3% (973) neutral
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- 17% (777) strongly support
- 14.4% (656) oppose
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In response to the additional comments section, the common themes of the 1,940 comments were as follows (all verbatim comments listed in Appendix B):

General positive comments

- It's about time! This is long overdue. What took us so long?
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General comments

- This is the first I've heard of this
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- Put more information on website please
- We need more recycle drop off spots
- Start with curbside recycling as an option, then implement PAYT in a few years when people start recycling on their own

General questions

- Will the current recycling drop off locations still be available around the city?
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- Do the cans need to be rinsed?
- There were a lot of questions about tags
- There were a lot of questions about bag prices
- How will alley pickup work?
- How will apartments and condos recycle?
- Why does Linton throw in our landfill?
- What day will recycle pickup be?
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General negative comments

- A lot of comments about the tags. Residents feel this is confusing and will be an inconvenience. Will people be able to tear the tags off, steal, etc?
- Residents feel $1 - $1.75 per bag is too expensive especially for Spring and Fall Clean-Up, etc. What about when residents will have a need more bags for leaves, gardening, branches, Christmas time, birthdays, etc?
- Concerns for people dumping garbage in ditches, streets, parks, other people's property, etc. This will make our streets look worse
- Residents want to recycle glass also
- Several concerns regarding not having enough room in garages, etc. for two more containers
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Several respondents whom indicated neutral to support a Pay-As-You-Throw program in Bismarck indicated in the comments section that they support recycling, but need more information to make an informed decision, or couldn't indicate support unless (for example) the city would still allow Clean-Up days, etc. Based on the survey responses, the leadership team collectively believes that a majority of the neutral (representing 973 and 21.3% of respondents) would support if they had more education on the details of the program. If all of the neutral respondents would support the program, the level of support would be 62.8%. Some of the respondents who indicated oppose and strongly oppose indicated in comments they support the concept, but don't have all of the answers to their questions to indicate their support of the program. More education on the aforementioned common questions will create more support for a Pay-As-You-Throw program in the city of Bismarck.

With further analysis on age range data of survey respondents, the following represents informed and support data per age range:

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    - 82% (593) are very informed or adequately informed
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In summary, the 2010 leadership team would like to thank the Bismarck resident respondents for their responses and comments to the survey. It would also like to thank the City of Bismarck Public Works department for their time and recommendations in the process. It is our hope all key stakeholders find the information contained in this report a valuable tool in ascertaining the public's understanding and support level of a volume based fee structure for garbage disposal, also known as Pay-As-You-Throw for the city of Bismarck.

Bismarck PAYT Survey

Overview
The 2010 Leadership Bismarck-Mandan team in collaboration and input from Public Works created a light green colored combination survey and fact sheet, printed on one standard (8.5 x 11 inches) piece of paper. The survey is attached as Appendix A. Targeted to city of Bismarck Public Works garbage users, 16,500 surveys were inserted with a pre-stamped return envelope with January 2010 Public Works utility bills. Responses were to be returned by February 8, 2010.

The survey will help decision makers determine if volume based fee structure would be a feasible method of basing garbage disposal fees to the citizens of Bismarck. If this information proves viable, a curbside recycling option could be brought to the commission for approval with the backing of the users.

A complete copy of this report is included on a CD provided to the stakeholder group for further analysis as well as for historical record. Written (verbatim) comments submitted by respondents are available in Appendix B. The original copies of the returned surveys are not included in this report, but will be given to the stakeholder group for future reference and storage.

Methodology
A direct mail format was selected due to the large sample size and required number of responses. The population of approximately 16,500 represents Bismarck residents who are Public Works garbage users. The 16,500 surveys were printed by Flash Printing who directly billed Bismarck Public Works for the printing. The surveys were inserted and stuffed into the January 2010 Public Works utility bills by a machine at Public Works. The responses to the surveys and verbatim comments were keyed manually by the leadership team.

The informational portion of the fact/survey combination contained the following:

- PAYT facts
    - If implemented, your household would pay a flat, monthly rate for one garbage container, just as you do now. However, if you throw less garbage, you can choose a smaller container and your monthly bill will decrease.
    - Bismarck Public Works would provide each household with two containers for recyclables – aluminum, tin, plastic, paper and cardboard.
    - Any additional garbage that won't fit in the three, provided containers must be marked with a ***prepaid*** tag in order to be picked up. The price of these will vary, and you will be able to buy the tags easily at the local grocery stores and convenience stores.
    - You would be conserving landfill space so that our current landfill can be used for many more years, saving all residents money in taxes.

- Current bill rates
    - $9.55 per month for 95 gallon container

- Future volume-based rates
    - Estimated $7.55 per month for 65 gallon container or
    - Estimated $5.55 per month for 35 gallon container

The survey was broken down into the following five categories:

- What is your age?
  - 18 – 39
  - 40 – 59
  - 60+

- How many people are in your household?
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
  - 5+

- How informed do you feel about the Pay-As-You-Throw program and fee structure?
  - Very Informed
  - Adequately Informed
  - Uninformed

- Would you support a Pay-As-You-Throw program in Bismarck?
  - Strongly Support
  - Support
  - Neutral
  - Oppose
  - Strongly Oppose

- Additional Comments:

A total of 579 returned surveys would represent a sample that was drawn to achieve a 95% confidence level with an interval of +/- 4% margin of error. The number of actual survey responses received was 4,558 (28%) of the 16,500 mailed. This achieved a 95% confidence level with an interval of +/- 1.24% that the results represented in the surveys represent the overall opinions of Bismarck residents.
(The source for this analysis is from: http://www.surveysystem.com/sscalc.htm#one)

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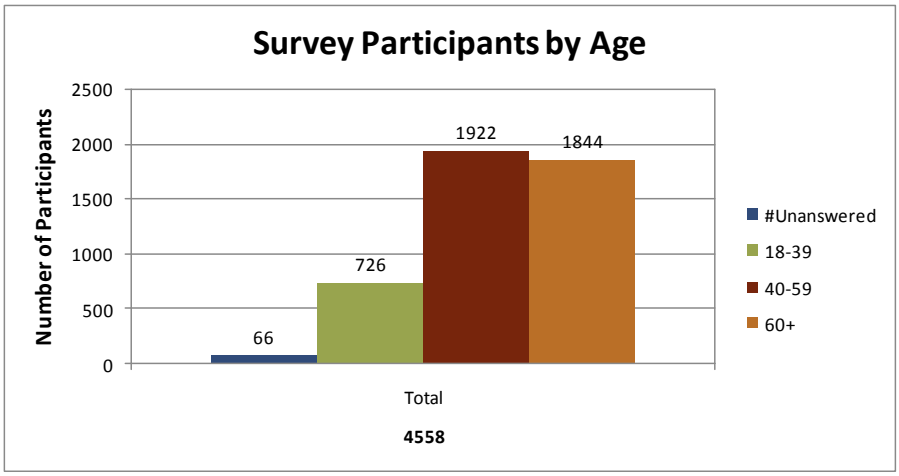

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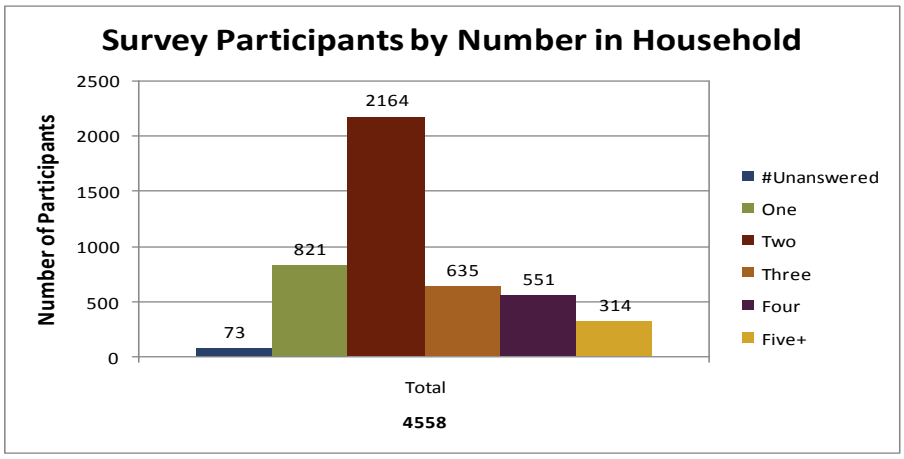

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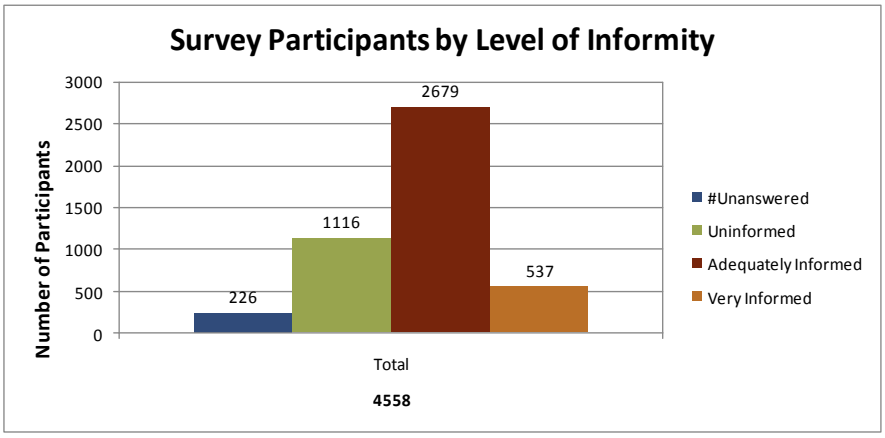

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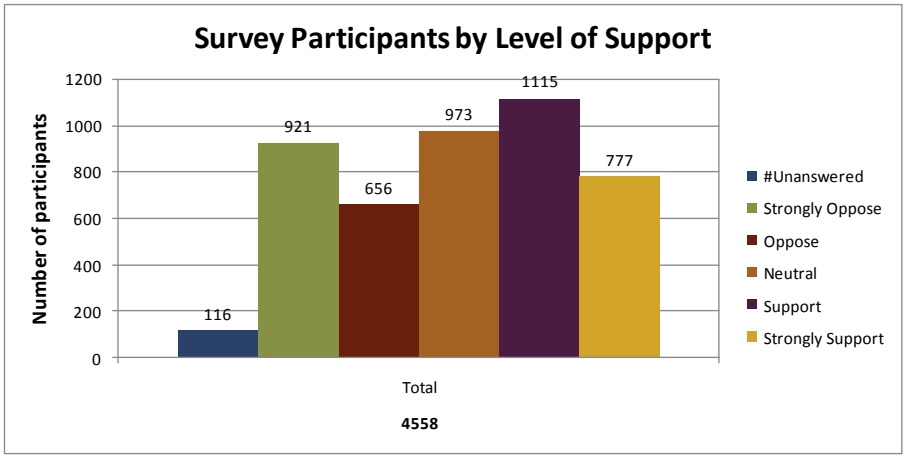

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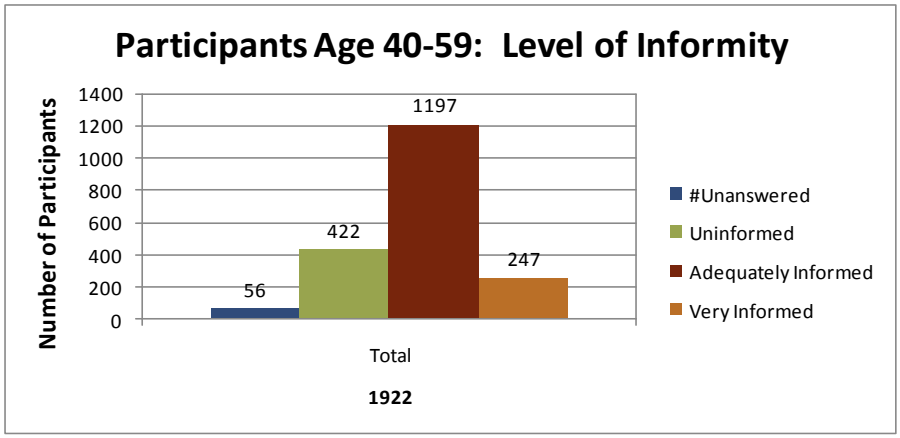

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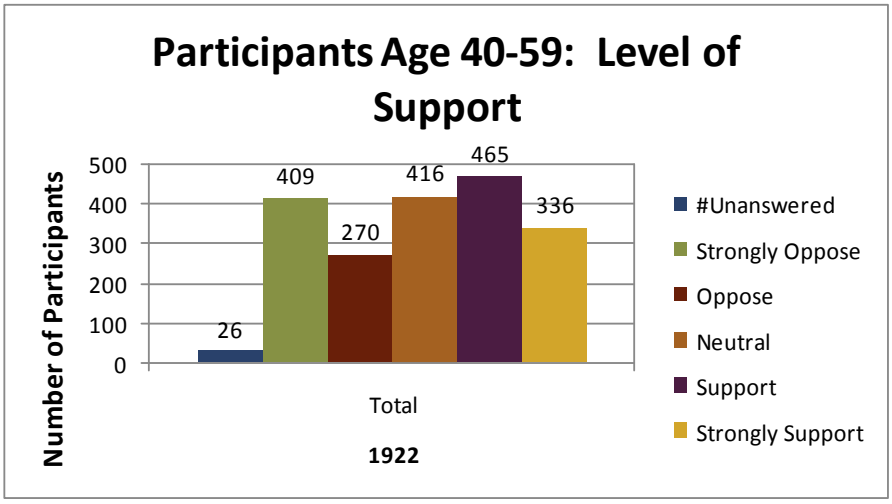

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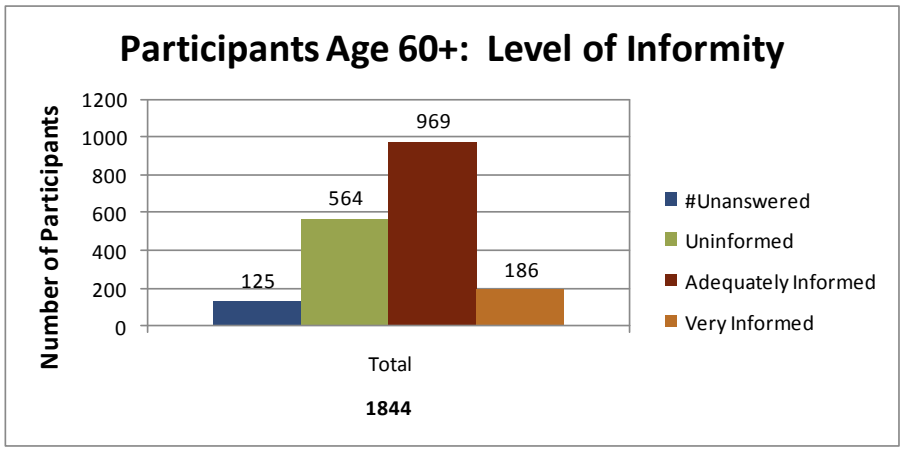

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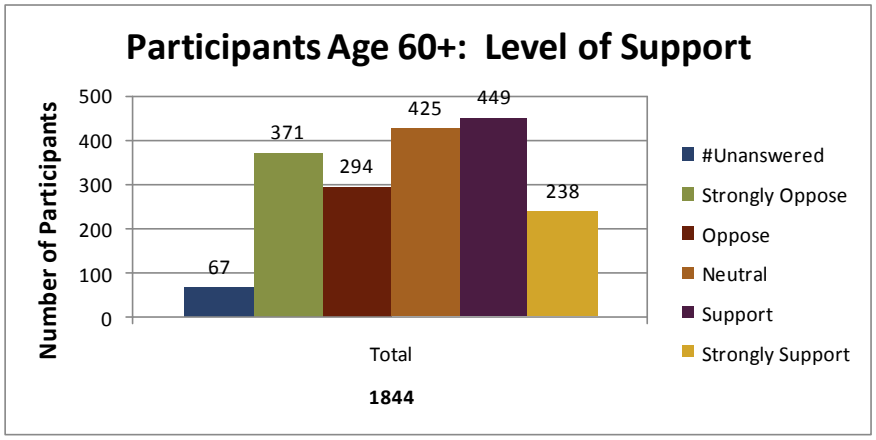

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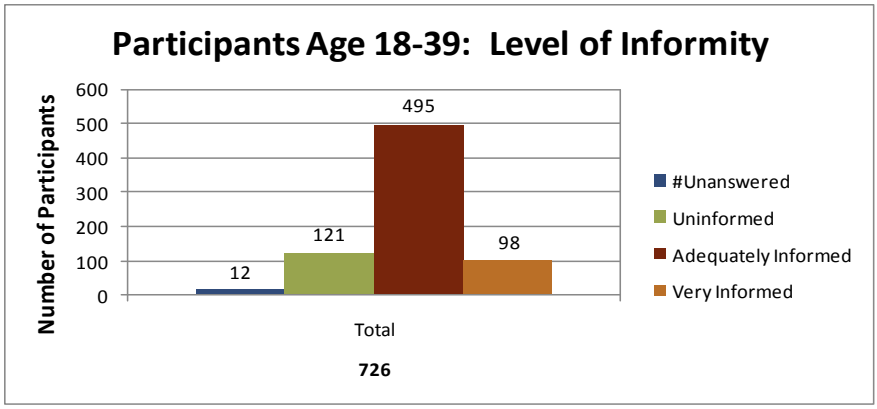

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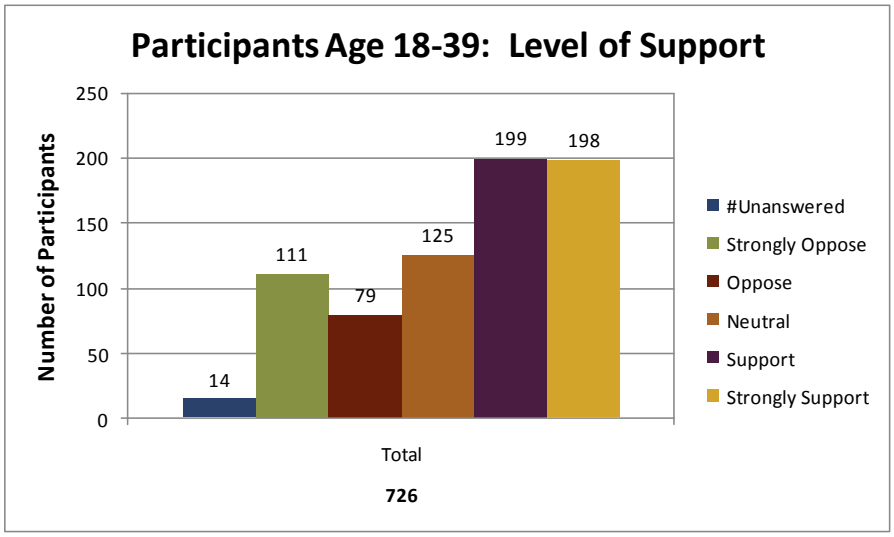

This chart represents respondents' level of support by level of informity:

- Uninformed (1,116)
  - 32.2% (359) neutral
  - 20.7% (231) strongly oppose
  - 19% (213) support
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  - 5.4% (60) unanswered
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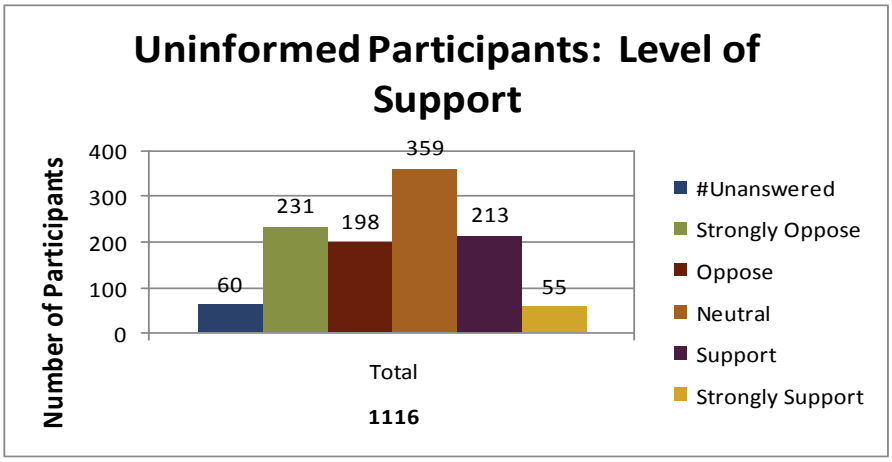

- Adequately Informed (2,679)
  - 30% (806) support
  - 20.2% (541) neutral
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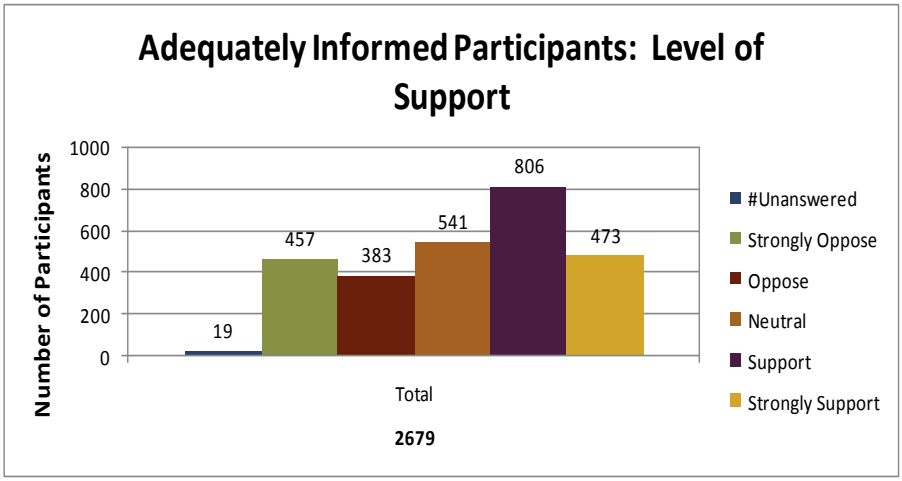

- Very Informed (537)
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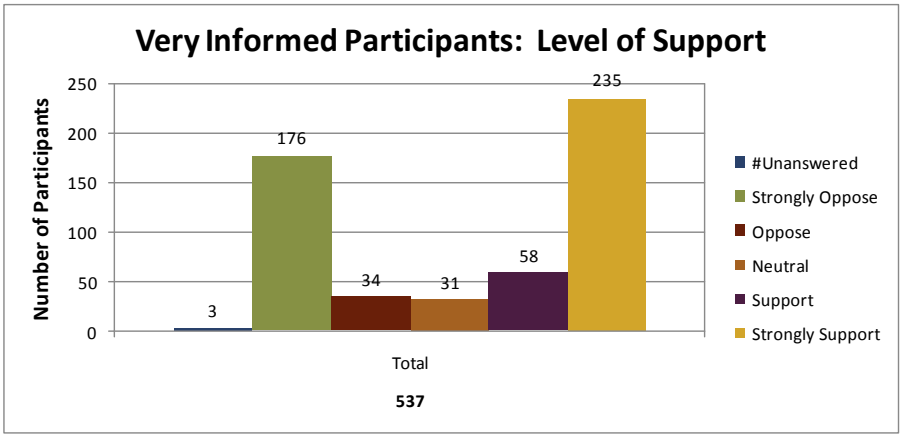

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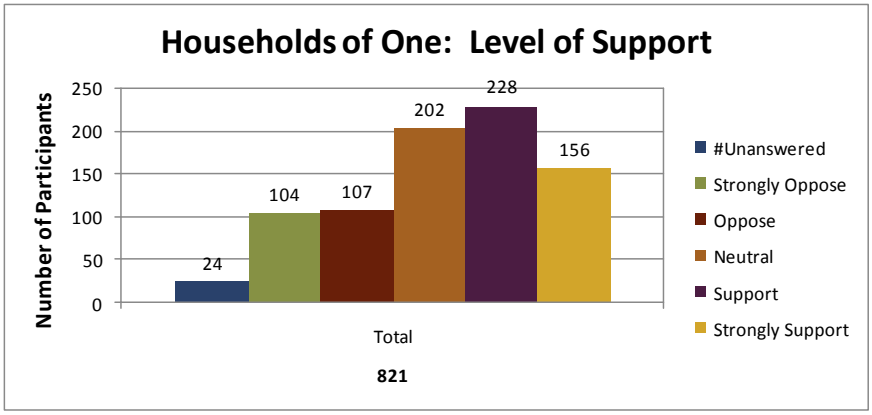

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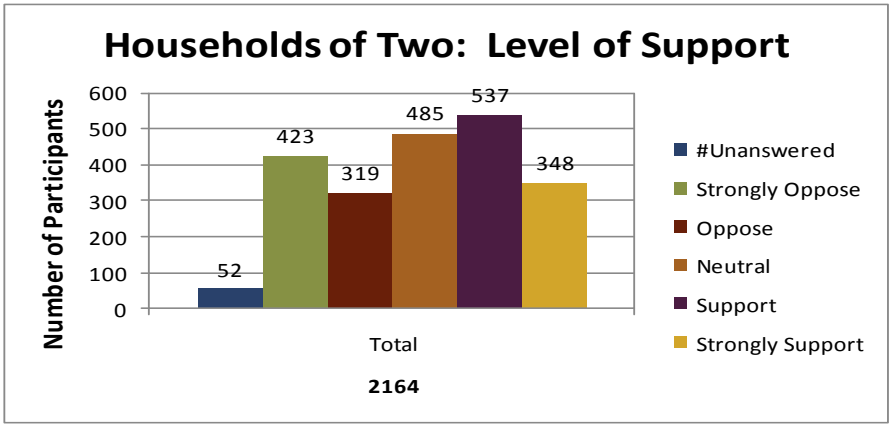

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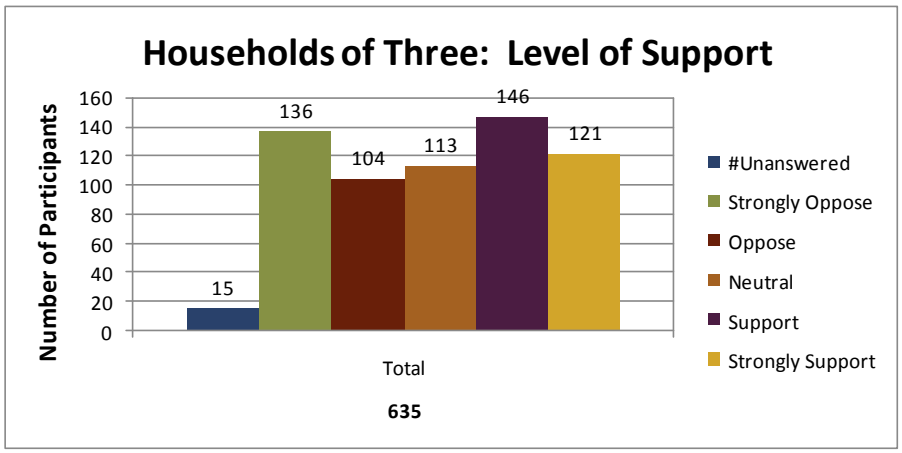

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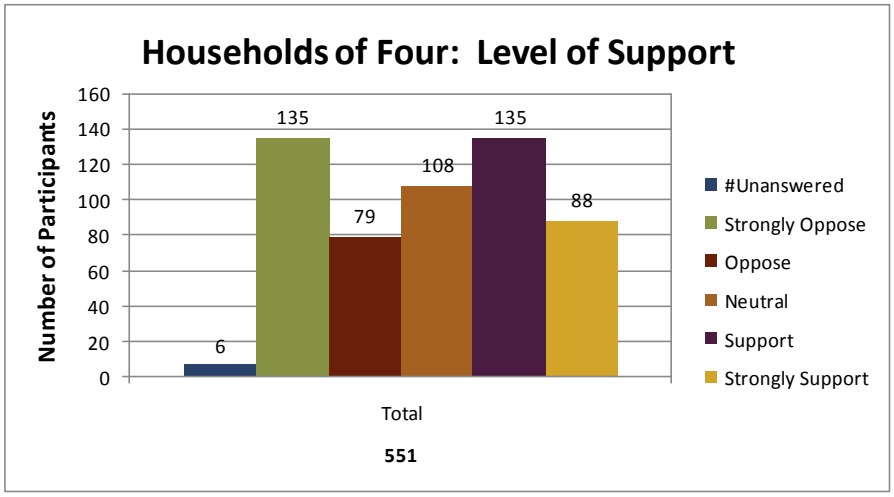

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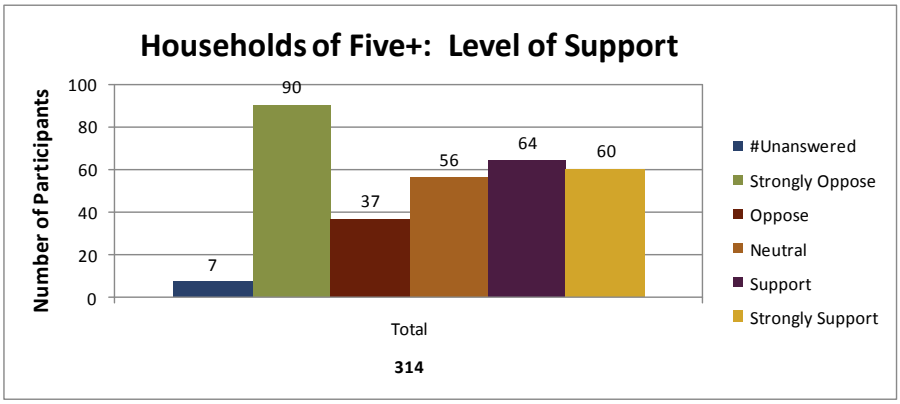

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Appendix A
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Pay-As-You-Throw

The more you recycle, the more you save!

Bismarck Public Works is considering a Pay-As-You-Throw program for Bismarck residents. In order to determine if Bismarck residents would be in favor of it, please complete the survey below and return it with your bill.

Pay-As-You-Throw: The Facts

- If implemented, your household would pay a flat, monthly rate for one garbage container, just as you do now. However, if you throw less garbage, you can choose a smaller container and your monthly bill will decrease (see right).
- Bismarck Public Works would provide each household with two containers for recyclables – aluminum, tin, plastic, paper and cardboard.
- Any additional garbage that won't fit in the three, provided containers must be marked with a ***prepaid*** tag in order to be picked up. The price of these will vary, and you will be able to buy the tags easily at the local grocery stores and convenience stores.
- You would be conserving landfill space so that our current landfill can be used for many more years, saving all residents money in taxes.

Your Current Bill

95 gal. container	$9.55/mo.

Your Future Bill: Volume-based

65 or 35 gal. container	Estimated $7.55 or $5.55/mo.
2 recyclable containers	Free of charge
Any extra garbage bags	$1.00 -$1.75/bag

Detach

Survey – Please circle your response, detach and send in with your water bill payment. Thank you!

Reponses due Feb 8, 2010

What is your age range?

18 – 39 40 – 59 60+

How many people are in your household?

1 2 3 4 5+

How informed do you feel about the Pay-As-You-Throw program and fee structure?

Very informed Adequately informed Uninformed

Would you support a Pay-As-You-Throw program in Bismarck?

Strongly support Support Neutral Oppose Strongly oppose

Additional Comments:

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Appendix B
PAYT Recycling Survey Comments (Verbatim)

Comments
I would not like to pay per bag to have it picked up. I do recyclable papers now and use over.
Yes! We hope Bismarck joins the 21st century! The would be great!
$1 - $1.75per bag to haul away bags of leaves? Grass?
$1.00 - $1.75 is too pricy - especially for spring & fall clean-up - need an exception for these periods as I have a lazy time in the yard also neighbor trees. I usually haul my own to the dumpster.
(Two plus 7 daycare children) our taxes are higher than most - we should be able to get some services without always paying more more more!
\Excellent plan for managing solid waste.
\Would like more info on recycling containers and how to do more of this recycling.
1- would this require us to wash/include vegetable and soup cans? 2- Would the recycle bins still be available on designated corners as they are now? 3 - What about leaves and grass clippings?
ave b east
Mesquite Lp
1st time I heard about it . Who picks up recyclables? Cont. and for what price?????!!!!
2 containers for 4 or 5 recycle items? Can't imagine a container that can adequately hold any amount of cardboard. Other that those two concerns, I really like the PAYT plan!!
I do daycare so we'd keep our 95 gal container. Thanks.
2 recycle containers free of charge
I would be interested in a smaller container and container for plastics and tin. Paper/cardboard how often would that be picked up?
3 garbage containers sitting in the yard is not very attractive
Kingston Dr
65 Gal container plenty big enough for this household
65 gal container. Don't support recycle. Like it now!
65 gallon
79 will you still pickup in the alley?
80, continue with just one large container - don't change .
86. I think we need to make people recycle (nobody's here does in between c to d. And they are young. P.s. I think 7.38 for that street light is too much we pay lights to MDU with gas bill.
90 - I don't have enough garbage to take advantage of this program but do support it for people who do need this service .
A fine and fun plan.
A great idea that's long overdue.
A great Idea!
a great idea; especially recycling containers
A larger family naturally has more garbage and more bills. Why pay more for garbage I have a family of 3 and 2 of them are kids. We could use a bigger garbage can as it is.
A little unclear as to extra garbage bag costs. What are the bags used for: regular garbage or additional garbage? Will the current recycle dumpster be removed?
A way to increase your household bill
About damn time we recycle more! But then we already are regular visitors at the recycle dump sites. Jamestown still does glass so we haul that there. Maybe it should be mandatory like some states do - recyclables in the garbage doesn't get picked up.
About time!
About time!!!!!!!!!
Above information is the first I've seen on this program. I do not want need or have space for additional containers.
Actually this would cause a lot more work for the garbage pickup men to keep tract of each extra bag and the address when they picked them up.

Add recycle containers for free. Do not change garbage can charge.
Additional container up more room and we don not generate very much recycle material that I take to a recycling facility.
Additional tags should be able to be ordered with water bills or online. Survey like they should have an option to save the paper that will probably end up in the land fill anyway Recycle containers need to be large enough for weekly cardboard and paper usage.
After Christmas we always have a lot of paper tree cardboard. Can extra charge be waived a week after Christmas? How large would the recycling containers be.
Age 86. I find it very inconvenient for my age.
Agree with the recycling, but do not agree with the additional charge per bag extra garbage. Just a way to charge everyone more. People would start holding garbage: recyclables is great.
All depends - do duplexes still receive 2 containers?
All for recycling
All for recycling and would love the containers. But I'm not paying more for garbage.
All sounds good except having to do the prepay tag for extra garbage. I like the recycle deal. I try to recycle when I can. What I really would like is reimbursement for when I had to dig up my water line, it was mine that changed your policy!
All that will happen is that deadbeats with too much garbage will throw it in other people's containers or litter the country side.
All this will create is more regulations and a bigger bureaucracy. I don't need two mor3e containers in my yard and I don't have time to separate garbage!!! I have enough separating my laundry!!!! Keep it the way it is, the earth will take care of itself.
All we can say is that it is about time. We hope to goes through!
All you want is another raise in pay and seniors get what?! Nothing! You guys are going to get it too!!!!
Alley garbage…
Alley pickup don't have current garbage bins!
Already pay sufficient amount for very adequate garbage removal. Strongly oppose any reduction in service or increase of cost of said service. I see PAYT BOTH as a reduction in service and increase in cost to households.
Already recycle cardboard, newspapers, and aluminum
Already recycle elsewhere
Also encourage glass recycling.
Also, it almost sounds as you support, you'll be penalized by having to pay.
An absolute MUST.
Any extra garbage bags during spring fall leaves make it not feasible. Do not have pick up to haul to dumps.
Any recycling for glass?
Any savings will be gobbled up in administration of such a system the money are paying pay for future landfill sites
Any time there is a change it costs the taxpayer more money. The gov took mine the last 2 years.
Anything that can be done to increase recycling in Bismarck would be strongly supported.
Anything to help reduce garbage and be able to recycle easier!
Apartment Building - What are your plans for multi-units? Need more info: multi-unit rates, what kind of recycle containers will be used, how much effort to recycle. Most people don't want to separate. I think current system with drop off sites is probably the best for Bismarck. Those who recycle use those sites. Suggestion - accept more kinds of plastic like waste management does. All of plastics are not just #1 and #2.
Apartment Building with 12 people. Would this apply to the apartment buildings?
Are ads considered for paper recycling? What types of plastics? Are cans to be rinsed out? Do milk cartons recycle? We think it's a good idea.
Are currently serviced by a dumpster??
Are recyclable containers picked us on scheduled days as with current garbage schedule
Are the extra garbage bags bought at the same place as the tags.
Are the recyclables picked up by BMK public works at your residence, what is the size of the recyclable containers. Does paper recyclable include newspaper and or magazines. Will pickup continue to be once a week will public works continue special cleanup days at no extra charge.
Are the recycle containers picked up by the city? Don't really state that. What about recycling glass?
Are the two containers for recyclables automatically provided to each household, or does each individual household have to request them?
Are we going to have a cleanup fix up week? What about tree limbs? How often are recyclables picked up?
Are you crazy?

Are you suggesting that if recycling of trash one would need a smaller garbage can? If you should supply 2 cans would that be a monthly pick up for both cans at the same time? Weekly? How many times would the home owner be taking one or the other container to the street? Is this 3 times one for each container which I consider unacceptable. The way you work the charging makes look as if you will be charging for the can containing the tin, plastic, etc. and charge again for the one containing paper/cardboard. Clarify for it does not seem reasonable. Must labels removed from cans and plastic bottlers? How well washed?
As a family of one, I don't mind paying $10 as usual as there are times such as Christmas when I have more garbage. Don't want pay as you go .
As a senior citizen I have all I can do to get the one dumpster to the curb.
As long as city commissioner also have the recycle
As long as it is a curbside, I will support it. I currently take our glass to Fargo. Please accept cereal boxes.
As long as it is not used to add other incremental charges--so we end up with a laundry list of charges
As long as there was no extra charge for recycling more than the recycle containers hold, I have no problem. Paying extra for having more garbage than fits the container - not a good idea.
As of now extra bags of grass clippings and leaves are picked up would we be charged more these under the new program.
As part of a 12 unit condo building, we already do a lot of recycling especially newspapers, and, and plastic so we decided not to use your containers
As we are not recycling now, not sure what size container I need and how much we should vary in garbage. I think there should be a trial time and incentives for recycling.
Assure me that all the folks using our dump will have rules at least as stringent! County private haulers other cities - everyone! Assure me they will be charged at least what I'm going to pay.
At $9.55 per container I think with 60,000 people the city generates enough money to pick garbage up the way it's done now and adding another container on charging for extra garbage bags. There will be the same amount of garbage to put in the landfill with one container or whatever you add. This is going to cause people to throw garbage or litter. People are not going to go to the store and pay for tags so garbage will be picked up. This garbage will be thrown in the street or in the ditch.
At one time I was included in a trial recycling by the city. I learned it but was not charged personally for complying.
At this time I use my own garbage can as I have alley pick-up.
Bad Idea
Bad Idea - we like it the way it is. Recycling is a good idea.
Basically my bill will not change I need space for 2 more bins indoors for the winter, what about yard waste, like branches, leaves?
Because of elderly age, ex garbage bags are difficult to handle.
Because we have so much garbage that even if we recycled which I strongly support we'd end up paying more than we do now because of the large amount of trash we toss.
Been in many cities where they have this . This program never saves any money .
Biggest issue is the pay as you go extra bags. Very seldom need anything but current container but think the $1.00 - $1.85 is a little out of line.
Bill paid by phone
Bills are high enough- give recycle containers but billing extra do not agree!
Bismarck going "Green" would be an awesome example for other communities. Save the landfill and save dollars! YES!
Bismarck has sites for lawn clippings and cardboard etc. Why do city crews pick up these items. Simply states take to recycle drop off!!!
Bismarck is a very tidy clean city. With access to the current system residents would not be penalized/billed for keeping garbage off on the streets. I would be concerned that individual may dump refuse rather than pay extra charges to have it properly disposed.
Bismarck is WAY behind other cities in terms of recycling. Let's get moving.
Bismarck must start recycling glass to make this program work. We would expect curb side pickup to be included in this cost and they would need to be large enough or they should be free pickup for additional recycling.
Bismarck needs to be on a recycle program. EVERY large city does it and Bismarck's is a waste! We shouldn't have to do it ourselves. Step up with the times!
Bismarck really needs a recycling program
Bismarck would greatly need to enhance its recycling program. Performance now is extremely poor
Bozeman MT used the tag method with was a pain and no longer used. Recycle bins work great for us. Stores packaging everything a problem. Junk mail another.
Bravo it is time for curbside recycling in Bismarck. As a recycler I would appreciate the convenience of curbside to my residence.
Bull shit - nice try. Only see an increase coming. Very chicken shit way to try to increase our bill.
Business with 12 in 'household'. Our employees are conscientious about recycling and would very much support a PAYT program.

But I like my 95 gallon container which I fill only 2 or 3 times a year. Otherwise I have only 1 or 2 small grocery bags a week so I'm paying way too much for garbage disposal. Is there a way I could use a 35 gal container and pay for 11 months of the year but keep the 95 gal on and pay 9.55 one month? Perhaps in June. It's handy for spring clean up of the yard and trimming the hedges. Maybe that's too much bookkeeping for you. I hate using too many plastic bags as they are costly and also uses natural resources in heir manufacture & don't recycle. I recycle everything I can and have even hauled some to Fargo to recycle things that aren't accepted here. Glass/magazines.
But still need more information. It states any extra garbage bags would be $1 1.75/bag what size bag? Also, can we switch to a smaller container if we find we don't need the 95 gal size? No glass recycling, why not? Will the big recycle containers still be available at various sites throughout the city? Ex loaf n jug on n 26th st. I like the idea of recycling options . Bismarck is LONG overdue. But, this survey does not cover enough concerns to make decisions. Too many 'what if I...', etc. How big will the recycle containers be? Will Bismarck expand plastics to include more than just 1&2? What about other paper recycling such as magazines? Will Bismarck consider removing the city ordinance that says it's not allowable to do "curb shopping" during spring and fall clean up week? Fargo has been allowing this for years. People can pick perfectly useable or fixable items off curbs during their clean up week in Fargo. Residents get rid of unwanted items; others pick it up and reuse it; far far less goes into their landfill. We seriously need to consider allowing this in Bismarck. Have our city officials check w Fargo's city officials to see how well this works. This is a wonderful example of "reduce - reuse - recycle- and repurpose"
But what about yard waste, grass clippings, leaves? They need to be considered.
Buying stickers would be a PIA!!!
Call office - talked to sue.
Can all things of paper be recycled.
Can the size of the garbage container be changed after a downsize request?
Can we get 2 smaller containers ?
Can we get the recyclable containers?
Can you change plans? This is a great way to get people to recycle. What about branches?
Can you choose a smaller 65gal w/o the recycle containers? Is glass a regular garbage item? What about combined metal-plastic items?
Can you get a larger container (95 Gal) in the summer, if you choose one of the smaller containers for the winter months? Do you need to keep the same container year round? This would be a nice option.
Can you switch back to bigger garbage containers if you find that the smaller size is not adequate?
Can't you leave things alone? Aren't we taxed and fees enough
Change the 95 gallon container to $19.95 per month to encourage better participation in recycling. I don't think $2 will do it.
Changes may need to be made, but certainly not at the expense of the people.
Charge more per month. The prepaid tag would be a pain! However, the recycle bins are a great idea. We already recycle the at home convenience would be worth paying for.
Charging $1.75 for additional garbage bags is ridiculous. We currently recycle and still have additional bags each week.
Cheaper in long run the way it is.
Check the national studies. It costs more to recycle than it does to produce.
Clarify whether the policy for picking up yard waste will stay the same or if it will require a prepaid toy.
Complicated and more expensive. A losing formula
Concerned about and wind and cold weather.
Concerned about frequency of pickup of recyclable containers.
Concerned about privatizing and subsequent escalating costs. Public enterprise is always cheaper than private.
Concerned on yard waste includes no appropriate for compost & needs to go in regular garbage could be expensive in summer to maintain flowers & vegetables. We already recycle
confusing for some senior citizens
Consider holiday times for extra garbage. A grace period at least at Christmas & Thanksgiving
Consider incineration @ the landfill to save space….be innovative. Then bury the residue. Also use the inmates from county jail to pick up the litter at this landfill.
Consider lowering taxes and using biofuel to cut costs. Don't charge more.
Consider the possibilities of recycling glass containers (a big item of pollution) the tag situation needs to explained
Cost difference is insignificant; do agree we need to recycle
Could the tags be stolen off your bags? How often would the recycling be picked up? Many of us don't have room for recycling containers. What about grass/leaf bags? $1-$1.75 per bag is too much when you have 60-70 leaf bags a yard. Would you pick up leaves off the blvd like grand forks with a vacuum truck?
Could use the smaller containers right now.

Could you rent a large container and a small container instead of paying per bag?
Could you still bundle tree branches? Would you still do the twice yearly pickup when you could get rid of larger items?
Current is working for us
Current program and bill have never been proven cost effective and now plans will only increase costs more than containing with prevent plans. Working to reduce govt controls and educating public in the responsibility more cost effective in the long run.
Current program works well
Currently good service for the monthly fee we are currently charged
Currently on our block, garbage is collected in dumpster.
Currently we recycle on our own at BSC & we prefer to do it that way.
Currently, we already separate paper/cardboard aluminum, tin, plastics, and take it to the nearest dumpster.
deceptive way to increase your total fees
Definitely support the recycle containers.
Definitely would like the recyclable containers!
Depending on what size the extra bag is for the cost, and the size of the recycle bin.
Depends - if all it amounts to is paying more for the same it is nothing more than a rate increase.
Did recyclable containers in Grand Forks when I lived there. Really like it
Did this in Moorhead, MN would pay extra to avoid it.
Didn't we try to recycle here about 10 or so years ago, and it failed because we couldn't get rid of the product, and all the containers that were used stored at the water treatment plant.
Do not agree with the extra garbage bag charge.
Do not allow yard waste to be picked up in route.
Do not have all info to make a decision
DO NOT IMPLEMENT
Do not know enough
Do not oppose of proposed policy.
Do not support the prepaid tags. Very inconvenient. Like the idea of recyclable containers.
do not use container
Do the entire city, not a pilot program in just a portion of the city
Do the recyclable containers get picked up? By who? When? Are the extra garbage bags biodegradable?
Do they pickup recycling.
Do want recyclable containers to have at residence and at no charge is great!
Do we have to clean and sort the recyclables? Do we get a discount if our container is only half filled when picked up? How much are the prepaid? What determines the price of the prepaid? In the past 20 months, we were out of ND for 12 months. Do we get a discount for that?
Do we need to separate recyclables?
Do you credit my account $9.55 when I have no pickup for 6 months while I'm out of time
Do you have to charge for everything? What an additional hassle, leave current plan alone.
Do you mean aluminum, tin, plastic, all in one container and paper any kind and cardboard any kind in be other container. Will this change policies on items picked up on two cleanup weeks. What about glass containers.
Do you mean there would be a 1 charge for each bundle of shrubbery clippings?
Does cardboard include cereal boxes, pop can boxes, etc?
Does not work in Chicago where our daughter lives.
Does one have one container at home or all three? Can one change if not if so how the billing tracked.
Does this apply to alley garbage?
Does this mean throw away jars, containers have to be washed inside before disposing of?

Does this proposal mean anything that won't fit in a container does not get picked up? That is the way Grand Fords screwed over its citizens.
Doesn't like extra ticket idea for extra garbage or recycling bends. But I like the idea of less charge on smaller containers.
don’t want three containers to curb each week
don't force recycling on me
Don’t force this down our throats like you tried with recycling and other programs.
Don't have a container and I don't want it either.
Don't have room for 2 more containers then tried to separate garbage.
Don't know enough about it
Don't know! Will the current recycle sites remain? We use them now. Will someone pick up the recyclables weekly/mo? Is this just newspaper in the paper category? Please provide this info in the next billing!
don't like the $1 to $1.75 per bag
Don’t like the idea of 2 more containers to store. I still have the original three.
Don't like the idea of needing a prepaid tag to throw away garbage.
Don't make household pay for tags. Have them available in bill every month.
Don't make it too complicated I'm willing to pay 20% more for a straight forward recycling program.
Don't mess around with a voluntary program, make it you HAVE to recycle. There are just too many lazy, uncaring people. I have been recycling for four years but none of neighbors are. That is just not right . I am trying to do my best and they do nothing .
Don't really care for prepaid tags.
Don't really know much about it.
Don't see how this would save me money
Don't think it is good idea.
Don't understand the recycle container deal.
Don't want smaller garbage, but would like recyclable bins.
Don't want to pay another separate bill. Leave in the water bill
Dumb IDEA
During holiday is there going to be a no charge for extra garbage or are we still going to have to pay extra.
Either way a convenient recycling program needs to be established.
Especially if curbside recyclable containers are picked up & provided
Estimated cost savings /loss for the city not given. Recycling we have now is adequate. Charging more for more trash is a good idea. Opposed new recycle containers, but in favor of PAYT
Even if support for the new payment scheme isn't that strong. We still need to do more efforts in the area of recycling. It is foolish not to.
Everything garbage has been recycled for years already from this property so we're completely fed up with being charged 30 a month yet for the gas it takes to haul to recycling bins etc. and threaten with turn off notices when few cents of stimulus money we are allowed room Obama's bill doesn't go far.
Everything in life is complicated. Does this really need to be.
Excellent idea - we hope it can be implemented!
Excellent idea! Looking forward to seeing this implemented.
Excellent idea!!
Excellent idea.
Excellent options.
Excited for the recyclable containers!! Thanks!
Extra garbage bags are costly - big hassle - no room for all the containers - neighborhood has a bunch of duplexes with young kids who already have a couch outside since before it snowed for 1st time and they stack their garbage on that & it looks like an inner city neighborhood they will not separate their garbage or buy your bags.
Extra garbage bags would probably include leave bags and would increase the garbage bill by a large amount.
Extra recyclable containers?
EXTREMELY INERESTED. Why is there $1 service line repair charge every month? I don’t have a telephone line and I have not had any repairs

Fees are high enough already. Use tax money to supplement if need be
Finally! Thanks.
Finally, hopefully - we will have household recycling containers.
Find a way to fine people who just put open trash out to blow around the neighborhood. l
Find someone to take glass. What about the Christmas & Birthdays when there is an extra or other large gathering - would you have to buy tags for that? How would we get renters to recycle? Sometimes they have a lot of garbage other times not much out so how does that work?
First I heard about it. I would support recyclable containers for each household.
First I've heard about it. Will recyclables be picked up or do we have to haul them?
First I've heard of it. I would support it. But you are going to find more trash dumped in the grass/leaf dumpsters or left on the roadside if you charge extra for excess.
First time we have heard of this program. This would make throwing garbage a nightmare to get prepaid tags. If you need a rate increase, just increase it.
For me I don't pay. I would not get each together.
For only $4 saved a month it's not worth implementing
Forgot to put in my bill.
From our experience pay as you throw greatly discourages people from keeping their homes and yards cleared of rubbish and cleaned it also creates a major problem with people putting their garbage in other peoples container, others just throw their garbage out of the car at night.
From the info provided is not clear as to which 3 containers the city is referring to.
From your flier it sounds much too complicated.
Garbage charge $9.55 is just ok with us.
Garbage collection is a public service that we all pay taxes for along with basic fees. Families who walk on sidewalks don't pay more nor do families who drive on neighborhood streets. Families with extra garbage to a reasonable degree should not be penalized. Added tags etc just creates more work in my opinion. We currently recycle already. I think as citizens of Bismarck we are already doing a significant amount of recycling on our own!
Garbage is garbage whether it is thrown or recycled. Save our earth; why should we be charged for it?
Garbage pickup is a service I pay already for the city of Bismarck to do. I'm not going to pay for a tag go trace this process of putting it on items that is going to be pickup as garbage in this first place. Plus, I have to pay more for each bag who determines to size of bag and price.
Generally I would prefer voluntary recycling rather than punitive fees for non compliance. Curbside pickup of recyclables would probably be more successful than the current system of multiple location bins
Get less service or pay more, so this is a price increase trying to pretend it is good by throwing in recycling.
Gives people options!
Glass recycling?
Glass! I take my glass to Devil's Lake (pop 9,000) to recycle. We throw too many plastics that aren't 1's & 2's into the garbage - Don't limit to 1's & 2's. Add more cardboard (cereal boxes, etc) to the containers as well as regular paper. I recycle everything that I can, but I still fill a 95 gal container. Bismarck is on the right track by implementing this program, but without expanding the items you accept, I can't say that I'll be personally impressed. It will be nice to see residents that don't recycle finally recycle. It would be nice to see businesses have this option as well. Where I work, the amount of plastic and tin that could be recycled is sad.
Go as green as you can. This is an excellent idea. Please provide more recycling locations.
go for it
Go for it -years overdue!
Go for it!
Go to hell please.
Going green should not cost us green! Why should you charge us and get the money?
Going to pick up prepaid tickets. Would be a joke. People will take their extra trash to the nearest commercial bldg. dumpster. I already have a problem with that.
Good as is
Good deal! Thank you!
Good for you! I have been recycling everything for years!
Good Idea
Good IDEA
Good Idea
Good idea we're actually doing some recycling

Good idea will bins have wheels? Stop picking up grass clipping with regular garbage.
Good idea! Our current container is way too big.
Good idea!!!
Good idea. Lower our property taxes, pay for services as we use it .
Good idea. Thanks,.
Good idea. We don't have enough waste for our currently 95 gal container and due to our age the smaller container would be easier to handle. I currently recycle so those containers would be very helpful. Thank you.
Good in summer
Great for retired, and single people. Families will pay more.
Great idea!
Great Idea!
Great idea!
Great idea! All citizens are responsible for taking care of mother earth.
Great Idea! It is time for curbside recycling
Great idea! Recycling is needed!
Great idea! So glad you are doing this!
Great Idea!!
Great idea, especially the curbside recycling aspect which will increase recycling in our community
Great idea. Bismarck must implement this program. We all need to recycle and this program makes it easy and affordable.
Great idea. We recycle right now--it would be nice to have it picked up.
Great Plan! We need to do more to conserve our landfills.
Great! It's about time!
Had sealed my payment envelope so am sending this separately.
Handicapped and elderly - concerned about lawn waste and garden waste disposal and the additional cost involved .
Happy with existing container.
Happy with present service.
Hard to implement in non owner occupied apt. building.
Hate the Idea!
Have adequate drop off points for people wanting to recycle. Three bins take up too much room in the average residents. The current black container won't fit through a walk in door.
Have been recycling for some time & this would be great!
Have been waiting for this--have had a similar recycling and garbage collection program where I lived before. Very successful.
Have had a smaller container and they blow all over in the wind very easily so make a mess. Would the recyclable be picked up or would we have to deliver it ourselves? Currently I carry all my grass clippings , paper, and cardboard already and don't get credit for that and I see many others that you pick up and they are not charged more.
Have it stay as it is.
Have to see how it works.
Have you all seen our winters? I do more and I pay more. NO THANK YOU
Have you thought about how much extra water will have to be used to wash or rinse the plastic, tin, and aluminum. What's the deal on extra garbage bags about?
Having a corner lot with a big yard, we don't want huge costs per bag when we know in the summer that can be 12-15 bags weekly!
Having all these recycle containers around our property in the city will be junky looking all over town.
Having lived in other parts of the country with well established curbside recycling programs, this is long overdue for Bismarck.
Having room for the containers may be an issue for some households.
Having to buy tags for garbage because you had more than anticipated because of holiday company cleaning doesn’t seem fair.

Holiday weeks on Friday route will have 10 days between pickups, not equitable. What about yard waste that and not recyclable, extra fee? Not fair to young families with kids. Containers now are packed to over flowing; however you going to enforce those standards. Just do curbside recycling pickup and save all these miles people drive to recycle points.
Hope it flies
Hope to see this in the near future
Hopefully we don't see more garbage in the ditches.
How about additional garbage that does not fit in bags? E.g. bundles of branches. What site can the "extra" garbage bags be? How would this process conserve landfill other than less recyclables - which recycling supposedly was not feasible when it was implemented several years ago. Why 2 recycling containers for 4 products (aluminum, tin, plastic and paper)
How about charge if brought to landfill? I hope recyclable items would be expanded to include glass, all plastics non corrugated cardboard, etc. Model = Portland, OR program = awesome!
How about recycling for business?
How about recycling glass, too?!?!
How about tree branches/grass?
How big are the container?
How big are the other two containers and are they picked up weekly - every two weeks or monthly? Extra bags - does the cost go by size of bag? Bag tags should be mail order.
How big are the recyclable container, when will the recyclables be pick up. What about yard waste?
How big are the recyclable containers?
How big are the recyclable containers? Room in a garage for these may be a problem. Does material need to be cleaned? Are these containers covered? Pre paid tags, how much? Pretty short on facts!
How big are the recyclable containers? Would items listed be mixed in the 2 containers? Would you sit all 3 containers by the curb on garbage day?
How big are the recycle containers I already recycle all these items.
How big are the recycling containers? We would need garbage can size. Would we get a new container?
How big is the city-furnished garbage cans we use now?
How do I get 2 recyclable containers
How do we get smaller container? I only have 1 bag of trash a week.
How do you change your plan and when would you be allowed to, such as when kids leave home and you have less trash?
How do you judge what bags will be 1-1.75? Unclear of what is what there. If you don't have any garbage picked up one week will there be any reimbursement for that?
How do you keep track of additional bags?
How does the fall & Spring cleanup work on this program? We do recycle.
How does this apply to the delayed holiday pickups which may cause surplus garbage? (Friday pickup especially) How does this apply to grass bag pickup? It used to be convenient to dump grass clippings - not so now! Apparently you have cut back on the dump sites. We should not have to drive miles to find one. Don't believe the purchase of tags at grocery stores is really explained. We currently recycle on a regular basis. We feel you should include glass.
How does this work if you have alley access? Do the containers go in the alley? Do you continue to use our current containers for waste? You provide two containers, but mention three - what's the third one?
How will you prevent theft of the pre-paid tags.
How is the size of the extra garbage bags determined? Are yard clippings included in extra gabs or should they be taken to disposal sites?
How large are the 2 recyclable containers.
How large are the 2 recyclable containers. Thanks.
How large are the 2 recyclable containers? Do you have to take 2?
How large are the containers.
How large are the recyclable containers? Good for some areas, I'm satisfied with the current plan. I hope the containers will be placed in the alley where there s is pick up now. What will you do at xmas for instance? I recycle now and have no problem will the still be available for larger things
How large are the recyclable containers? The current garbage containers are large and ugly. Not much room to store them in or garage. What would I do with two more? Where to put them?
How large are the recyclable containers? I would also like the ability to recycle all plastics, and paper cardboard items such as envelopes, newspapers, magazines, and food container boxes (beverage and cereal boxes) and if possible, glass.
How large are the recycling containers? How often would they be collected? Do you still plan to offer the recycling centers around the city?

How large are your recycling containers? Will you still have recycling sites available for the receivables that won't fit in the container? I totally support recycling
How large would the recyclable containers be? I notice that the plastics bin is often full when I take my recyclables.
How long will it take for you to increase the "estimated" rates?? How much garbage will end up in the streets?? How long will it take for the city to look like your dump or city shop?
How many more workers would I employ? Too many workers are standing around now or driving around town.
How many years will this add to current landfill life?
How much garbage I have varies a lot?
How much would the charges be if I take things to the land fill? Would I also be charged for this?
How will clean up week be handled billed/cost? As a city do we plan to lose, stay even or make money? How much can we respect our bill to go up in the next year? In the next 3 years? How do you see this helping our dump ground? Where & how will our garbage be dumped or recycled? We still have our recycle bins from years back. We understood recycling became expensive and so discontinued. What has changed? We also went to www.bismarck.org to read more & didn't find more information. Did we miss something?
How will prepaid tags be priced and will that allow lower prices?
How will this affect spring/fall clean up weeks? We already recycle.
How will you keep people from dumping excess trash in streets, parks, etc? Would keep our clean city clean!
How would having pay as you throw to have bags of leaves and garden debris haul always. Would conserve landfill space.
How would it work for rental units?
How would it work on clean-up weeks?
How would the extra garbage bag fee be determined? Where does $9.55/ mo come from? Right now I only pay $2.00. No garbage is collected at my business address, will you take the $2.00 charge off all those bills?
How would this affect hauling to land fill - would residents pay? How would tree trim be handled, also other lawn waste not currently recycled for recycling.
How would this affect lawn garbage?
How would tree/bush cuttings be handled assuming they are bundled would Bismarck still provide twice per year pickup curb of appliances, furniture, etc.
How would yard work, leaves etc affect this? Would it be considered $-$1.75 per bag?
How would you control storage of these extra containers?
How would you truck the extra garbage bags? With a few neighbors who stack bags in the same area--who gets charged? Would use recyclable containers.
However, I would be in favor of containers for recyclables to conserve landfill space.
Huge inconvenience to expect people to purchase tags in order for extra garbage to be picked up?
I agree with paying for extra garbage but how much work will it take to prepay for extra.
I agree with recycling, however, I would prefer to pay the $9.55 a month for my larger container rather than all the hassles with "prepaid" tags & different prices etc. This method sounds very confusing.
I already have a smaller container but am charged for cost if a large container. Why? Perhaps thin could be a summer to in teat a new program.
I already have the smaller container. This means we will have 3 of these ugly containers sitting on our back door steps?
I already pay $6000 a year in taxes. Now I need to pay additional $ for extra garbage? Give me a break! Please let me know when there is a meeting on this.
I already recycle all my aluminum.
I already recycle aluminum and newspapers
I already recycle and am not interested in having more garbage cans in my front yard or paying extra for more garbages
I already recycle and have waited a long time for some program that picks it up. I also feel that recycling should be mandatory for all residents.
I already recycle everything. I take newspapers, cans, and plastic to recycle thank you!
I already recycle my newspapers, aluminum, plastic, and cardboard at the local collection sites. My volume to the landfill would not change. You already stop to dump my garbage container so why would there be a different charge for container sizes for me?
I already recycle my papers, plastics, steel & alum. So I don't see how I can decrease my disposables
I already recycle newspapers, plastic, tin and pop cans
I already recycle newspapers, plastics & aluminum. I could use your services for paper and plastic aluminum I would continue - bring in $60. A year for us.
I already recycle plastic, cans, cardboards, and newspaper. But, with this many people we still have plenty of garbage. I like the current system.

I already recycle without the gov't involvement. This PAYT sounds like the city trying to raise more money by taking us. I already pay enough in taxes. I strongly oppose this crap. If you want to conserve landfill space, I suggest burning some of the trash. So, by making us pay more in "fees" taxes, how does that conserve landfill space? This is just another tax increase.
I already recycle; don't need the service
I already use the public recycle program by hauling my own to the sites.
I also think it would be great to get plastic recycle bins in public places placed next to the garbage's.
I always use the loaf and jug containers to put my recycle stuff there.
I am 100% for recycling containers but I do not approve of paying for extra garbage bags.
I am 84, soon to be 85. I cannot afford any extra fees. The water bill is too high as it is especially in the summer time w watering lawns. Sorry. Plus all other bills. And more showers taken. Why should we pay 2 bills to water system and garbage? P.S. Give us a break. There will be 2 after renter moves in Feb 1st.
I am 87 years old with 3 shoulder surgeries. I'm concerned with having heavy containers.
I am a business and I already pay for my waste removal.
I am a caregiver 24/7 for my husband. My duties are monumental I to have to sort garbage. Yet is just too much. We are in our70's & 80's I have on the average 3-4 bags a week.
I am a disabled vet and cannot afford increases no matter how disguised.
I am a widow and live alone. Don't have much garbage. Have a basement apt with only 1 person - so recycling isn't a big issue.
I am afraid of setting containers out with our winds. They would blow over, then what?
I am all for recycling and saving landfill space, but it would be nice to know answers to the following questions as well: 1. when it says it will provide each household with two containers, but then it goes on to list for different recyclables: aluminum, tin, plastic, and paper/cardboard. Does that mean that we would need to pick two from the list of four? Does it mean we need to buy two more bins and then pay for those bins per time? What does it mean? 2. Does paper/cardboard include the following: magazines, newspaper, old phone books, anything printed on paper? 3. the prepaid tags....this is more of a suggestion to make it easier.....could a person request a pack of 5-10 prepaid tags when they send in their bill and then those would arrive with the next months bill and they could be charged that way or they could add it to their bill and then they would be sent the next month? Thanks for your consideration.
I am all for the recyclable containers. Question, any extra bags, such as one filled with leaves in autumn, would cost more? What about small tree branches that are set out by the garbage container. These small tree branches that are set out by the garbage container. These small bundles would cost more? The garbage collectors do an excellent job now. Why change the basic system that works efficiently? The only real change that needs to occur is having the city pick up recyclables.
I am an avid recycler and it would be much more convenient to not have to drive to a collection site with my recyclables
I am by myself so would like a smaller container,
I am concerned that the cost of the 65 or 35 gal containers will not be feasible. Why not leave it at 95 gal but pick up would be only every other week. Special brightly colored stickers or container and a list for the routes will designate the exceptions to weekly pick up. As a single person in a household I find I only put my trash out every other week. Stickers would be more cost effect than 2 different new size containers. Also, I pay on line why not use survey monkey for these types of surveys.
I am currently recycling and have my own system of collection in my home. I'm real pleased that collection point has been started at Dan's South. Have noticed many people aren't rinsing and are dumping in plastic bags. More education needed in that area.
I am good with the idea of recycling as much as we can. Just not sure where we would put three garbage containers.
I am happy that recycling is being taken seriously by our city
I am happy the way things are. I have a small container. I never use more than a small container.
I am in favor of recycling as I take items to the local containers now, however the pre-paid tags sound confusing!
I am in favor of this if glass, alum, tin, and plastic, are placed in one containers. This works better from what I hear from others how live in cities. People don't like to separate.
I am in my 70s, widowed, and I don't want anything else to push or drag through the snow! The people pushing these programs have never ever thought about older people who have everything to do themselves.
I am in support of curbside recycling. Although, at times we have company or a growing family we will have extra to throw. I am not a fan of punishing those who have large families and get charged lots to rid of their trash. We do numerous house projects as well that will keep us getting the large bin.
I am legally blind and therefore do not drive. I am unable to deliver the recyclables. This would be opposition to this program. How would Bismarck accommodate those that would like to recycle but do not have the means to haul the refuse? By the way Thank YOU FOR A JOB DONE WELL.
I am not a huge fan of pre paid tags for extra bags…would rather just buy an extra can . Is that a possibility? Thank you for recycling pick up….we would love it.
I am not against recycling, but I would like to keep doing like we have been doing it.
I am not sure - maybe something about all this has been in the tribune and I'm not getting the tribune at this time. Will be back home in April.
I am not sure about the tag idea.
I am not to informed about the program but sounds like a pretty good plan.
I am not willing to pay extra for the hundred or so bags of leaves that blow in and are trapped in my yard. It's a neighborhood thing and all should pay!!
I am ok with program we are no on. I have 3 recyclable baskets and I use them all the time.

I am one person in this household, I recycle and I have a wood burner. So I only set my can to the cub twice a year.
I am satisfied with what I have. The men do an excellent job.
I am satisfied with what we have
I am strongly in favor of any recycling programs.
I am unable to array boxes or containers to the curb as this is a downhill slopping driveway and a fair distance to go. I do not drink pop so have no cans to recycle. A friend takes all my paper and bard board to the local recycling bins so I am recycling already. Our area doesn't have room at the curb for multiple containers. I support the effort, but it will not work for me or this street.
I am very much in favor of the curbside recycle bins - but very opposed to paying extra for bags that don't fit in cans.
I am very pleased with the alley pick up currently provided by your dept. My husband is 80 yrs. I am early 70's and not physically able to push large containers around. I also do not like an unsightly container in front of our home.
I am wondering how this program will conserve the landfill if everyone has the same amount of garbage; just the different container sizes. I agree with the recyclable containers so call it a recycle program and do that in addition to leaving the standard rate.
I barely have any garbage most weeks.
I barely have room now for one garbage containers. I have no room for three. They would have to sit outside and be an eyesore. I refuse to buy tags for extra bags.
I believe I currently have the smaller container. I also have the recycle containers used in the trial years ago. I think it's time to do this!
I believe in recycling, however, I am not sure this is the answer.
I believe that with the cost of my property taxes averaged out pen month, it should have taken care of any increase of any additional changes on the city survives that have been increased.
I believe this would encourage proper to use other peoples containers and dumpsters or leave garbage in back yards, streets, or along the highway especially branches, garden debris, or heavier items. I have neighbors who when their large container is full, put their garbage in my container especially when they are cleaning out their yard. or they put extra sacks of their garbage near my containers to even it out they say if they have a lot of sacks to put near their own containers. I just feel three will be some people who will do anything to avoid buying a prepaid tag. This may happen when people are moving, downsizing, or on a fixed income. There will be less incentive to keep things clean and picked up. Thanks for your consideration.
I came from EGF, MN. Our recycle day was every other Thurs. I am for recycling with garbage pickup every week
I can foresee people dropping garbage in different locations for some else to pay for. I am not in favor of this idea!! It happens to us already.
I can see this for one person we would not for this we have plenty of garbage at times with gardening a yard work we have even more, we just move from Sheridan.
I can't afford…on limited income.
I could get along with a 35 gallon container and reduce my bill to 5.5 per month.
I could get by with a 35 gal container or less
I could save money - I very seldom have more than a 13 gal bag in a 95 gal container - But - how many people to save the $1.00 - $1.75 will start stockpiling garbage in their backyards causing disease, insects & pure pestilence in our city?
I currently have alley pickup with my own garbage cans. I think this idea sounds very promising. I'm in!
I currently only set my garbage container out for pickup every 3rd or 4th week because I don't generate much trash. I recycle as much as I can so I would welcome the option to have to pay for a smaller container. I also see paper listed w/ cardboard for recyclables that is good
I currently recycle all my recyclables at sites provided. I am not interested in buying tags etc. but feel the new plan may be a need for large households.
I currently take recyclables to hillside. Would be great to have household pick up.
I do daycare.
I do feel that getting a recycling program is a good idea and strongly support that program
I do go with recycle program but not pay .
I do have child care
I do have concerns because I own a duplex so there is more garbage. But I am all for recycling!
I do like the idea of smaller gallon containers recycling but, I am concerned with charging for extra bags sp for certain tines of year. Example during fall I can have 4-5 bags of leaves this could get prices.
I do not agree that you should have to pay extra for any extra bags you might have once in a while.
I do not approve of prepaid tags for extra garbage.
I do not feel that we should be charged extra for recyclable items if they do not fit in the provided receptacles.
I do not have a 95 gal container. I requested a smaller one over a year ago and have used it ever since. So vie been charged for a large on can I get a refund or credit?
I do not have a city supplied container. I have my own. I have tried getting a container but was denied. I'm curious how I would be charged. I already recycle so containers at my house would be nice.

I do not have enough info. Are or will handicapped that require extra bags need to rent an extra container?
I do not have the large garbage container. My husband (when alive) turned it in for a small size when they were given to us years ago.
I do not like the tagging extra garbage idea . I think people will be out of tags and the garbage will sit around in our neighborhoods and they'll get very messy looking.
I do not own a pickup to haul leaves and oppose the per bag charge. The prepaid tag is a cumbersome process.
I do not throw very much. There are many less fortunate families that would be adversely affected by this. The rate is fine as is.
I do not understand the extra garbage bag charge would it be $1. 00 or $1.75 per extra bag?
I do not want my life to center around a complex garbage collection system. What we have now is working just fine.
I do not want to buy tags for garbage
I do now make use of the neighborhood dumpsters for newspapers, plastic & cans & the recycle center for aluminum cans.
I do recycle and take my recyclables up to gateway lot, I don't think I would want extra cans I line alone - thanks.
I do recycle. Having bins visible in front of houses on trash day might inspire more recycling. It's a shame how many people don't recycle.
I do support PAYT, but fear that this could be a way to increase charges without public consent.
I don't exactly understand this program
I don't feel I know enough to support or oppose. I would like to have the recycle option if they are uncomplicated.
I don't feel the facts sheet explains the Pay as You Throw program adequately enough. Who empties the recycle containers do we get our own 35 or 65 gallon containers.
I don't feel there is enough info to make a decision i.e. do you have to wash out cans, etc? If I don't put container out one week - will I still get charged?
I don't feel this is a good option until Bismarck has the resources to handle larger scale recycling See Moorhead MN as an example city.
I don't feel we should be charged extra for you to haul away any garbage that does not fit in our container. As long as we have it bagged up and set at the curb it should already be included.
I don't generate very much recyclable material
I don't have a garbage container from the city that I pay for now. Don't see how it would be conserving landfill space.
I don't have much to recycle - we have dumpster sites to take it to.
I don't have room for additional containers in my garage and I certainly would never want them result.
I don't have room for extra containers.
I don't have time to collect prepaid tags if I have an extra bag of garbage 1 like system now- easy for me, just pick up what I have , I pay my bill.
I don't have time to run to the store to purchase bags so I can throw away my garbage. Leave me my large container. We already recycle paper, plastic, and aluminum.
I don't know enough to make a decision
I don't like having to buy tags. Add them to the monthly bill.
I don't like pay but I do support the 2 recycling containers but you need to expand your cardboard boxes or it doesn't pay to recycle.
I don't like paying more if say you had company and generated more garbage.
I don't like the extra bag charge.
I don't like the idea of having to pay extra to throw away additional garbage, especially at times of excess garbage.
I don't set my garbage out each week. Sometimes not even 2nd week as it takes me quite long to fill the bags container. I also believe in watching my water usage! W no waste
I don't think I really understand, call me and explain that for you ask for Phyllis
I don't think much of the prepaid tag
I don't think this is a good idea. I don't want people sticking garbage in front of our house because ether don't want to pay for extra garbage, I think people will put their extra garbage in front of others houses so they don't have to pay.
I don't think this is very fair or cheaper with households that have young families or large ones. Obviously if you have more people you will have more trash. In times of harder economic status it would only increase our current bill which would only put more stress on our young growing family.
I don't want 3 containers sitting around and I don't want to separate paper and plastic
I don't want so many containers to move.
I don't want to go dig in my garbage to separate the items and room to store the extra containers.
I don't want to micro-manage my trash. If I had to pay for extra bags I'd probably throw it in someone else's garbage.

I don't want to pay more.
I don't want to pick-up tags to put on garbage bags. I feel picking up extra bags is part of the fee we are paying for.
I don't want to push any more garbage cans around & I use the plastic and grass collection sites in my area unless the snow is not cleared in that area but we can work around that.
I feel anyone putting extra bags of garbage or lawn clippings along side of garbage cans should pay extra!! I do not support recyclable containers….didn't work before.
I feel I pay enough to have all my garbage picked up with pick-up only once a week. I always have more than will fit in the container.
I feel if people had to pay for extra garbage they may dump it in the neighbor trash or in a business dumpsters or leave it until they had room that would cause health issues
I feel if the city goes to this type of program you will see more garbage dumped in different areas of town along with on the streets.
I feel strongly about this! Let's get this done!
I feel strongly that there should be glass recyclables.
I feel that ND should have more recycling in places before jumping to the PAYT program.
I feel that recycling would be a good thing and that it should lower our garbage costs because the landfill should be able to make money to counter balance our costs. I would also like to know ho much garbage I throw away.
I feel the containers placed throughout the city cones recycling adequately.
I feel this should be mandatory (recycling) for city residents. I have been recycling for years. I 'm happy this is being considered. Yes! Whoo Hoo!!!
I feel this would be difficult to monitor per household. I know that our amount of garbage varies from week to week. I do feel however that we really need to implement the importance of recycling and make it easier for households to do this .
I feel very strongly about recycling and hope this works!
I feel we pay plenty for garbage. I don't want recycle bin to take care of also we can take recyclables to the recycle bin where we dump our grass clipping if we choose to.
I guess taking garbage from Linton doesn't fill our landfill only the garbage from Bismarck.
I have a duplex and throwing my garbage in with my renters so the truck doesn't have to stop twice. Why can't I get by with one container & pay half as much as I do?
I have a larger container. I could definitely go with a smaller one.
I have a neighbor that mows her lawn and her bags of grass sometimes set at curb for almost a week because she is too lazy to haul it to compost sight.
I have a recyclable container and I have plastics and tins and haul it each month. Very seldom to I have very much garbage.
I have a single garage. I don't have room for sorted garbage.
I have a small 65 gal not the larger one
I have a small container but I pay? 9.55? I take my papers to the plaza pick up, and I take my cans to the Masonic speech Care Center. I seldom have an extra bag. I don't need 2-3 recycle bins. I'm doing my share, I think.
I have a smaller black container and pay the reg price of 9.55.
I have a smaller container for years
I have alley garbage pickup now. Don't want to have to drag a container out to the street.
I have alley pick up so I don't think this affects us.
I have alley pickup--no container
I have always felt we need to recycle for the future.
I have always saved newspapers, tin can, and plastic. I would also keep glass but no one takes them
I have always taken my recyclables to east Bismarck. No problem doing this.
I have been a conservationist all my long life, and have recycled since bins were provided. Time for others to join in.
I have been hoping for a recycling policy. We have been having our recyclable stuff to the containers provided for years .
I have been recycling for many years. Haul plastic and newspapers and grass to the big dumpsters, aluminum, and tin out to Dietrich's.
I have found that the community (mass majority) is not informed about recycling or what and how much actually goes into the landfill. What are you doing to educate the public?
I have limited curb space at this time. I have no problem buying "prepaid tags" I question if others in the neighborhood would remove my tags & put them on their garbage. I question if will cause others to "dump" their garbage another people's curbs to avoid paying. I would kindly ask you to reconsider other options before implementing this. I want to do my part in preserving our landfill.
I have no confidence the individual making the determination on the number of extra bags I may have would be accurate!!! On occasion a neighbor adds their extra "overflow" to my garbage. One more hassle for seniors to deal with. No thanks.

I have noticed many don't take cardboard to recycle trainers and most likely don't do that for alum, tin, plastic, or paper. Hopefully, this new program would encourage those to use the recycle containers.
I have strong and mixed opinions! I would strongly support a recycling program but do not feel there should be additional charges for additional bags since there will be occasions for extra garbage….and then charge up to $1.75 for each bag!!! What a headache to buy pre-paid garbage tags. No one knows when or if or how many would be needed. With my luck I would need them and not have the correct one so my garbage could not have the correct one so my garbage could rot another week, even when it could have been collected with the others. I do believe in recycling and hats off for thinking of separating the garbage. Would you consider sending out tags at no charge for each family? After those are used, then families would need to buy them at the stores. I would hope to hear discussions before a PAYT program would be implemented.
I have talked to Teri. She answered questions such as need for a smaller container, however tagging a bag amount when I have a large amount.
I have the small containers. I have it for a couple of years.
I have tried it before and didn't like it at all. Also, don't have a way to have grass or leaves to bins.
I hope I didn't vote for the city council member that approved or thought up this idea.
I hope that just because each house is provided two recycling containers - that the use of the existing recycling trailers would not be completely stopped.
I hope this passes! I think if we had recycling containers that we could put out for pick-up it would greatly increase recycling efforts in this city and landfill space. I love this idea. However, I wish I did not have to mail this survey. I would've preferred to fill it out online and save a stamp!
I hope we will be adding glass recycling also
I hope this is implement especially having recyclables picked up curbside rather than having to take them to a site.
I just moved from Maple Grove, MN where they have a GREAT recycling program. Bismarck should really consider something like this.
I know surveys should be anonymous, but the system proposed won't work for our neighborhood, overall, much less my property as laid out. So, feel free to call me so I can show you the need I have. Yes, we recycle, but taking it in is much better. We have no storage room for additional containers! This is even more true during the winter months given snow piles. Also, there is no room to put them out for pickup given snow. Even in the summer they would clutter the streets. I live on a snow emergency route have a single driveway too, and this would be a great pain to store & use such container. A one size fits all approach might work for the city but not the people. Let's talk options here and situational fit and common sense, please. I don't want to be penalized because I can't accommodate more containers on my property during the winter. My single stall garage is full with 1 car, too!!! In short, I would love to speak with the city landfill and city council rep in charge of this idea please. How are elderly residents supposed to manipulate even more containers?
I know the fee schedule but not exactly how the recycling aspect works.
I like a few concepts but would not be for the extra charges.
I like it just the way it is. Lg container is fine for us/.
I like the concept I feel that intention to get people to recycle is good - we already recycle. I think that it will be hard to track & people will be upset over the prepaid tag concept
I like the containers for recyclables idea.
I like the free recyclable containers
I like the idea of recycling but I do not want to have to go get tags, pay for them and pay for the container to put them in. The items that cannot go in the recycle bins. If there were no tags involved and I could pick my size of container for non-recyclables and pay for that I would support the program.
I like the idea as long as you keep it to $1 per bag. How would you handle larger household waste? That would be concern.
I like the idea but I currently have a large container. I did not ask for it. It showed up on my curb when you changed to this style of container. I do like it, but there are many times when it isn't even half full and others when it is packed. Is there any way to go by weight at each site? Truck's arm/lift is rigged with scale weighing each addressed container, thus giving address x lbs of trash for y$. I am fully for recycling, I think we must also figure out a way to use the most of these recyclables locally. Not burning fossil fuels to truck them to another location. I believe that our technology and N intuition can solve these problems without creating more down the road.
I like the idea of a smaller container, but I like the recycle trailer so you can get rid of cans & plastic, etc., instead of everybody keeping them in the household for sanitary reasons!
I like the idea of being able to recycle more
I like the idea of recycling containers provided at the homes. It will be a great convenience.
I like the idea of recycling, but I would NOT support a fee for extra garbage bags. What would stop people from dropping their extra bags w/o the ticket off at someone else's house?
I like the recycle concept'
I like the recycle containers. Would there be a service charge to switch containers?
I like the recycling aspect of this plan!
I like the recycling plan. I will still want the 95 gallon container
I like the recycling program but what if we have more recycling than what fits in the containers? Do we pay for those too?
I like the setup we have now.
I like the system now as everyone pays the same for the same service.

I like the way it is now!
I like the way it is now. I have family visit.
I like the way it is.
I like the way things are right now, some weeks the containers too large, some weeks it's too small, overall I like the size of container I have now, I am not into sorting out my garbage neither in favor of having to tag my bags. I don't have room in my garbage to store more than one container.
I like to be able to recycle. I don't like this idea about getting these prepaid tags, give a garbage can big enough for my garbage and charge me for that size and be done with it.
I like to keep the 95 gal container and garbage same as the past years.
I like your idea of being able to recycle more.
I live alone and certainly don't need 95 gal. I only put it out after several weeks.
I live alone I have very little garbage. I have a small container but it out once a month. I put the cans and newspaper to a recalling bin at Arrowhead Plaza, So I am recycling.
I live in a 4plex. That would make for a lot of containers at the curb. How should this be handled?
I live in a condo association and we would all support this 100%. I feel any way to conserve landfill space would be great. ND going green great!
I live in a condo. Wouldn't know where I would put containers. Would (or should) this be a condo association decision?
I live in a house 13 steps above the street. Bismarck Public Works has agreed that any size garbage container is not feasible for me; therefore I put out my garbage bags on collection day.
I live in an alley and don't use current container. Would this change grass clippings at city cites?
I live in an area where city containers are not supplied so I don't know what size you're talking about
I live in neighborhood without standard container (alley pickup). Would I have to get a container? Pay for it? Maybe smaller one, 65 or 35 gal? How to get it? How do prices of extra bags vary? Twice a year, I throw out many bags of yard waste. Would this be charged per bag? Which size? Anybody with yard waste would pay similarly?
I lived in LA for 20 years. The extra recycle container was quite large
I lived in Man prior to my moving to ND and recycle all of the time. I could use the cheaper/smaller container. Save money and filling the landfill.
I looked on the city of Bismarck website and did not see anything. I would like more information. I use small container and only set it out once or twice a month.
I lost interest with the extra bag changes. Summer storms create this, why pay extra? Fall cleanup - I am almost always out of town for this. I would have to pay extra to clean up any garden. Not too enthused!!
I lost my job at Bobcat and barely pay my bills now. This is not good for me. Do what you have been doing.
I love being able to recycle right at home!
I love recycling!
I love the idea of recycle on curb stop bases.
I love the idea of recycling, but I am worried about being charged extra garbage. Some months we just have more than normal. For example, if you miss a week of pickup your next week you would have extra garbage.
I love this idea!
I may be in favor of it, but I need more information.
I may be selling my current home would be interested in a smaller container and recyclable sat a new place.
I need a way and a place to haul my trees (esp my cotton less cottonwood tree) , branches that fall to my lawn every time there's strong wind; also for branches, I have to trim off some of the trees smaller type. I do currently and have been recycling. I take these items to Bismarck ND City's recycle bins now located at gateway mall . How about teaching and requiring all citizens of ND how to recycle their tiny branches, grass, leaves, and certain types of foods that are left overs. Composing. More and more, I am seeing demos on various TV programs on composting. And examples of smaller round type compost bins that I could manipulate to turn them to get the necessary oxygen and movement for the inner ingredients that are in the process of composting. Is smell (stink) an issue?
I need more information on the extra bag cost. Does this include branches? What about larger items/boxes that do not fit in the current garbage can. Would you pay extra even if you can fill and you and the bulk items?
I need more information.
I need more information. How do I get 2 recyclable containers? How big are they, do they have to be stored inside? What about the cost extra bags what sizes? Does it cost more to for leaves than garbage?
I never have understood why a simple person household has to pay the same garbage rates as a family of 4, 5, 6, or 7. I could get by with one every three week pickup or every other week. Smaller container than I have no. Please consider these facts. ….instead it keeps going up.
I now have the smallest container. In the fall I have an additional 65-70 large leaf bags and no means to haul to landfill. No one I know can help. I do not want to pay for each bag.
I now pay $19.10 a month for garbage - my house is zoned as a duplex. Would that number change only two people live in it.

I now recycle 99% of the aluminum and paper/cardboard. We do not have much in tin or plastic I do not need nor do I want 2 recyclable containers. Also would the homeowner be credited for a container that is only 1/2 full? If the home owner goes to a smaller container and generates 1 or 2 extra bags a month, his savings will disappear. The homeowner will be encourage to store garbage in his garage or backyard from week to week to prevent using extra bags. This could be a health issue with rodents and cats and dogs. I feel this PAYT would reduce the amount of garbage very little and would be a big step backward for the city of Bismarck.
I now recycle aluminum, paper and plastic be at recycle containers.
I only have 1-2 garbage bags in one or two weeks. I do not use the container.
I oppose the fact that I'm federalized rather than constitutional zed under the constitution the citizen is the head under the federal the citizen is the tail.
I own a duplex with a single tenant.
I paid my bill online but wanted to send this survey in. Thank you .
I pay as you throw!
I pay enough already
I pay enough, some weeks I need less and some weeks I need more. Keep it the same
I pay for all the garbage to be picked up and that is more than enough. Bt to start to pay more for the same service is outrageous. Who's idea is this? It's a poor joke.
I pick up extra garbage all the time as many people park by hospital also the extra that blows down my street & there probably would be more considering people will try to cram more into bags that will break open & also from dogs & cats ripping them open. Peoples containers all blow down the street now, so not sure how heavy your recyclable containers will be. I do not like soaking labels off bottles as this takes more water & fed your summer rates are very high now with all the extra maintenance charges we have. I also think people will be garbaging dumping all over town when they have too much & will have to pay an extra charge.
I question that my current garbage holds 95 gals.
I really don't know how I feel for this change.
I really would like to see a curbside recycle program, but it looks like the city wants to start charging more for garbage at the same time. As it stands now, if we have an extra garbage can, bundle of branches, etc. it gets picked up at no charge. So, is this going to cost us more? We already recycle too.
I recycle all my plastic, cans, newspapers.
I recycle all of the above without another $20 to $30 added on my bill. Who's going to pick up the lawn clippings? Residence will have to haul these themselves. Maybe the city should get out of the garbage business.
I recycle already 0 but still would cost me at least as much if you charge for every extra bag, cleaning out basement, etc. What about leaves, grass, etc.? Any monthly savings would more than be lost if once a month you had an extra bag.
I recycle already and feel this would make everyone else to the same. Great idea!
I recycle and would like the convenience, newspapers & bottles
I recycle at the drop off locations don't start nickeling and diming us.
I recycle at the sites now - so love to conserve.
I recycle everything I can now.
I recycle now - it would be good to pay less because I have much less garbage. I question the long range planning - because it sounds good now.
I recycle now but it would be much handier if it was picked up .
I recycle now. Glass is the thing we can't save or recycle.
I recycle now; it would be great to have it picked up weekly!
I recycle paper and plastic now
I recycle plastic, tins, paper, and cardboard and have done all the years I lived in Bismarck from 1973 on.
I save all newspaper and save all pop cans. I don't have many tin cans. I use frozen foods, we take them to 16th St &Ave F. Our garbage pickup is in the alley. Please call me or write to me. Margaret B Feist I need more information on pickup. We use only garbage bags, no cans. What about trimming from tree and leaves and lawn clean up next summer.
I see people throwing their garbage in my pail. I have lived in other cities that had this and always thought it was a hassle.
I see the containers furnished billed with the lids not closed. Messy looking. Recyclable containers would create a larger problem of windblown trash over the city. The tag idea is totally unworkable. Question - why has our street light and signal maintenance almost doubled? My special assessment of $800 plus should have covered the use for several years.
I still have the containers available from the last recyclable program. What was wrong with their idea? With some minor changes, like go back to the program you were on the right track then.
I stopped recycling when the bins were placed at gateway mall. I am astounded by the amount of garbage I'm putting out to pickup. I hope you improve the recycle program.
I strongly agree with the recycling program but I do not feel we should have to pay for extra garbage.
I strongly oppose the bill is high enough you always rise to street lights 2.64 this month. I thank enough to enough.

I strongly support an option that we can have recycle containers at the time of our garbage pickup.
I strongly support as long as the price does not change from what is on the document.
I strongly support recycling!
I strongly support recycling. I live in a part of the city (central) that never received a garbage container. How do we get a reduction for less garbage?? I could ONLY support if we are fairly included.
I strongly support the recycling aspect of the PAYT program. I think the garbage pick-up aspect is a good idea except the idea of charging for extra bags. If someone would go with a smaller can size, they would be penalized so to speak for having an extra bag every once in a while. Id don't' agree with charging extra for bags.
I support recycling but opposed paying more to get rid of non-recycle garbage.
I support providing recycling containers, but the need for prepaid stickers is a nuisance.
I support recycling and have lived in large metro areas where I participated. But this program seems too complex with prepaid tags. Busy families means garbage barely makes it to the curb as is. Additional hurdles will be frustrating.
I support the 95 gal containers. I do not support the extra garbage bag's fee!
I support the recyclable containers
I support the recycle containers but don't agree with the rest! How about when Friday (our day) is a Holiday and garbage accumulates over weekend since we have to wait longer. Those days everybody has more than what fits in container. Can you rent another container?
I support the recycling containers but I do not support paying additional for bags that won't fit, what is the cost of can the bad be partially etc. I don't like that idea at all.
I support the recycling program, however the pay as you throw program will result in criminal conduct involving litter inside / outside of Bismarck and others adding their garbage to neighbor's dumpsters.
I support the small recyclable containers. I am a pedestrian / I can't get recyclables to the big bins around town . I'm also a gardener. What about bags and bundles of garden and tree/bush/hedges refuse ?
I support this idea as long as it doesn't cause problems for the handicapped!
I surely don't want or need 3 garbage containers sitting on my property - I'd rather take the recyclables to a central collection area myself. $1.75 is too much for one bag of garbage - if you try to enforce this, don't even consider pay as you throw.
I take care of my recycling.
I think 35 gal container is too small for family, but strongly support this program with 65 gal container.
I think bars and restaurants should have to recycle beer cans / bottles
I think everything should be as it is now.
I think everything should stay as it is.
I think I strongly support
I think if we choose to recycle and still want the 95 gal we should get a discount
I think is a terrible idea
I think it is about time Bismarck gets a recycling program. We recycle now and hardly throw anything however, Bismarck does not recycle food boxes and glass. Food boxes and plastic are the bulk of our garbage. I bring my boxes and glass to Grand Forks. They have an awesome program. Bismarck needs to look at how they do their program. They recycled everything, pick it up every two weeks and don't pay extra for the rare occasion when you have more garbage. What if we have more recycling than can fit in the 2 containers? I can see holidays and bdays being a problem if Bmk doesn't recycle all boxes what about gift wrap?
I think it is too complicated.
I think it would be great to recycle more
I think it's wonderful that Bismarck is finally considering providing residents with recyclable containers. I think it will encourage more people to recycle
I think people will put bags by other people's houses or start throwing trash in construction site containers. This survey should be available on line as I pay with autopsy.
I think providing each household with 2 containers for recyclables is an excellent idea whether or not you decide to implement the "Pay as you throw" program.
I think recyclable containers are great land we should b doing it anyway , but that is all I would like to see changed.
I think recycling bins around the city, such as they have for paper at Dan's/Cashwise would be better as the city tried this with containers and people were opposed to doing this years ago.
I think recycling garbage bins should already be available to residents. The system should be easier to use
I think recycling is an excellent idea. I have concerns with garbage containers in alleys. I think people with extra garbage would dump it in other people's containers. How would you patrol that.
I think setting up more recycle collection areas at places people often go would be best. The recycle containers in south Bismarck are often full I worry that the extra truck to collect recycle each house is inefficient and actually uses more fuel and clutters up the garage.
I think that this type of policy discriminates against families!!!
I think the citizens of Bismarck should be made by law to recycle, but I dislike giving up the space in the large containers we use now.

I think the current recycling program work just fine. I would support a program which did not include extra costs.
I think the prepaid tags could be confusing and I hope that the city will continue to have the large item pickup weeks.
I think the pricing structure is needlessly complicated. Many people cannot afford all the infrastructure and costs.
I think the recycling containers are a great idea! Confused how it (the 95 gal container) would work for us because we don't have one, our garbage is picked up in the alley.
I think the recycling part is a great idea. However they pay as you go for garbage. IS NOT! This WILL hit the younger families more than anybody else. Honestly, this is a ridiculous idea.
I think this is a good idea as long put my garbage out every other week and it isn't usually full. I circled neutral because only saving $4 per month probably isn't worth giving time extra capacity.
I think this is a great idea and strongly agree with recycling!
I think this is a great idea! My only concern would be how large items would be handled - would there still e a cleanup up week in the spring and fall? Overall I think this program would be beneficial to the city and to homeowners.
I think this is an awesome idea! The containers are for recycling would really be convenient and hopefully encourage more people to recycle. If more of us recycled, it could really make a difference!
I think this is ridiculous. If you do this, people will be hauling their extra garbage to the containers where grass is dumped or putting garbage on other people's curbs. This won't work. Recycling didn't work before & it won't work now either. There will be extra bookwork so more people will be hired. You won't save money.
I think this should have been in place years ago.
I think this will be an expensive experiment.
I think this would be a great idea for recycling
I think we need a recycling program
I think we should stay with flat rate .
I think you need to put more recycling containers in various parts of town. We put ours way over on airport road
I think you would end up with people disposing of their extra bags in your city parks, people's private rural properties, roads and parks, etc. Also, what about the occasions where people move, or have an annual "clean out the garage or basement" event. We pay high property taxes as it is and shouldn't have to pay for an extra occasional bag. Recycling is long overdue and we highly support that. We have voluntarily done it for a long time. Hour about charging people who won't don't use the recycling bins you provide? Instead of charging for an extra bag now and then. I truly think some people will dump their extra bags at your recycling sites or in the country (some already do) making for a community mess. BAD IDEA
I think your system is a good idea! It will encourage people to recycle!
I try to recycle as much as possible. There needs to be more recycle centers and keep in same spot. I finally figure out where they are and then you move them . In summer, the grass clippings are overfull. Need area for small branches.
I use more than the 95 gal container and I already pay the neighbor $10 to take the garbage out.
I use the enlarge portable recycle trailers currently and I hope the city continues to use them as well I get frustrated when folks fail to break down card board boxes, tow three such fill up the container unnecessarily.
I use waste disposal or city bins to recycling you missed the boat on this one. Need glass recycling bins like grand Forks & Fargo have with the dome shape.
I usually don't have full garbage so I guess it would be OK. The problem is that some people will find other places for their garbage so they can't pay less. It also seems like a bookkeeping nightmare for the garbage guys. The recycling would be a good idea regardless
I usually set my garbage out every other week as I currently recycle as available.
I want a recycling option! Very important to our city & environment
I want an even cheaper option. A 35 gal should be $3.55 or less (1/3 the 95 gal, 1/3 the price). Other utility charges should be based on the number of people in the household or on water usage. Single person households are being unfairly charged for utilities.
I want my small can now Jeff!!!
I want to know how I can use 3 units in this billing cycle as I was on vacation for 3 weeks and I want a response back. Dennis Hopfauf BMK ND 58504
I was in the pilot program in the 1990's and recycled them and I do recycle everything now.
I was not told about the price of a smaller container, but that is what I have from the very beginning.
I was tried before and did not work.
I will support any program that makes recycling easier for a family to do so we can reduce our waste. I would also like to say that I really appreciate the job the people are currently doing collecting our trash. It can't be easy in the snow, so thank you!
I will try to support this change. If the city makes it difficult, I will not recycle! *MAKE IT SIMPLE*
I wish there would have been an on-line option for the survey. That would have been a demonstration of how serious the city is about recycling.
I wish to keep my 95 gal containers since I have a yard, which produces refuse from any garden and flower beds.
I wonder if the extra manpower needed and other new infrastructure would actually save the city money

I would appreciate the containers for the recyclables and smaller cheaper garbage containers.
I would be fine with the smaller can. But for $1 a bag is a bit much. How big? How about when I don't fill my garbage? Also I am for the recycle bins, but do you pick those up, too?
I would be happy to have recycling bins. I currently carry recyclables to the nearest drop site.
I would be in favor of the recycling containers by not payt.
I would be supportive of the recyclables containers provided by BPW. I see this being a more positive move than the savings part of the program
I would be willing to recycle if provided with container and free of charge.
I would choose to just keep my 95 gal containers
I would consider using 65 gal container. I still have the four colored baskets from previous recycling trial years ago
I would educate more on the fact that you only pay more if you have extra garbage on the side -- some people will see pay-as-you-throw and automatically assume they will have to pay more for a service they already use.
I would find it very inconvenient to get tags for additional garbage bags.
I would first want to know what the charge is as I'm on a fixed income and can't afford more bills, but realize it would be very beneficial.
I would greatly appreciate the recyclable part.
I would greatly appreciate this program. The fee structure and the recyclable containers program the help of course with the landfill issue.
I would hate to find pre-paid bag stickers when I need extra bags. I would hate to go with a smaller container and then find I needed to switch. A single fee for every household is easy to budget, spreads the cost of vehicles evenly to all households (because the travel is the same, small container vs. large container). Also, when yard cleanup comes around, I don't want to pay $1.75 for each bag of twigs, fertilized lawn clippings (which are not to go to recycle collection). Single fee for all garbage collection.
I would hope that there would still be spot available around the city to recycle larger amounts of tin, plastic, and cardboard.
I would hope this plan would work out better than the last one - 3 bins, different colors, different contents
I would keep the 95 gal container and would use the 2 recyclable containers.
I would like a 35 gallon container
I would like a small garbage containers.
I would like a smaller container since I live alone. My big one is too hard to handle for me and I don't have too much garbage.
I would like at 35 gal container at 5.55
I would like more information on types of cans, plastic etc. Blow much cleaning needs to be done. More details needed.
I would like to have two containers for recyclables. I'm not sure that we should have to pay more for additional garbage.
I would like to know if anyone has taken into consideration the additional expense of trucks and hired hands this will take. Also I would like to know how many other towns' garbage we take here in BMK filling our landfill. Also what will the extra containers cost
I would like to know if the recyclables would be picked up or if we have to take them somewhere
I would like to know more about the types of material that will be accepted for recycling.
I would like to know more. Size of recycling bins, etc.
I would like to recycle but still need a 95 gal garbage can.
I would like to recycle, I currently do have little garbage. Maybe one container a month of present size of one. Bless you for a month considering these charges. We must teach our children to save resources.
I would like to recycle. Unsure.
I would like to see a curbside recycling program and make it mandatory
I would like to see recyclable containers provided to homes. I believe more recycling would be done then.
I would love and strongly support a curbside recycling program in Bismarck. We already recycle everything we can and dry it off but would appreciate and encourage a curbside program
I would love the recycle containers & pickup of those. At this point, I don't recycle as much because I have to haul it to the recycle centers. I assume they would be collected on our regular garbage day. I would prefer the recycle materials to be picked up like they did when we lived in Minneapolis
I would love to have 2 recyclable containers. Offer recycling containers for an additional small fee ($2-4/mo) in addition to the 95 gal container. Some weeks my container is only 1/2 full but other weeks it may be overflowing. With this said, I still would not want a smaller container to save only a few dollars each month. I think $9.55/mo is very reasonable. Again, I soul like the option for recycling containers. I do not like that the only way we can get recycling containers is if we utilize PAYT option. All citizens should recycle and utilizing the containers at individual's homes would definitely promote this!
I would love to see recyclable containers

I would need more information on matter.
I would need to know more about the program before opposing or supporting
I would need to know the actual costs of the prepaid tags, etc., in order to make a decision. It is also unclear how this would actually reduce the amount of garbage disposed of.
I would not be able to do something like this. I have troubles getting around and would not be able to handle it.
I would not like to have all of the different containers for recycling taking up room in my garage for a single person.
I would not want to PAYT due to being a larger family. I would though, pay for another garbage can.
I would only need a smaller garbage can.
I would prefer a 35 gal container
I would really like to see recycling expand to curbside pickup. On a regular basis, I take my items to one of the designated locations only to find the plastic or cardboard containers completely full. I'm not sure I would support a PAYT program. Going to a grocery store to pick up extra tags seems like a hassle.
I would really like to see the recyclables containers!
I would recycle if given the container but this program is too complicated.
I would save me many trips to the recycle bins, we lived in grand forks for years with recycling loved it, what about leaves and branches?
I would still support clean up/fix up week twice a year.
I would suggest that the PAYT program be set up as a trial basis to see how it works out before finally adopting
I would support but I no longer need the garbage bin I have moved and we have no garbage at that house anymore thank you.
I would support curbside recycling.
I would support if we had full recycling and we were not penalized if we cannot use the container in the winter.
I would support it only if recycle trailers were still left out for excess recyclables .
I would support the recycling part of this, but not the charge on additional bags. With 2 kids, we often have 1-2 extra bags by our garbage can. Looking around our neighborhood, many people do.
I would support this program only if town clippings and branches would continue to be picked up for no extra charge.
I wouldn't mind recycling but I don't want to pay for extra bags, that don't fit in the container.
If a recycling program is to be initiated make that pay as you go.
If bags of tree leaves are picked up for free in October. I have no way to transport them for recycling - and can't pay the $20-$35 to have them taking away (w/tags)
If doing PAYT keep large containers but only charge for times they are at curb to be collected.
If I do not set my garbage can at the curb for one week, then my bill should be reduced. If you can charge for more garbage, you should also refund for non used as well.
If I had an attached garage to put the bins in I would maybe consider it with alley garbage pickup I think it would be more of a hassle.
If I have to pay to recycle I do oppose
If I keep my container I do not save any money per month since extra bags needed.
If I still have additional garbage what is the price of prepaid tag? How do you decide or do I decide the price?
If I take a 35 gal and find out it’s too small can I get a 65 gal also how do I know whets recyclable like colored tide bottles.
If implemented, more info may be necessary.
If it is not broke, don't fix it!
If it's done right, I support. Will recyclables include glass, 'soft' plastic bags? How often will recyclables be picked up? If 2 recyclable containers are not enough, are more available? Will there be a charge? Is there a charge if recyclables are more than 2 containers?
If the 2 recyclable containers are on wheels I would try it - however if they are containers that have to be lifted (like the last ones) then I am strongly opposed to the idea.
If the extra bags will cost more than disposing of yard waste, it needs to be more convenient.
If there is a cost savings to relying then I would not be paying an additional fee for it .
If we are concerned about space in our landfill we shouldn't be accepting trash from other cities. We were also in the pilot area for recycling years ago and it seemed like the only thing that they would take in our recycling was newspapers, everything else was left at curbside.
If we are conserving landfill space, why is the city still picking up glass and leaves at the curbside?
If we could be reduced by choosing containers, we probably would go with the 65 gal container, we were never given an option.

If we decide to stay at normal billing, would excess garbage need to be in pre-paid bags?
If we have to wash the recyclables this program will be worthless!
If we want to recycle, we will take it up to the various recycle locations in town. I am against this and I feel you are trying to get more money from us customers. NO.
If you are so concerned about saving the landfill why are you accepting garbage from Linton and who knows where else.
If you charge for extra bags what's to keep my neighbor from putting his garbage at my container and me paying for his?
If you charge for extra garbage, start pickup twice a week again like most cities do in ND.
If you choose to implement this, please consider our aging population and while they can mow a lawn they don't have the means to haul to recycle. How about a free week - (ex after xmas, 4th of July). These are times that a family host is already laying out for food and the such. Now you will get penalized for throwing away their trash.
If you get the 95 gal container you should be able to throw as much as you want like before.
If you have garbage/making you pare more to dispose doesn't conserve any landfill - people put their extra garbage in commercial trash now.
If you people think this will work your crazier than I am and I'm pretty crazy. 80+
If you provided a decent size can like other cities this would not be an issue.
If you really cared about recycling. You would allow permitted or regulate scavenging at the landfill. This would save a tremendous amount of resources.
If you take away the current recycle areas, then this will be as great of a program.
If you think the city has little now start this program and you will see more bags of garbage in the streets.
If you want to do something helpful, start a balanced billing program for the monthly bill. I've called on this before. I don't like $130 bills in the summer and $60-70 in the winter.
If you want to recycle trash setup your own at the dump grounds and make work for the un-employable. Don't expect me to do it for you & charge me extra too. Beaurocratic B.S.!!
If you were worried about conserving land fill space. Quit letting neighboring towns haul their garbage here.
I'll buy the smallest container I can and then use some other dumpsters.
I'll gladly take a 65 gal container with 2 recyclable containers
I'll just haul my garbage to my son's place and burn my garbage if you add more money to my bill, more garbage tossed in ditches. As for plowing the streets you bought the gates use them. I pay for someone to clean my sidewalks and driveway and then you come by and push the snow onto my sidewalk and leave my driveway filled again. I can't afford to pay someone to come back and clear the snow you pushed onto the sidewalk and driveway.
I'm a recycler so would really like container. As of now, I make several trips a year to McQuades - when I can't walk in my garage because of stuff to haul out there.
I'm all for recycling, but I live alone and don't have a pickup to haul grass and leaves to the drop offs. I certainly won't want to pay for these to be picked up at the cost above. I'm sure there are others that don't have someone to help haul bags away. I have really appreciated the service the city provides. Thank you!
I'm already recycling paper - tin and plastics. I think this has a great idea.
I'm confused. If we are trying to save landfill space, why did Bismarck contract with Linton to take their garbage? I thought there was an article in the tribune a while back about this. Thanks.
I'm fine with the smaller container and recycling put the extra bag charge is an increase in rates and an inconvenience to buy tags and an unnecessary expense to buy them to have on hand. Nothing is more the a tax increase.
I'm not quite with the "any extra garbage bags." These are times you don't have a choice of having extra garbage. Also, how often a month would recyclables be picked up?
I'm on a fixed income and have animals which create extra bags. It would be financial hardships to pay more. The recyclable containers are a good idea. Garbage men do a fantastic job!
I'm satisfied with current recycling.
I'm so glad Bismarck has a recycling program! When will we get our recyclable containers?
I'm so grateful for the service I receive now. I raked 32-39 gallon bags of leaves last autumn. It would have been too costly.
I'm supporting PAYT because it's addition recycling which should be mandatory to the weekly pickup. What I really wonder about is the folks who aren't willing to pay the buck for additional garbage to leave it out to about in the neighborhood rather than pay .
I'm very supportive of the recycling containers.
In Columbia heights, MN, they only have one recycle container, they do separating. Please research that system. It's much more convenient.
In favor - had neighbor who put a toilet in his container…wrong . I do recycle, don't mind drop off spots
In favor of recyclable container, but not additional charges or prepaid tags
In favor of recycling; I recycle plastic, aluminum and cardboard
In favor of the containers, but keep the flat rate in place.

In MPLS they give a credit on their bill when they recycle glass, tin, plastic, cardboard, paper. I would be interested in a 65 gal container.
In order for this program to work the recycling must be picked up curbside instead of the current trailer program. It should also include ALL recyclables like paper and glass which aren't currently accepted. Also, more people would support it if the recyclables didn't have to be sorted .
In others states they pay for plastics its. Would that be here.
In the winter time we through our neighbors ladies garbage in our can to say from the garbage men for an extra stop and also do that in the summer with extra leaves, etc. I like containers for they help keep garbage off the streets & in many cases, people wouldn't care. In the summer few mostly take our grass to the grass dumpsters.
Increase in dumpster dumping and people will throw more things on the ground & out of cars
Increasing garbage fees could lead to more litter in the city and residents using private business/apartment dumpsters to dispose of garbage. Maintaining yards and trees may not be done as well if it costs more to dispose of waste.
Information on pay as you go is sketchy and container sizing. Recycling is not good either. We have our old bins and use them for recycling and do we need new bins? Also, user fees are going up without any input from the public. WHY????
Instead of the extra recycle bins, I think it would be better to continue the drop off points. The streets would be less cluttered. We wouldn't have to store them in our garages.
Is it bags or tags that you buy?
Is it possible to recycle glass in Bismarck?
Is the city puts out smaller containers for recyclables the wind would blow them all over everyone's lawn and the city would get a lot of complaints and mad city residents. The wind already blows over the bigger containers.
Is the pay mean paying 1.75 per bag for leaves and grass. Strongly oppose!
Is there a consideration to recycle glass?
Is this for residents with alley pick up or only for those who have garbage picked up street side?
Is this for the city to raise money or what is motive?
Is this just for single dwelling homes?
Is this really what the big shots came up with? If this is their idea of saving money here is an idea; fir whatever moron came up with it.
Is this the best way to lower costs?
It concerns me that I would have to find a way to haul addition garbage or occasional larger garbage to the dump myself. The recycling will be beneficial but what about lumber old carped and other not lift in the bags items. Thanks.
It depends on how much it would cost me. I don't have much garbage most of the time. I do recycle at the dumpster?
It didn't work before.
It doesn't address any fee, if there would be any, for hauling any extra garbage to the landfill by homeowner or resident of Bismarck.
It doesn't say how big the 2 recyclable containers are. Will the recycle sites still be available when we have a larger amount of material to drop off (i.e. large cardboard boxes)? Are aluminum, tin & plastic mixed together? What about glass? Paper & cardboard together? Does cardboard include non-corrugated? Please provide a website for everyone's questions w/ answers.
It is a personal responsibility to recycle not governments. I have enough intrusion by the "government" . Don't need any more.
It is a waste of time and money - another beaurocracy. Another program that will go no place. Our house doesn't have room for the garbage cans or waste containers. So where would we put them? They don't fit in our yard so do we leave them on the street in front of our house?
It is about time
It is about time Bismarck steps up. I think this is great! What about glass?
It is about time we had access to recycling with pick up containers in Bismarck. We will use them on a regular basis!
It is about time we have recyclable containers.
It is good to see Bismarck is establishing a recycling program. Now and for the future!!
It is time Bismarck starts doing major recycling--too much waste in our landfills-so much of it can be recycled
It is very windy in nod. Who will chase containers and papers down the street?
It isn't broke - don't fix it.
It looks complicated. I can't even get to the store to buy milk now I have to buy something to pick up garbage! Makes things more complicated. I don't have a problem with separating.
It must be curb side or you will not have as many participants!! I lived in Seattle for 9 years - recycle! But make it convenient or people will not do it!!! I even checked online. Nothing is mentioned about curb side pickup. Also my sister and her family already recycle and she has had hip replacements due to lupus. Curb side would help them tremendously!! It is always a trouble for her to get her bins to the recycling stations. But she does it!! Curb side come on ND....get with it!!!
It seems a bad way to make extra $ & would ultimately do more harm especially to young families.
It seems that the fees for additional bags may be a little high depending upon what sizes they include. $1 for a kitchen size bag would be a little extreme considering the price difference between a 35 gallon container and 65 gallon container is only $2 per month.

It seems the potential for significant extra charges at certain times of the year would be extremely high?
It seems this would hurt families with young children.
It should have been done years ago
It sure works for me
It unfairly targets large families. We should try to encourage families to live in Bismarck - this is not family friendly.
It works just fine for me as I've been doing since I've lived here since 1964. Thank you L. L. L
It would be about the same charge as we are paying now You would take off for us to recycle and I would be for it.
It would be great for us as we could recycle and also have a container that is a better size for us as we do not need such a large one.
It would be great to have curbside recycling!
it would be great to have recyclable containers
It would be helpful to know the size of the 2 recyclable containers. Also, how the sorting works between 2 containers. Thank you.
It would be nice for families if breaks/holidays like Christmas/Easter would allow for extra bags b/c of increased visitors, at home time.
It would be nice to be allowed extra trash at holidays. Also to support recycling would be great to have reduced garbage fee for recycling. Might help the older community to support recycling.
It would be nice to have a smaller garbage can for I have never filled mine up. A choice of only having the recycle can should be offered as well as a list of all products (besides the obvious) that can be recycled to engine maximum efficiency of this program.
It would be very inconvenient to have to go somewhere to buy prepaid tags. With having to pay for any extra garbage you are encouraging people to dump their trash. I don't think this is Avery good plan. I think the recycling plan is great, but paying extra for items that don't fit in the containers is not very good.
It would have been a good idea to have indicated how often you intended to collect the garbage and recycle material
It would surely require and additional worker or more to do the book work. We could get by cheaper because we do recycle. However, I've been a businessman all my life, I see the added costs just keeping track of who dumped what or you have a regular 95 gal container w only one bag of garbage. How do you price that? Sound like a nightmare to me and excuse to raise the price.
It’s a good idea
It's about time
It's about time Bismarck becomes more proactive regarding recycling
It's about time Bismarck catches up in the green movement. We would love recycling containers at our house and think this will encourage other to recycling more as well.
It's about time that we begins some serious recycling program! We need to keep it simple for the elderly and convenient for those with very young families. We also need to recycle glass. Even if glass isn't in the initial plan to have a glass recycle container for households. I would love to see community sites where we could recycle glass, clear brown colored glass.
It’s about time we get serious about recycling.
It's about time we have recyclable containers in Bismarck. PAYT will make people throw their extra garbage in business dumpsters. $10 is more than enough to add an extra container if a homeowner requests one, eliminates extra truck coming to pick up extra space.
It’s about time we start recycling.
It's about time!
It’s about time!
It's about time! Bismarck is way behind this issue!
It's about time! Good job.
It’s about time! I've moved here from San Diego, CA back in 2004 and it's taking you guys forever to catch up on recycling? I would love it!
It's about time! We moved here from Fergus Falls, MN, where they have done this for about 15+ years.
It's about time!!
It's about time.
It's about time. I would favor a system with just 2 containers options - 95 gal $10 and 55 gal $5. How would you handle yard waste? Still free pickup?
It's already easy enough to take recyclables
It's hard enough for us older people to drag stuff to the curb as is. If it isn't broke, don't try to fix it please!

It’s hard enough trying to keep our city clean with littering this will only promote that! Also as a business owner, commercial dumpsters will be targeted all over town as people freebie dump site and will burden the business owner financially and force them into some sort of costly lock system. I can understand promoting recycling but this is not the way to get it done. I was around years ago when they tried the 3 containers for recycling. I also realize that there is a heightened awareness of recycling now and its benefits. I feel that the outcome would be different now than it was before. Give people the choice to recycle and don't penalize them if one week they have more trash. Birthdays, Christmas just to name a few watch people will start burning some of their own stuff in small backyard fire pits, maybe not in the nicer parts of town but where I live every dollar counts. So if it comes down to existing or paying for garbage removal I guess my family will use that money to eat.
It’s high time we take steps to recycle more. We already recycle.
It's long overdue to have a city-wide recycling program. I think that this will unfairly impact families with children. A suggestion that may help is to give each household a certain number of prepaid tickets per year. Families could use as needed. There are other items like glass, more types of plastic, etc that could be recycled.
It's possible that the proposed system could encourage people to deposit their excess refuse at their neighbors or in public places. We participate and strongly encourage recycling.
It's stupid to pay for one or two additional bas that don't fit in the container
It's time Bismarck takes recycling seriously - great idea!
It's time for a recycling program.
It's time the city does something to get people to quit leaving grass clippings for garbage men to pick up.
It’s time to recycle I just need to know if all paper would be recyclable.
It's very icy around your Gateway Mall dumpsters and today an elderly lady fell while recycling. She couldn't get up on her own. I don't know what would have happened to her had I not been there!
I've always thought it was unfair that I paid as much for my smaller garbage can, as those with the larger can. The only time I have much garbage is when I clean the garden or mow the lawn.
I've been using a 35 gal container since they came out and most time its only half full. So this would save me money.
I've been waiting for a program like this in Bismarck. I'm pleased that is being seriously considered. Thank you!
I've been waiting for curbside recycling!
I've got a corner lot (bigger). Three big bags of grass per week would be $21 extra per month for 6 months.
I've had 2 garbage cans, 1 only used and only need one. I will move one to the back of house. They pick my garbage up beside garage.
I've seen it used in the St. Paul MN. Nothing but a pain in the way they had to package the refuse. I would rather pay a higher fee for what we have.
I've seen this in Devils Lake and think it is rotten. Besides, it doesn't address lawn refuse.
I've seen this program "PAYT" in other states. It works great - ups the recycle system - and helps at the waste site. For this to work, it has to be everyone involved - not voluntary.
Just 2 recycling containers may be limiting. We recycle everything. How about glass?
Just a big mess that is all
Just another way to gouge a few more dollars.
Just another way to make things hard to understand so you can raise rates.
Just fine as is.
Just get the households to go to the recycle locations presently in effect. It is like the seat belt usage.
Just give free recyclable containers first. If that doesn't help with the amount of extra bags, then consider the "PAYT" idea
Just implementing containers would be great!
Just leave as is. Why change a good thing? We are taxed on every nickel and dime - is a hassle.
Just wondering if all the recyclables are thrown together? Or do you pick 2 out of the 4 to recycle since you only get 2 recyclable containers
Keep 95 gallon container.
Keep as is if it isn't broke don't fix it. Instead send envelopes with your monthly statement
Keep as is.
Keep as is?
Keep current system. If someone has more than their container will hold they should haul it out themselves. Save workers time and hassle.
Keep it as it is.
Keep it simple
Keep it simple

Keep it the way it is. We recycle now by dropping off papers at Dan's containers at our convenience. We do NOT have room in garage for more containers and with ND winter weather, having additional containers outside and curbside is not a good solution.
Keep the current bill system. But recycling is good, we now recycle most of what is at the recyclable points so those containers would be a good addition.
Keep the garbage collection as it.
Keep the way it is
Keep the way we are doing things
Last winter with all the snow I had to put my garbage in bags because these wasn't even a place to set my garbage containers down by the street. So would I have to pay for the garbage that was in the bags? I have the same problem a couple weeks ago, the snow plows dumped huge pile where my garbage is to be set
Leave as is
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave as is!
Leave it alone!
Leave it the way it is now .
Leave it the way it is!
Leave my 95 container alone. Just give me the 3 recyclable containers free of charge. I'll do the rest.
Leave the garbage collection the way it is
Leave the way it is. Adding containers involves more labor and vehicles to pick them up and eventually higher taxes or more fees. Government doesn't save money. It costs money!
leave things as is
Leave things as they are! Prepaid tags?? B/S! You're Crazy!
Leave things as they are.
Leave things as they are.
Leave things just as is.
Leave things just as they are.
Let us not be as stupid as other cities
Let's clean up the environment now!
Let’s do it.
Let’s get it done!
Let's get with it Bismarck! We utilized the recycling program we have yet so many we talk to don't as it is an inconvenience. Our land fill is only growing…I think this is a smart idea. Thanks. It seems to work well in China.
Let’s leave things as is.
Let's recycle glass too
Let’s start tomorrow…very "forward" thinking….go green…
Lids on recyclable containers, start recycling glass.
Like as is - hopes it doesn't change.
Like idea of recycling bins!
Like the idea for recycling.
Like the idea of recyclable bins

Like the idea of recycling containers…would definitely be able to get by with smaller container if we do recycle.
Like the recyclable container idea, but don't like the additional bag charge, because some items are sometimes large and would fill the containers quickly
Like the recycle aspect.
Like the recycle part, but not the prepaid tag for extra garbage
Like the recycle part, Don't like the extra work and picking up tags.
Like the recycling do not like playing for the extra bags a real hassle.3 to 4 times a years will have more than container will hold, many times container not full.
Like the recycling idea, but opposed the prepaid for additional garbage. Too much money and too much inconvenience for me to pick up tag at the store and money in your pocket for cans. I can do that
Like the recycling picked up on route
Like to see glass recycling
Like what we have.
Logistics too complex. Bookkeeping fees will increase dramatically. The collectors have enough to do. This sounds like something Obama would dream up. Good on the surface with unworkable details without spending large dollars.
Long as no fee is added later for recyclables or upgrading to a bigger container if found to be top selling. I don't want to see a charge added in the future for not recycling. Very disappointed this was not done online to save paper & postage, you waste but you want us to save -- huh?
Long overdue. Something has to be done. Would be happy to promote a program like this
Looks great!
Looks like it's just an increase in our monthly bill!
Love not having to divvy up recyclables! Do the recyclables need to be cleaned out, etc? Used the tag service before and found it to be easy to use. For the record, I know we have more garbage than a 95 gal container can hold, but I'm a supporter if we get recycling pickup!
Love the idea of recycle containers.
Love the recyclable container idea!! Would definitely use this .
Love the recycle bin! Please & thank you!
Magazine/catalog recycling would be GREAT! Thanks for considering the program and collecting feedback.
Make bins adequate size to accommodate family of 4
Make it easier to recycle and give incentives to recycle and enforce it. Any chance to have a recycle pick up once or twice a month at curbside?
Make prepaid tags available online. This is great and LONG overdue!!!!
Make recycling easier and then I would not be opposed.
Make recycling of paper, cardboard, glass, tin & plastic mandatory
Make this card fit the envelope
Makes no sense at all - if they go by pick up the garbage the commission makes a major deal of everything. What they should do is fix Schwab's mic to work.
Many families cannot afford additional expense with job losses.
Many times I have large boxes that I put on the curb. It would cost me a lot more.
maybe
Might be a good idea. Whatever.
Monitor current recycling collection points more closely and encourage more recycling participation
Monthly garbage cost will increase. Very messy situation.
More details on recycling (does city pick this up) and what is the cost of prepaid tags for extra bags that don't fit in containers?
More expense for a family. Families consume more obviously, and should not have to pay more for it. Families have been consuming more for hundreds of years. It is hard enough to support a family financially, now you want to charge more for our garbage. Tax all residents instead since we all have contributed to the landfill over the year.
More info is needed
More info need. Do clean up days stay the same?
More info needed! What about grass bags, leaf bags?
More info on proposal need be provided

More info on recyclables; such as cardboard, size, etc.
More info on size of recycling containers and is sorting recyclables necessary? Would be helpful.
More info would be appreciated. Strongly support as prescribed!
more information on recycling would be helpful
More information would be nice on the subject…for example, tree branch bundles.
More places to recycle - or curbside recycling
More plastic recycling & Glass
More recyclables! How big would containers be?
Most people really don't have time to separate their garbage unless there would be a huge savings. I'm not really for it.
Most times during the year many people do not use the full capacity of their trash receptacles. Occasionally, when they do I don't believe it's right to penalize them. It evens out throughout the year. Also, how many people will need to be hired to count the extra bags? I live in the area where the test recycling effort took place. I didn't like it then and won't participate in the future. This is not a big city and we are not short of land. This terrible idea is not needed.
My concern is having to pay extra because our service was moved from Friday to Monday for holidays. This happens about 4 times a year.
My current use of garbage pickup is 1X per month. Smaller container is all I need.
My daughter in Bend, OR has this program, must be much more bookkeeping for garbage carrier!! Try looking for other places to put garbage, can too small, extra bags charged for doesn't sound too good!
My efforts to recycle have been hampered by city restrictions on what they will accept
My family was into recycling for many years. I think it is a shame that this was discontinued years ago. We need to do this to help save our environment.
My family would be more supportive of the program if there were more options for recycling such as magazines, diapers, diaper boxes, pop boxes, etc. Plus there should be an exception over the holidays when people have a lot of garbage due to presents.
My garbage charge is way too high now and so is the street light charge.
My garbage gets picked up in our alley. When you start doing blading of snow in a timely manner (like the streets) so I can get my car out is when I will consider looking at the idea or even paying one more dollar. Signed…tax payer.
My garbage is picked up in the alley . Do I have to change my good containers? Well I still pay $20 a month for the one small bag of garbage? Yes I would save cans, paper etc if we don't have to remove labels, sort paper to remove glossy advertising. Why do I pay water usage in summer when one month as a test I was charged for water lawn sprinkling
My garbage is picked up in the alley and I'm required to use a smaller container already - am I being overcharged? Will this new, proposed program work the same with alley pickups?
My garbage pickup is in the alley with 3 metal cans in a frame??
My husband and I started recycling about 2 years ago and we have found our garbage was reduced by 2/3. It would be nice to see glass be recycled also. Fargo does. What about magazines.
My husband is disabled and it is difficult for us to take summer grass clippings to the recycle bins, it was nice to be able to leave. Them for the garbage truck to pick up without having to pay extra for the bags to be picked up.
My kid is all about recycling!
My monthly bill is automatically paid by cr card but would like to respond to the survey. I have very little garbage. I recycle everything I can.
My mother and I live here and are disabled. It is hard enough to get down the one garbage can we have.
My objection is to the prepaid tag. We have no way to get grass, tree trimmings, and items that don't fit for the can to the landfill, other than having them picked up by the dept. Our garbage men give excellent service.
My only concern would be small bundles of branches less than 4 ft in length. It would be nice if there was and area for branches at the grass collection sites.
My only problem is that we really like the large container! Many times it is only 1/2 full, but nice and neat when we have more to put in. It does seem that this will create more work and messier looking streets during pickup day. Why not just sell the marked bags?
My only request would be to have more recycling centers or empty them more often.
My question is? If my containers is not out for pickup every time would I pay less 2. I don't have enough information.
My support would be strong assuming curbside pickup is a part of a program. Would like to see a link on the city website.
My understanding is a 65 or 35 gal is 9.55 or 5.55. I have the small container so why do I have to 9.55 a month?
N/a we live in a part of town with alleys
na
na
Need additional info what about milk cartons and plastic containers, cottage cheese, sour cream yogurt etc. How large are recyclable containers? Would everything need to be curbside vs. alley.

Need GLASS recycling. Other states have, ND can too.
Need more details…what about branches tied together? Would need explicit examples/directions for types of paper, cardboard, plastic allowed and not allowed. The recyclables containers would need to be large enough to be practical and picked up often enough .
Need more info
Need more info
Need more info about how to use the recycle containers and I think the city should have a free clean up day every quarter of the year instead of just spring and fall.
Need more info on size of containers and specific items that will be recycled.
need more info on tags
Need more info. Do we need to sort the recyclables? If so, need more than 2 containers. What about cardboard that doesn't fit in the containers? Why are the recycling containers limited?
Need more information
Need more information about size of recycling containers.
Need more information on recycle. Does everything go in one container or do you have certain containers for card board, plastic, etc? We separate and recycle now. Like the idea.
Need more information on the item recycling process itself. Seems like more work and another unfunded mandate for the taxpayer.
Need more information on the subject
Need more information on who recyclable need more than an estimated cost. Program is time consuming expensive.
Need more information to base an opinion.
Need more recycling bins around town. More grass collection sites, also.
Need more recycling in Bismarck!!!!!!!!
Need much more defined and clear guidance for the program.
Need newspaper analysis for education. This would do away with existing recycling bins? What about grass clippings? Many questions!!
Need to add more recycling. Glass, metal, etc.
Need to know a little more at this time. We seldom have a full 95 gal container of garbage.
Need to know more about it . What about branches? Would there be an additional charge?
Need to know what paper and plastics are recyclable.
Need to know what size bags for allotment on extra how about a containers just for grass clippings.
Need to know who provide containers, how big the extra bags are, what happens to current containers, what do the recycle containers look like?
Need to make an outline of what is expected - the do's and don’ts of recycling
Need to pickup recycle containers
Need to recycle glass
Never had a 95 gal container. Have the 35 gal one. The weeks I don't have garbage will we still be charged? No garbage - no fee.
Newspaper on keg.
no benefit to the homeowner
no comment
no comment
no comment
no comment
no comment
no extra charge for bags
No form?
No garbage picked up. I don't have 95 gal container. For now I do not want one! Can the charge be removed from my bill?
No info included re: special pick-up for clean up week. Support recycling efforts!

No more room for more containers
No new votes on Bismarck residents when other towns such as Linton is using Bismarck dump. How many small towns are using our dumps - put that in the information that you present.
No prepaid stickers - will have garbage left behind include in bill. Should be less than $1.00 we understand the reason for charging - but hate to see large families penalized. It is already so expensive for them.
No room for extra cans in house and garage. More gas money spent to rush out of needed to buy prepaid tags at a grocery store for more costs to the consumer. If current garbage prices is low it is better to raise the prices. Less problems for consumer.
No room for garbage cans in our area.
No room to store and we don't want to keep them outside flying around. I didn't ask for the container and have now and if you bring any more they'll be sitting in the street. TRY ME!!!
No room to store recycle containers. Don't want the additional bags & animals around. Don't want the extra work
no space for recycling
No- we have garbage cans in alley don't have a black garbage can.
No! Not worth the $4.
No, I do not want to support this program. The government is already telling us what we can and cannot do and how we should do it. Why should I be forced to recycle - and if I don't then I am punished for having too much trash. I am a single parent of 4 children and simply do not have time nor the energy.
No, No, No!
Non-bagged stuff?
none
North Dakota has to get its act together recycling on everything.
Not a good idea!
Not a large enough savings to have a smaller container and recyclable containers. More work than worth. May be ok for elderly, but also more work for the elderly.
Not adequately informed see questions below. Need more information I live in a neighborhood with an alley. As much I can supply my own garbage cans etc. I like the current system as it allows me to use a garbage can holder along the alleyway itself, I also double bag my cat litter box, wastes and keep them separate from the rest of the trash, although I have never asked cover. I think this is appreciated by the men who pick up my trash. I m not sure how the new system would meld with this practice. would I end up paying out extra money on bags such as these that are only partially filled due to weight possible odor and other concerns thanks for asking, I appreciate the seriously.
Not as outlined above! Should not have to pay for extra bags. Prepaid tags won't work. How do you keep others from stealing the tags? This system will cause more people to dump trash (litter) instead of paying to dispose properly.
Not completely clear - recycling is good - is it picked up?
Not crazy about additional charges for trash
Not economical. Positive costs will go up.
Not enough details - who takes care of the recycled stuff? What if you don't have enough to recycle or don't want to how big are the extra bags?
Not enough info.
Not enough info.
Not enough information about how this work. I remember some years ago when Bismarck tried this, I didn't think it was very well thought out and this sounds very similar
Not enough information now. 95 gal container and extra bags no charge. So you would charge me for any extra? Don't understand the whole recycle situation. How does that benefit me? Buy tags for what? Need much more information.
Not enough information supplied. Cost of tags not included for one.
Not enough information. Example branches, leaves, broken articles, TVs, appliances, someone else using your can because of this plan holiday trash.
Not in favor of having to go and purchase a throw tag. I am in favor of recycle containers at the home. I don't plan out the number of bags to throw, it just happens. Do NOT want to purchase tags. Bill as set amount and if no bags thrown then provide a credit if they can check for a tag, they can record and pickup up a bag.
Not interested at all.
Not interested at this time.
Not interested in running around town to pick up a tag for garbage.
Not interested!!
Not interested.
not much to throw boxes or paper
Not needed.

Not only do I like this PAYT idea, but I wish I did not have to pay when I do not use your survive. In winter months, I only fill a 35 gallon bag once per month.
Not opposed to recycling and are currently doing it, paying for extra bags! Is unacceptable.
Not sure exactly what constitutes extra garbage bags.
Not sure how recycling will go. Too much recycling in this household and not enough containers? Not sure really how the program works.
Not sure I like the extra charge for additional garbage.
Not sure I understand it well
Not sure if I would benefit from it.
Not sure what you mean about recyclable containers. How large would they be? What if the recyclables don't fit in the containers? That would defeat the purpose of recycling. Seems a little cumbersome.
Not very convenient to citizens or workers. Who is going to keep track of the size of trash can I'm using? What if I don't set a garbage out? You lose money.
Not very interested at this time, Need more information. Not sure if it would be beneficial to a 4 member household, would like to hear what the results are.
Not with the limited information available.
not workable, too much
Not worth the book keeping
Note my present container is only a 200lb capacity this was changed soon after increased the arrangement 95 lb one
Nothing free! Who is paying for the recycling containers? System in Bismarck needs improvement.
Now I take or newspapers tin cans, and plastics and cardboard across the street to the arrowhead recycle container. In the late 90's grass clippings could be depositing there.
Offer smaller containers
ok as is
On a alley pickup. Do not have a container . Have one little bag about 8-9 months a year only more during garden season .
On our Nov & Dec bills, the sewage charge, exceeded the water charge. The water used for cooking and drinking does not completely convert to sewage discharge.
On special occasions that prepaid bag(s) could run into some dollars that people on the small social security check, like myself, just can't afford.
One container for tin, one plastic, one for paper & cardboard or can several be first into one?
One of the more ridiculous things I've ever heard about. This will definitely promote people to have garbage all over. What a crock! Definitely a step back in progress!
One question - how are you going to keep track? For years we have had very little garbage because we recycle most everything that can be recycled. Sometimes its 3 weeks b/4 we need to set out garbage can.
One question - would Bismarck Public Works pick up the recyclables, or would we have to haul them somewhere ourselves?
Only concern would be in the summer if pick up wasn't weekly or if pickup would only be if container was full
Only have the water in my bill to go by. You say two containers for recyclable, don't say how would separate the four, don't say if you have to take all labels off, etc. It makes a big difference on how workable it is. My garbage would fit in a 35 gallon container but two households on alley of ave F don't use bags or lids even when provided to them by neighbors and thus their garbage blows around the neighborhood. So I gather that up and often amounts to a couple trash bags full. Because I'm being considerate and going the work should I have to pay for neighbors disrespect and poor community consciousness - me paying for their garbage. I'm also concerned that the system you describe will have others (especially disrespectful and quickly changing rental housing in neighborhood) putting their garbage in other's cans and thus costing more for those who don't deserve it. You tried the recyclables when I lived on N 1st st north of blvd a few years ago and stopped. I never know why. Recycling worked well when I lived in Fargo where a wide variety of glass and plastic were recyclable and stick on labels did not have to be removed.
Only if those of us with the smaller containers can have the larger one. There are two different size containers in Bismarck. This needs to be remedied prior to implementing this program.
Open to discuss this issue further!!!!
Oppose due to charge for extra bags!!!!!
our concern is payment per bag which we assume would include all grass clippings and spring and fall cleanup (leaves, branches, etc)
Our current container is full every week!
Our duplex sometimes produces more trash than what would fit in one container. Because of this being a multi family house we would need more than the 3 containers. Because of this being a multi family house we would need more than 3 containers. I think we should be able to choose how many containers we may need.
Our garbage volume varies from month to month we already recycle plastic, aluminum and paper an and tin cans .City pickup of recycles be we have tried before.
Our household would like a 35 gal container with 2 recyclable containers
Our property taxes just went down - you might know they'll get you somewhere else. What pet project with this be funding??

Our street light is way down the street and we continue to pay even though the light does not benefit us.
Our taxes are high enough. Should be able to cover the cost of recycling program.
Our taxes should take care of that.
Our trash is picked up on Fridays and even if the holidays does not fall on Fridays, we always seem to get screwed. So we would probably end up paying for extra bags just because of the way the schedule is set up. If you can show me how we won't get screwed on this deal I might consider playing your game. In other words, we may not have any extra trash bags if the garbage was picked up on Fridays. But, if we need to go Friday, Saturday, and Sunday - 3 extra days I am sure we will have some extra bags. We tried the recycle project and we had for many rules and games and hoops to jump and we did not save a dime on that project just more headaches. Cans had to have both ends removed. Plastic rings and al labels off plastic containers in other words wash the trash!! No thank you!!! Have a city commission meeting and let the public come and give ideas on how and what should be done instead and give ideas on how and what should be done instead of a handful of clueless city employees making the decision
Outstanding idea! Great for the environment and our long term disposal costs!
Over 90. At my age I do not need more bills.
Paper products are being taken to as recycling center
Paper too big or envelope too small
Pat yourself on the back, sounds like a great idea.
Pay as you go - may help, train people to recycle.
Pay as you throw would be a hassle. I have seen it in other communities and we don't have it here. We are strongly opposed to this program.
Pay for renovation bags 1.75 ea far buy a truck.
Pay more for tags etc plus inconvenience.
Penalizes people who have large households therefore a large amount of garbage. If I wanted to pay as I throw I would drive to the landfill.
People do not take time to sort their garbage. I'm lucky if I get my garbage out for garbage day let alone sort it out.
People need to learn how to save recycle a lot of things themselves instead of throwing out if they don't want to save & reuse let them pay extra
People should pay for the services they use. Also recycling is very important and as things stand, not easy to do .
People that have more should pay more and vice versa.
People will be stealing bags from tags and dumping in private dumpsters.
People working even two jobs can't afford extra fees and soon extra trash would end up with neighbors
People would dump extra garbage at public dumpsters. What about tree branches and misc size/shape objects?
people would pile garbage or litter
People would start throw extra garbage in someone else's or business garbage or dump it ditch/park. It would create more garbage blowing around.
Perhaps the program could be offered on a noncommittal trial basis!
Please add a curbside recycling program even if PAYT is voted down.
Please add curbside recycling
Please bring recycling to Bismarck
Please consider other materials for recycling like glass. This program is overdue.
Please consider this as an average Bismarck household's response to the survey. I have lived at this address for more than 25 years. I am married and have 2 teenage children and 2 cats residing at home, for now. Like many taxpayers, my wife and I are puzzled every time we look at the water bill and find that actual water charges make up less than half the monthly total, with the balance going to sewer, garbage, street light maintenance, storm sewer maintenance, service line repair etc. We understand that these are necessary services, but we wonder why some items are not paid via general property taxes. I have two comments regarding the PAYT program. First we support recycling and we recycle aluminum cans. Like many of our neighbors we live on a hillside and the large garbage container has to stay in front or our garage on the driveway. We do not have any extra space for additional containers, we have concerns about pests with open re-recycling containers. Second, we do not object to paying $1.00 per a bag for additional trash bags set on the curb, but please don't create another bureaucracy for us to deal with . Instead of required advance purchase of special trash gas, simply add extra trash bags line on the monthly statement and allow us to voluntarily write the number of such bags, if any and add the extra amount to our payment. Will some people cheat? Yes, but most will not. This is still Bismarck after all. And the additional costs of occasional cheaters will be more than offset by the savings of not printing, inventorying and disturbing tags, not to mention, handling finances, Please if we implement such a program, let's use a little common sense. Thank you.
Please do whatever can be done to promote recycling. I'd eventually like to be able to recycle glass as well. I currently take all of our household and my in-law's glass to Fargo. There has to be a way
Please implement something….it's about time!!! Thank you!!!
Please let’s do this!

Please move forward with this program ASAP. Options for recycling glass are needed.
Please Please Please do this, how about glass?
PLEASE RECYCLE!!!
please speak with a 5th grader for a better program
Please check on prepaid bags (colored) as are used in MN for lake cabin garbage pickup. It works well. We already recycle as much as WM takes and deliver ourselves to the E Rosser recycle center. New plan won't affect us much
Possible to pay for the 95 gal from May through Sept/Oct then have a smaller for the other months.
possibly provide a book of 6 tickets for free on a yearly basis
Pre paid and pickup add tags is nonsense.
Pre paid tags would be an inconvenience I prefer the bill mailed to me.
Prefer it the way it is now and we use the recycle drop off in town.
Prefer smaller container as I didn't put the large one out every two weeks.
Prefer to have it picked up once a month like we had a few years back. We still have those bins for cans, plastics, papers. Thank you.
Prepaid tags - more expense to grocery stores in town back to consumer. Double paying
Prepaid tags for extra garbage? Are you kidding me?
Present arrangement is OK
Presently, we take all glass to Fargo to recycle. Everything else we take to local recycle bins
Prices on prepaid?
Proposal contains several positives!
provide large enough recycling containers; allow all plastics
Pushing 90 years and 80 years what to do with a lot of summer yard etc …garbages
Question - by 'extra garbage bags' does that mean the extra bags of lawn clippings etc.?
Question - would the garbage containers be picked up weekly for the charges listed?
Question - would there be fees for clean up week and during high garbage holidays such as Christmas.
Question on how tree branches would be collected.
Questions - in the 2 recyclable containers provided, do the aluminum, tin, plastic, and paper have to be separated or can they go in all together? By "tin", do you mean tin AND Steel food cans?
Rather than charge all the extra give another 95 gal container for free of charge and keep the rate of $9.55 / mo. The big garbage truck does all the labor. Truck drivers just sit and push buttons, listen to the radio.
Really is it that big of a deal or part of your job, called work!
Reason for opposing is during the summer you don't want fruit and winds in your garbage stinking. We have been recycling for a long time then you would owe us a lot. This is another way to make more money off the customer.
reason for this is some weeks only have a small amount of garbage other retimes a lot and if we can't take it to the dump ourselves makes for a lot of inconvenience and expense.
Recyclable containers are good idea.
Recyclable containers are needed! People need to be accountable & educated about this issue! Thank you for doing this!
Recyclable containers would be great.
Recyclables should include glass which is a huge part of garbage in households should also be charged by weight.
recycle - the more the better
Recycle bins - yes!
Recycle bins would need to be large or weighted or covered to deal with the wind so that containers and contents aren't blowing down the street.
recycle glass too
Recycle pick up great! Keep looking for a glass recycle programs
Recycle program do not work in small city or rural. Cost more that it saves.
Recycle we already haul recycling to wave pool location.

Recycle YES
Recyclers and support fee for garbage. Opposed to purchasing additional tags if needed.
Recycling containers would be great!
Recycling great! We would keep 95 gal and not have extra bags on curb
Recycling has been going on in the NE US for years . Everyone should be responsible for this!
Recycling is a great idea, but I'm not convinced this is the way to go. Having to pay for extra garbage bags is ridiculous. You are going to create problems with people throwing their garbage in dumpsters. I'm all for recycling containers.
Recycling is good! How will you keep people from dumping extra trash? Keep our city clean.
Recycling option is great but additional charge for extra garbage is not great.
Recycling should be mandatory. I would support fines for not recycling versus PAYT. I have a feeling that garbage would be thrown in other containers (Apts, businesses, other neighbors or worse just thrown anywhere
Recycling should be required. It is a positive step for the environment. It would be nice for Bismarck to be pro-active instead of reactive to recycling.
Recycling would be good.
Recycling would become a part of more peoples' lives if it were easier and rewarded! This is a great incentive!
rental unit
rental unit
rental unit has dumpster
Residents do plenty of recycling as it is using existing city programs. Please do not impose this additional bother and expense on us for over.
Ridiculous idea - sometimes extra garbage just happens why should we pay extra? What about yard cleaning time - everyone can't run to the recycle dumpsters. You should collect recyclables curbside however.
Ridiculous proposal
Right now I pay the same as someone who has a city provided container. But I don't get the container.
Seems to be good!
Seems to me it would make more paperwork, harder on pickups because of tag deal. Could cause problem with garbage not being picked up. Just seems more works on pickups.
Seems to simple to work? How do you keep track of people who stuff garbage into boxes & set them out beside the container or the number of garbage bags that are put out, or the metal garbage cans? Too many variables!! Or do the plans include a recorder riding along in each truck?
Should be MANDITORY!
Should have a place for glass could be crushed and used with road bed work or recycled.
Since I know nothing about it, I have to strongly oppose at this time. Also my garbage is picked up in an alley, so don't have a container now.
Single containers - single stream recycling would be most effective vs. two containers. Have recycling container be same type as garbage - plastic, hinged lid, on wheels.
Size of the two recyclables containers, extra size for storage I recycle everything I can, It takes over to gateway lot.
So happy to see recycling bins an option!
So if I understand you. Christmas lots of extra boxes wrapping paper, itch. This will cost us more. I can't count on one hand more "normal garbage" that we have more than what the can holds over and should we need to move our landfill east of town. Looks to me like we have lots of room. The city does a great job. It only takes a few bad apples to make it wrong for others. Example This last summer I picked up a branch about 2 in inches in diameter about 2 ft long. It was on the street and I was taking grass clippings over to dump and a city employee told me I couldn't toss the branch in with the grass. I took it home and placed it next to my garbage can yes someone had to get out of the truck.
So my 60 bags of leaves every year would cost me an extra $105
So the price of additional garbage bags dependent on size.
Some days I have less garbage but some days I have more. In the e end it would cost as much as paying my 9.55 a month.
Some of us have a tough time getting rid of extra bags & paying extra to have it picked up is not some things we can all afford.
Some weeks (holidays) I have container plus other weeks none - should be some way to average
Some weeks my garbage is only half full and other weeks there is extra are you going to give a credit when it’s not completely full? I strongly support recycling program and believe that the recycling bins should be given out. If they are not used every week then charge $10.00 a week when the recycling bins are not used. I think that when a household sees that they can lose $40-$50 a month that household will make a point to separate their waste and thereby saving landfill space.
Some weeks we don't even fill our current container and some weeks we have extra. So I feel we even out as currently billed.

Someone mows my yard. I probably have 2 to 3 bags of grass all summer. I do recycle quite a bit we take plastic and cardboard to mcquades.
Sometimes I have more garbage than other times - I feel it would average itself out. Sometimes, I would be paying MUCH more than the $9.55 with the resent plan
Sometimes we have very little, and sometimes we have a lot?
sooner the better for our area and planet
Sounds confusing & too many misc containers
sounds good
Sounds good to us!
Sounds great!!
Sounds like a good idea.
Sounds like a great way to encourage people to leave their trash on the side of the road or at the park
Sounds like a nightmare to administer
Sounds like a nightmare with the prepaid tags. Good luck.
Sounds like an inconvenience to customers to make life easier for you.
Sounds like another program implemented by Connie Sprinzcanatak like her grass clipping program which when you go to dump you grass is a always full. A disaster at tax payers' expense.
Sounds like it could cost more
Sounds like it is a good idea.
Space to hold 3 containers would be a great problem! Hardly have room for one. Especially would be difficult with all the snow in our type of weather.
Special holidays and projects would increase charges especially during Christmas.
Specifically oppose 'prepaid' tags which impact our fall and spring cleanup.
Stay the way it is!
Stay with what we have or get.
Stopped picking up lawn clippings in black bags on other bags which also includes leaves this spring of 2010
Storing city property in my garage is not what I envisioned when buying a small condo
Strongly support anything to increase the recycling opportunities
Strongly support greater efforts to encourage recycling . The proposed system seems complicated to manage, especially the idea of buying prepaid tags . We prefer the current system, with the addition of options for recycling.
strongly support recycling
Strongly support recycling containers.
Support if questions have definite answers. How big are recycle containers? Will the public drop offs still be available? What about large items too large for containers and or bags? How about a public meeting?
Support of the recycling aspect, don't like extra garbage bag charge.
Support recycling, but not necessarily this program.
Taxes are high enough - touch economic times - we don't need additional charges
Tell us more and the tribune.
Terrible Idea! The 95 gallon container is barely adequate already. Those who want to recycle already do, those who don't will not pay 2 or 4 dollars to do so. What about the cost to purchase the new smaller cans and to print the tickets? Who pays for those? What if I exceed the 95 gallon container, do I need to pay for that too?
Thank you for offering the survey!
Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your survey. Since I already make use of the large dumpsters for leaves, plastic, cans, paper, and cardboard, I don't really think in terms of "extra pay". However, I do see several neighbors put out many sacks of leaves and place empty cardboard boxes next to their garbage container. I suggest that in the spring and fall during the height of the "leaf and yard cleanup" that the smaller garbage trucks go around and pick up the bags of leaves. As for recycling various materials: I suggest that the first week of the month, 1. plastic containers/bottles are collected, the second week 2. Cans are collected, the third week 3. Newspapers and magazines are collected and the forth week 4. Cardboard is collected. Each household would receive 4 twenty gallon containers, one for each type of recyclable material, and marked as 1. Plastic 2. Cans, 3. Paper and 4. Cardboard. That would cut down on the expense of sorting once the material is collected. Try to imagine the mess when all recyclables are collected together. I realize that periodically, people will have large amounts of cardboard that they would have to take to large dumpsters. Okay, I know some people will mess up, but the problem will be reduced by 87.3 percent. I'm aware of an earlier experiment regarding recycling that didn't work for obvious reasons.

Thank You!
Thank You!
Thank you!
Thanks
Thanks for asking if we would support this program but we would rather pay an increase per month.
Thanks for doing this - it is great!
Thanks for sending the return envelopes.
That is a double tax on us!!!!!!!!!!
The amount of effort and cost outweighs any benefit IMHO!
The area where m daughter resides does this, I hate it! The bags are costly, it is inconvenient, extra containers become clutter. You are making it difficult for residents to dispose of garbage in an organized timely manner. Money won't be saved in trucks in gas or employees.
The best way to help this out is not let other pits and communities put their garbage in land fill.
The City of Bismarck will be selling the recyclable materials…do we get a break for that?
The containers for recyclables would need to be large enough for one week worth as the bags sound pricey.
The couple dollars saved vs. the time and inconvenience to buy additional tags is not worth it. My time is worth more than a couple dollars. Who's stupid idea was this? If you are so concerned about recycling, add more recycle bins around the city Nobody knows where they are now.
The current recycling program is good enough.
The current system works just fine. Recycling is as big a hoax as made by man global warming.
The current system works real well for us. I don't like the extra charges.
The extra garbage bag fees are way too much money aren't we paying enough city and expenses now? Whose idea was this?
The extra garbage bag the seems like it would be an administrative nightmare!
The fellows on the trucks do a great job!!! Thanks!
The garbage collectors have always done a great job, may help people be more helpful for them
The kiss principle. Keep it simple stupid.
The monetary incentive alone is not enough to justify the extra time and effort, space problems, etc. What about yard waste?
The more complicated you make the system of collection the more it will cost the city.
The more people in a household, the more garbage they have that should also be considered.
The more recycling the better!
The only thing I know about this program is the information on this sheet. I would appreciate more info.
The only way to get us to recycle is to make it easy to do from home.
The option for choices of garbage services and prices is welcome. It better reflects the wants and needs of us. The curbside recycling would be nice but the various locations we have now could work and be less pricey.
The PAYT plan appears too complicated to me. We need a set fee as we have now.
The plan described above sounds really good. I am more than strongly supportive. I believe the is practical and the moral thing to do.
The proposed plan is fine for single-family dwellings; however it becomes impractical for multi-unit apartments, house and dwelling.
The recyclable containers would be good but I don't want to be charged for additional garbage I throw out.
The recycle bins are a good idea!
The recycle containers are a very good idea. More people would participate I think. Good job.
The size of the recycle containers should be thought about most people don't have room for 2 more large containers.
The snow removal guys who work around Pocatello and Tucson are great. I appreciate their work to keep the corners and driveways clear. Pay as you throw - who started that? I haven't seen anything on the news or in the paper???
The state (?) will go in the hole with this recycling.
The street lights took too big a jump at one time, for one person the water bill is high enough.
The system in place works just fine.

The trash collection system in place is good. We don't need to implement a new system that cost more to administrate. I don't have any room for more containers. I prefer to take my recyclables to the collection centers that are in place now.
The two recyclable containers can contain mixed items? Or can we only fill one container with one thing per week?
The value our hard-working city Public Works people. Thank you!
The worst part is you will need more trucks, fuel, work your people longer hours then you will realize more money is needed.
There are certain times of the year that households are going to produce more garbage such as Christmas time. I feel that people should not be penalized for this .
There are many weeks I don't have enough garbage to warrant the truck to stop, so I wait till next week. I would like a smaller container if it reduces my cost.
There are record-keeping costs involved and there will be abuses
There are times but not usually that we make more waste like holidays and I don't think we should be penalized for this no!
There are times we have more garbage but not often - there is ways to dispose of it and not pay for it just to get it there.
There are times we have more garbage but not often - there is ways to dispose of it and not pay for it just to get it there.
There is just 2 of us, we have 1 bag of garbage a week.
There is recycle bins around the city already
There really isn't a reason why each household isn't recycling what they dispose of! Make it mandatory or a fine!
These programs have generally cost cities substantially more than originally estimated.
they do recycle now
things are just fine the way they are now, there is no need to change anything
This a program that makes so much sense. My son lives in San Francisco where they collect all recyclables including compostable material like table scraps (take a look at that as well). I recommend we follow this program regardless of the response. It would be unfortunate if it wasn't implemented due to the ignorance of some people. If appropriate, I'd be willing to serve on a citizen's advisory board to get this going!
This area needs constant education and encouragement. Bozeman, MT has 1 free container. Recycles free and charges for trash beyond the 1st container. This does get people to recycle.
This bill is high enough at present. Who would count the extra bags? Please leave our bill as it is presently! We agree with the recyclables - we presently do that!
This has been tried before. It really is a mess trying to recycle cans. The smaller garbage container is a good idea for smaller households
This idea is another revenue enhancement project by the city of Bismarck couched in a proposal that would appear at first glance to reduce the cost of garbage disposal to the individual citizen. I am amazed that the city of Bismarck looks for innovative ways to increase revenue from the ordinary citizen while giving away thousands if not millions of dollars of tax breaks to the elite through such projects as the renaissance zone financing. These tax breaks are passed along to ordinary citizens because the city doesn't reduce their amount of spending. Instead they put those taxes on the back of ordinary citizens. Recycling is a worthy project and my family has recycled for many years. Has the city considered the cost in time spent and the dollar expended by the multitude of individuals running back and forth to the trailer recycling locations that use the current recycling system? The other evening I listened to the eloquence of the city commissioners in applauding a study that would synchronize the traffic signals along a particular route in Bismarck. Here in my opinion is what the city should do, provide two 95 gallon containers for garbage. Both should be picked up at the street or in the alley as happens now. Yes, this would probably cost the city more money, but it is what should be done for the individual citizen . Give the individual citizens a break just as you have been giving the elite breaks through the past years. I repeat, this is a revenue enhancement project for the city. What it is not, is a cost reduction proposal for the individual citizen .
This idea will encourage people to take their extra garbage to public/business dumpsters. What about holidays - my pick up day is Friday and several times a year the pickup is Monday because of holiday.
This is a duplex / which we rent out .
This is a good start to environmentally conscious program.
This is a great idea! We are from MN and this is how it works there . Cannot wait to see this happen :)
This is a great idea. We are very happy you are exploring this. We had recycle containers when we lived MSP and found them very convenient. We would also support glass recycling.
This is a rental property and I pay the garbage
This is a side by side duplex. I would like to have containers for plastic and cardboard etc.
This is a wonderful idea. I was very impressed with Duluth MN's recycling program and wondered why we didn't have something like it. I think there will be a lot of community support for this program. Kudos.
This is all bull. If there is a concern for landfill space they would not sell space to all the out of town commercial haulers for a landfill profit this prepaid tab to be used for a bag of leaves or some branches is more bull. I see this is only an attempt in increase rates and decrease services. Your main motive. I don't trust you.
This is an awesome idea!!
This is another program to screw the tax payers out of more money. I will not support such a program in any form!!!
This is asking a lot of older people.
This is great! Especially curbside service. We also want glass recycling.

This is great! For older 2 member households it's great to get a discount. We do recycle and rarely is our garbage container ever half full. Thanks!
This is great, please let's implement this ASAP!
This is long overdue for Bismarck. Would there be a monthly charge for "snowbirds" if they do not have a monthly pickup?
This is overdue and we hope you will go forward
This is something that should be done.
This is something we would support, however you do not address the special pickup you have each year for spring/fall cleanup?
This is the first I heard of it.
This is the first I've heard about it.
This is the first I've heard of it. Would large items (couch) get prepaid treatment? How big are recycle containers? Would recycles get pick up weekly?
This is the first I've heard of this program, sounds like another form of taxation.
This is the first I've heard of this, need more details.
This is the first time I have heard of this, but what a great idea.
this is the first time I've heard about this PAYT program
This is the first we have heard about the program details.
This is the first we have heard of this program
This is the first we have heard of this program and would like more information.
This is the first we have heard of this. Not interested. We are happy with the way things are now .
This is the first we have heard of this. Our amount of garbage is variable depending up how many children are home. I am opposed to being charged for extra bags - Here is why: Sometimes we go on vacation and if we miss garbage day we don't have anything collected. The next week we may have more than will fit in the bind. How is it fair to charge us extra? Ex - Xmas on Friday, collection Monday and we missed two collection days and had lots of extra garbage the following week. There is no way to track when we don't put out garbage so it isn't fair to charge when there is extra. I am very much in favor of the city providing us recycling containers. I already recycle all we can and it would be nice not to have to haul it to a recycling center. Having Friday pick up, the date is frequently changed to Monday so we have 10 days worth of trash.
This is the only city that we have lived in that doesn't recycle so anything that allows us to recycle is great!
This is very difficult for a family of five. You are penalizing larger families $1-$2 for a single extra bag of garbage and we have to go to a store to buy a label!! We already pay almost $10/month for garbage.
This is wonderful and way overdue .
This may help promote more healthful fresh eating. I hate taking my own recycling after it has built up in the garage.
This plan does not account for households that don't generate consistent garbage from week to week, having to go to a store to throw out garbage is ridiculous, and why would a recycling program be proposed that doesn't include glass?
This program does nothing to increase recycling to reduce the burden on the landfill. People that recycle will continue to . Those that do not will not. This is just a method to increase the rates for all. Why should we have to buy tags so that stuff will be hauled away. Most weeks we do not fill the present container. Some weeks there are more. The taxes that we pay are too much, this is just another way to increase them. By the bags, this costs additional money. Quit sticking it to the people and cut down the waste in government . I do not think that we should be paying for street lights on the weather bill either. They should come from general funds from the city.
This program would be a big mess keeping track of everyone's garbage!
This program would only add extra expense and inconvenience. Leaves and grass cutting s are necessary to keeping BMK lovely, but now you're expecting more income from us. The cost and inconvenience is not acceptable
This program would result in a lot of extra cost to us in summer when we have a lot of yard waste .
This property at (address here) is a rental duplex. Tenants vary on their garbage quantity and recycling habits. It is difficult to manage. Thank you.
This seems like it will penalize people who have multiple jobs and children. It takes time to separate items for recycling. Also families with more children ultimately have more garbage. Less time to recycle and more people per family. More money for the city to collect.
This should average out. No need to change it. It would be cheaper to hire more employees at the landfill to separate recyclables. Create some jobs - there may even be a grant for it.
This should become mandatory for all. Should have been done years ago.
This shouldn't be an option, it should be mandatory to recycle and cut down on garbage there is way too much waste
This sounds like a good idea. Encourage recycling and reduce waste going to the landfill.
This sounds like a potential trap.
This survey doesn't give me enough info in regards to extra garbage bags. Summer months we have more bags and does this mean we will be charged for fall & spring clean-up times?

This type of program is long overdue. We have excellent curbside recycling 15 years ago when we first moved to town. To our dismay, it was discontinued. It's time we pay as we go, not bury it for future generations to deal with.
This will encourage people to dump into others garbage cans or in city and business dumpsters. I live by apartments and do not trust the residents there.
This will lend to people throwing their garbage in the street, other peoples yards, and parks.
this will only cost me more
This will penalize young families. For those of us with Friday collections, we are moved to Monday on every holiday. By Monday my container is overfull. Will consideration be taken to that?
This would be a good program as long as you recycle more #'s of plastic and glass.
This would be difficult for us, as senior citizens, one of us being wheelchair-bound
this would be great if this is what the quote will be or less
This would be unfair to families. Leave it the way it is set up right now.
This would lead to garbage dumped in other places and not a savings when you consider extra garbage would dismiss any savings. Leave it the way it is.
this would lead to more people using others cans
This would place a burden on families that are already struggling in today's economy.
This wouldn't work for this type of building.
Those with more waste should pay more!! Pocket book incentives and curb side pickup of curbside pickup of recyclable products are greatly welcomed…thank you!
Though I like the idea of recycling containers, I do not agree with paid extra bags. I run a group daycare in my home and that is the majority of my extra garbage. It would cost too much and be a big hassle and problem. Very bad idea.
To me this sounds like extra work!!!
Too old to do this recycling
To only save $2 per month and additional headache of two more containers - not worth the hassle.
To uniformed to decide.
To us recycle is a good thing and we have been doing it or a long time.
too complicated
Too complicated add. Charges hassle to get prepaid bags in K.I.S.S. p.s. what would do with all 95 gal. Containers?
Too complicated of a program too much room for disputes. More personnel will be needed to cover billing and other issues or collections process slowed down. This costs increase. NOT GOOD!
Too gimmicky, I now recycle one a month, not weekly too many containers to junk up garages and yards.
Too many questions remain.
Too many unanswered questions. Will prices be stable or arbitrarily increase to force recycling? Will recycling be affordable consistent or come & go as in past? Will additional prep be needed? Cans crushed? Cleaned?
Too much expense, extra run around and work, very confusing!
Too old to be packaging all that stuff.
Total BS
Two recyclable containers and four categories how will this work? We currently recycle. This program probably won't increase our recycling much or reduce our "extra" garbage. However, at $1 or more per extra bag/box, additional cost could easy exceed $20 annually
Unless it can be proven without a doubt that this proposal saves a GREAT deal of money, we thing we better leave well enough alone.
Unless you get rid of the "Prepaid Tag" idea - too confusing
Use the spend on tens of thousands of plastic bins, new trucks and gasoline to double drive every route to bring more land fill. Your plan is an environmental disaster, and an exposed one to boot.
Use to be in the trial recycle years ago but have gotten out of the feel - can still try it.
Usually I am alone for now there are 4 of us. You never know when you will have more to throw. The tags would be too much of a hassle to get in advance.
Very excited most workplaces already therefore most of us already separate.
Very good idea especially the recyclable containers.
Very good idea.
Very happy to see Bismarck going to curbside recycling. We did it in MN 8 years ago, and it was very easy. Thank you. I really hope this goes through

Very little information.
Very much in favor of the recyclable containers
Very much support curbside recycling more people would participate the easier it is. Are there more recycling opportunities.
Very satisfied with the service as is
very supportive of using the recyclables containers
Very, very happy to hear about the curbside recyclable containers!!!
Want more info about size and composition of the containers.
want to recycle and keep our 95 gal container
We (all people in Bismarck) are already paying twice for the same units as water we use. 1.4 units reg use +2. 4 units for sewage. Should we pay our taxes twice?
We all need to recycle.
We already are recycling & probably generate about 1/4 of the garbage of most neighbors. I love the idea!!!
We already do the recycling, it makes our daughter feel good about doing it. We are all for the recycling. Will you be doing glass?
We already have the recycle crates provided in the program before. Can those be used? Our garage is full enough! How often would recycles be picked up? What if your recycles don't fit in the container? How are those to be marked? Picking up cardboard would be great and newspapers but what do we do in inclement weather? We are and recyclers now using the city and recycling center. Containers near us .
We already have the smaller container. We already recycle larger paper products and alum cans. Do not want the 2 recyclable containers taking up space in my garbage. Definitely oppose this program.
We already pay additional costs on our water bill like street lights which started at $1per month now you are charging us $7.38 per month . Why would we what to authorize additional charges for a service we are already paying for. Less government not more charges.
We already pay enough to live in this town. I do not have any room to store any additional containers. You have already reduced our pickup from twice a week down to once a week and now you want to charge us more . ENOUGH IS ENOUGH…..NO MORE. Leave it as is!!!
We already pay extremely high property taxes!
We already pay too much.
We already pay too much.
We already paying enough.
we already recycle
We already recycle - don't want to force to do it big brother!~
We already recycle all of the above listed recyclables, so yes, we're in favor of this.
We already recycle all of the items mentioned with only two containers! How would the items be separated? What about recycling grass? Does public works pick up the recycle stuff or do we still have to haul it someplace? Will you take Styrofoam, paper, towel, tissues, cereal boxes, thin cardboard, organic waste? Some weeks we only have one small shopping bag of garbage...what about a weight based fee structure?
We already recycle aluminum & plastic & I think we would pay more based on extra garbage bags. Don't care for that.
We already recycle aluminum and newspapers.
We already recycle and drop off at the designated sites. We will continue to have these sites?
We already recycle and take it to the bin locations on a regular basis. The smaller container price would be about the same once I have 2 more bags.
We already recycle and would welcome a lower bill. I wonder if recyclables would be picked up or still use drop off sites? Either way this would be great .
We already recycle as much as we can, so our container only goes out every two weeks. Is there a way to pay for frequency of pick-up vs. replacing all the existing containers?
We already recycle at the city's drop site at Arrowhead Dan's. We also take plastics to Waste Management I do hope the city's proposed program would take all types of plastic, as well as magazines and catalogs.
we already recycle cardboard, paper, plastic, and alum
We already recycle newspapers, grass clippings, alum. Cans. St. Cloud MN was pay as you throw - do not like it at all.
We already recycle newspapers, phone books, and cardboard. I do not see a big change to what we do except the aluminum / tin and plastic. We generally have 1 can of garbage except at holidays.
We already recycle on our own. We occasionally have more garbage than what fits in our current 95 gal container. We would not be happy about paying for the additional charges for that extra garbage. We appreciate you trying to get others to recycle though.
We already recycle our cardboard and plastic.
We already recycle our plastics tins, cardboard etc. Taking them to the recycle deposit sits and we still have more than one large container full of garbage most weeks.

We already recycle plastic, newspapers, aluminum and tin on a daily business.
We already recycle so this would be terrific!
We already recycle so we would not need any recyclable containers. However, we do garden and would be concerned about addition costs at harvest time or end of flower season.
We already recycle tiered fee structure will just irritate homeowners. Ditch the idea.
We already recycle to the bins, we rarely have 1 full 39 gal bag and rarely fill the 95 gals. Keep it simple, we don't need extra containers to store and walk around.
We already recycle using the neighborhood containers which are convenient and preferable to curbside pickup we had in Grand Forks. People with small containers and extra garbage would try to find public dumpsters (or their neighbor's) to not have to pay per bag charges. Bad idea.
We already recycle, aluminum etc.
We already recycle, plastic, aluminum and paper I support this program except the charge for extra garbage bags.
We already recycle.
We already recycle. Sometimes our container isn't full and sometimes we have one extra bag (rarely). Then we should be reimbursed for the times the containers isn't full
We already recycle. This program might get everyone to do so.
We already use a 65 gallon container and recycle what we can this would encourage others to do the same.
We already use the smaller container, mulch lawn clippings, just have an occasional extra garbage bag to set on the curb, perhaps once per month. So our household garbage is quite limited. However I have no desire to have to carry more containers through ice/snow or run out to buy tags to set out something else. A hassle for older people.
We already utilize the recycling bins in our neighborhood and hope this program is implemented.
We also tried recycling before and how long did that last? Lots of those containers are still around too creating more trash. I feel that if this happens we will see a lot more trash being thrown where it shouldn't and BMK will become dirty looking like many other cities. Too costly
We appreciate the recycling aspect!
We are 16 unit condo. I will take quite a while to get all this information to and from them.
We are a townhouse assn. w one dumpster. Can you provide information on this program? We need to know in order to inform our tenants, especially w. pricing / use of prepaid tags, etc. Thanks!
We are already recyclers.
We are condominium complex of 6 units. I would gladly partake of this program but how do we account for the other 5 units who probably did not receive this? I am
We are definitely in favor of PAYT if it comes with an expanded recycling option that is available at our home. Yes, please do this!
We are elderly, and generally do not generate much garbage, but occasionally we have yard cleanup clippings or leaves, which would be several bags. We have no other way to dispose of them, and I would not want to pay extra. We do recycle grass clippings with our mower.
We are excited about recycling! We will definitely take advantage of it. :) thank you! Please do this!
we are going into our 80 year old
We are happy with the current system and the size of our container. We do recycle all the items we can, using the neighborhood recycling bin. I would like to see a glass recycling option.
We are happy with what we have. There are too many unanswered questions: what happens when a resident brings household items to the dump? Such as tree branches? Scrap woods, etc.
We are in a duplex and already pay 2X for the 9.55 per month when we always only have one container out. This looks like it would just cost us more.
We are in favor of anything that results in more recycling.
We are presently using recycle containers as our winter home in as we use garbage bags when we leave for any length of time from our homes in Bismarck if we leave between pick up days. I assume we could purchase prepaid tags under the new system for that purpose. Would we still be charged for garbage collection when we are not there for several months?
We are really excited about the recycling program and reducing waste.
We are satisfied with how things are now.
We are totally against having to pay extra if we put out some tree branches and other trash. We are senior citizens and can't afford to pay out more there are many senior citizens who are trying to stay in their homes. Now this!!! Put it to a vote and then you'll see how popular this plan is! We are glad to see a recycling plan to start it's about time. For the size of Bismarck, we are way behind with recycling. We are glad to see this.
We are wondering how you would determine the cost of additional bags left for pickup that don’t fit in the container.
We average one garbage bag per week .
We believe this is a good thing for everyone. We already recycle, aluminum, plastic paper & cardboard
We buy tags for recycling at store don't see any cost savings for citizens. And extra bins laying around my garage - no thanks. Not interested. Continue the recycling with trailers for those interested.

We can we start? The sooner the better!! Great Idea!
We conserve and only put the container on the curb when it is full. Once every 2-4 weeks. In an attempt to reduce unneeded labor to pick up an empty container. Have you considered barcodes/colored containers billed by frequency at pickup?
We could use a smaller 65 gal container. We don't have enough garbage for a 95 gal container so get us a 65 container thank you
We currently do not have a 95 gal container as we have an alley pickup. How would recycling and container work for us? Need additional info .
We currently do not have the 95 gal container, we have alley pickings.
We currently recycle and curb side pickup would be nice to have again.
We currently recycle and fill up the 95 gallon container. If the $ is for certain not to go up, we like the idea.
We currently recycle everything we can. We have tried to get our friends & family to recycle but they won't do it b/c it is "too much work" they claim they will if there is a curbside program. I feel there are several people in our community that feel that way. Even if PAYT doesn't pass please provide a recycling program. Bismarck should also have a glass and paper recycling program. Cereal boxes, cracker boxes, etc. are recycled in other cities it would be great if Bismarck could do that too.
We currently recycle it would be great to have it picked up with the regular trash!
We currently recycle paper, alum, plastics, etc. We are concerned if the recycle containers we'll be easy to roll out to curb.
We currently recycle. This program would have little effect on us, other than the convenience of recycle pickup…
We currently throws all papers & plastic in the recycle bins.
We currently use the city recyclable sites. Keep things the sure "simple"
We currently use the recycling site trailers, but it would be nice to recycle without having to drive to those sites . As the capitol city we should really be a model city for the rest of the state and have a recycling program.
We do not agree with paying to recycle personally or as a city. Not enough info
We do not have a city supplied container because our pickup is made in the alley.
We do not have an attached garbage. Things get strewn around in alley in winds - we have to go out sometimes our cans are gone. I am afraid these containers may disappear to. Have you checked into what the state of Maine does?
We do not know what this program is. I would say that I like the idea of recyclable containers. We try to recycle as much as possible.
We do recycle paper, cans, plastic. But having a large family we still have a lot of garbage.
We do recycle. I would rather continue to take the items to drop off spots that I currently use. The extra fee for garbage tags sounds like it would be complicated. What if my garage fell into the $1.75 category and I only had a $1.00 tag?
We don’t have the 95 gallon containers our 30 gallon trash cans are in the alley what is the rate structure for them?
We don't get a break all summer when we don't have any garbage. Why should we have to pay extra when we do! What about when you are going to be gone and don't put out the bin because no one will be able to take it in?
We don't have a lot of room for recyclable and know nothing about that, we would need more information about that.
We don't have enough recyclables to bother with extra containers
We don't know any details so how can you make an informed decision. Get with it and tell people what your really thinking.
We don't like the additional cost involved.
We don't live there in Bismarck for 6 months and still pay garbage disposal
We don't use containers, we have a dumpster.
We don't use the 95 gal container, also what about the recyclable containers, Bismarck does not recycle as other big cities, is Bismarck going to pick up recyclables curb side? If so a list of what is collected or accepted as recycled would be nice, is there additional monthly charge for the 95 gal containers, yep we need more info.
We feel recycling is very important & do it now by taking over to the recycle trailers.
We fully appreciate this move. Please implement this program even if the public doesn't support…sometimes public servants need to do what is best without widespread support.
We generally have 3 cans but only one or two with trash.
We had a large container, we had to cut in half. Now you're charging more for extra bags.
We had no choice as to size of containers in 1st place. I feel you need more recyclable drop off in town and for leaves and grass. I feel if people put then grass out for collection they should be changed. We do need to do something but people need t be better informed on this and how it will be possibly be done. We need to drive four miles to drop off recycles items and grass. Are you going to come with two trucks or how will it be done. Need more info.
We have 2 families in our household so extra garbage bags would be a constant for us don't agree. If setup right I think it would work! About time for recycling.

We have 5 disposable items: paper, cardboard, plastic, tin, aluminum. How are you going to collect these items separately? Obtain a new truck with 5 compartments? What size is most of the garbage cans? 35 or 65 gal? Are we still going to have the garbage trailers available around town. Can we alternate the 5 items with the two extra containers? I am not thrilled by having to run and get garbage ticket at the last minute there are a lot of unanswered questions about changing. Is the city going to have to buy special trucks to handle the garbage categories? I like to see improvements but at what cost? The extra containers are they reusable or throw away? The following week can we change garbage types or categories?
We have a garbage system that works well now. Some week we have more than one can and more often less but I do not want to bother with prepaid bags. Please leave it alone!
We have a lot less trash because we do a lot of recycling and we take the recyclables to their spots.
We have a single non accessible garage from our home. Disposal and space is a big concern especially in winter.
We have a small 65 gal container & be able to use a smaller one.
We have alley garbage and currently recycle.
We have alley pick up so we don't have a container. We also currently recycle.
We have alley pick up so we don't have a container. We also currently recycle.
We have alley pickup. We do not have a 95 gal can. How or what will I be billed? I only have two or three bags a week.
We have alley pickup. We do not have a city container. We would like the containers for recyclables
We have always had the small container
We have an alley. Have our own garbage cans with a $9.55 charge / month. We are in favor of recycling.
We have an apartment complex behind us on Riverview Ave. They put their trash on my size when they know it's garbage day. Also, people use the dumpster for the complex that don't even live around here. There are people who watch and know…these are older residents that know my aunt and uncle that used to live in this house. I have become friends with them. They watch the neighborhood. I would be all for pay as you throw, I just don't want added expense or someone else's trash.
We have been recycling and composting for many years and rarely fill the small container we have, even though we will be moving out of state this summer. It will be a very good thing for Bismarck and the environment.
We have been recycling for as long back as we can remember. We will continue to do so. Please do not remove your recycling sites.
We have been recycling for years. We take the above mentioned items to collections point. We oppose the fee for extra bags. Keeping our yards neat in summer makes extra garbage. We feel we pay as much as we can as is.
We have concerns about you deciding to increase the price and charging for the recyclable containers.
We have done this in Minneapolis, and it really cuts down on garbage. It also makes people be intentional about what "stuff" they take in.
We have Friday collection. So with every holiday or vacation we miss collection until the next Monday or a whole week. Then we are penalized for having extra garbage. Will you still have spring and fall clean up days? You can develop a better plan!
We have garbage pickup in alley but would like to recycle.
We have heard that some recyclable like plastics doesn't get recycled but up in landfill anyway.
We have just moved from Colorado where we had a similar program & loved it.
We have leaves & grass clippings during the summer. Additional garbage bags we would have to pay for would greatly increase our bill.
We have needed recycling a long time ago.
We have no room for 3 containers. We have seen people puts tuff in our containers that wasn't our refuse. We do use the city's recycle bins
We have recycled for a couple of decades. We also try to have as little garbage as possible. It does seem unfair that those who have more persons living per home have to pay more for their garbage removable
We have two much for a small container
We have two small containers because my husband is 80 years old and disabled. He can handle the smaller containers but not the larger one. We fill the two smaller ones each week.
We haven't seen any 65 gal containers available here in St Angelo. There using the small ones here. The wind blows them all over everyone's yards. Can you control the wind or stabilize the container?
We hope recycling takes off; we recycle now
We know Bismarck is just looking for a way to get more money out of the citizens. You'll find more litter, and this will be a losing program.
We like recycling idea! We would love to try this.
We like the current program as is
We like the current system as it is with the 95 gal container.
We love the idea of being able to recycle from home. It will be much more convenient. However our household is hauling glass to Grand Forks to recycle. Bis/Man needs to start recycling GLASS! Thank you.
We make regular trips to the recycling station. We feel very guilty throwing away glass! The states of Washington, NE, KS recycled glass cereal boxes and Kleenex boxes.

We missed trash day the last two weeks and now have more bags than usual. Under PAYT, we'd be charged a lot extra this week on trash day and not credited for the past two weeks when we didn't set out the trash. Some bags aren't completely full compared to others. Charging the same amount doesn't seem fair.
We moved here from Mason City, IA 10 years ago. This is exactly how we paid for garbage service in Mason City. What took us so long? Consume less, recycle more, and pay less. What's not to like about this idea? I support it.
We must do something. Wanted to but were not included in test group.
We need a recycling program this is a great idea!
We need more recycling options i.e. glass
We need more specifics about how the plan would work
We need recyclable garbage pickup in Bismarck!
We need this very much so that people have incentive to conserve and recycle, in order to conserve land fill space.
We need this!!
We need to get the recyclable program really going …then we wouldn't have so much garbage thrown away.
We need to keep our current container
We need to know more. I don't want two additional garbage cans sitting outside. I don't have room. NW wind prevents putting them on N side of house. Garbage is full.
We need to recyclable glass!!
we need to recycle as a community
We need to recycle, so this is great!
We need to recycle. Anything that helps make it easier for people would be great.
we need to take care of our earth
We now recycle plastic and paper
We own a duplex-1 water meter--rental unit--1 adult. We only have one container. We recycle plastic. Where would we put these containers?
We participated in a similar program in WI. Where we lived for 9 years before returning to ND. We brought our recycling values wit with us and use the recycle drop sites regularly. It would be great to have pickup service for recyclables. I would hope that you would still keep the recycle sites open as well. We find that most of our garbage is truly recyclable and sometimes we overflow our bins. The program in WI included one extra requirement. Garbage bags had to be biodegradable which is better for the environment. Also there was no additional charge for extra bags of garbage that did not fit in the container. It was picked up for free as long as it was in a biodegradable plastic bag. They did however, charge you a fee if they found recyclables mixed with the regular garbage. Anything recyclable had to be recycled. I hope this program does become available!
We pay enough already
We pay enough the way it is!
We pay enough. Rates have increased very fast
We pay for commercial rates already. How would this affect us. I pay $19.10 per month.
We pay plenty now for water, sewer, garbage. Don't need more expenses.
We pay taxes based on value. Given the our taxes are almost 5000 a year we should not be concerned for garbage disposal.
We pay too much now
We presently recycle but this would encourage more people to recycle.
We provide our own containers with alley pickup. This is not addressed. What about boxes etc that are too large to fit in a can? How do you determine the fees for extra bag? We need more details before we can make an informed decision.
We recycle all four - how would the 2 containers be set up so we can put out all four items?
We recycle already. We support this program
We recycle aluminum & paper & cardboard we could use a smaller container like a 65 gal. size
We recycle and compost now. Don't want to be forced to do so. Also, don't want more containers to deal with.
We recycle and will do anything to help improve the system .
We recycle as much as possible now
We recycle as much as we can. Would be nice to have more options to include all plastics, glass, & tin cans to name a few.
We recycle everything we can now and take it to drop off sites. Newspapers, aluminum, steel, cardboard, also grass clippings in the summer.
We recycle everything we have our own recycle containers. Our apt building could use recycle containers.

We recycle newspapers, tins, aluminum, plastics and cardboard.
We recycle now - everything but glass. This would be very helpful & make it easier for more people to recycle. We also think it is very necessary - the time is now! Thank you!
We recycle now and I'm not sure that added hassle of the bins would be worth $2 month.
We recycle now but could do better. I would like to see this program be implemented. (This is the first info we've received).
We recycle now but still fill the 95 gal container would recycled items be picked up? We were in the recycle program a few years ago and liked it
We recycle now so would love for recycles to be picked up.
We recycle paper, cardboard & plastic
We recycle paper, tin cans of plastic for last 3 years I put out my 95 gal once every three weeks from mid to April.
We recycle quite a bit already.. I'm not sure I like the thought of paying for each additional bag of garbage.
We recycle. We rarely have a half full container each week. Most of our neighbor's can's are full and often piled next to it. Yet we pay the same. Send the wrong message about recycling.
We recycle. Any incentive to get more people doing it would be great! Will we see more litter when people have to pay to dispose of garbage?
We recycle. We deliver to dumpsters. Because you pick up the containers do you have an estimate of how much recycling takes place?
We see that a lot of the monthly charges have now increased since the last billing. In regards to the 2 recyclable containers, how large are those? We already take all our plastics, cardboard, and newspapers to the nearest recycle center. Yes, all people should recycle to keep the land fill from filling up with garbage that won't disintegrate. So I guess we would in favor of the new program depending on how big the 2 extra containers are. How often would those contents be picked up and are they really FREE? Maybe you could put more information on the next billing.
We should explore committee a curbside recycling program that also includes glass.
We should have at least curbside recycle program of some kind.
We should recycle anything and everything we can! Save 'good old mother earth" for the next generations!
We still have containers for recyclables from 10 years ago, it didn't work than we take recyclables to a recyclable site by loaf and jug.
We strongly support a recycling program!
We strongly support and request that a recycling program be instituted in this area.
We strongly support recycling and are pleased to see Bismarck moving that direction .
We support everything EXCEPT the prepaid tags. Inconvenient to buy and easily removed from bag after they are set out for pick-up.
We support recycling as a large family with a lot of plastics and cardboard and drop our items at drop off sites weekly. Would be in our favor in curbside recycling. However, I am not in favor of charging for extra bags. We do recycle, but as a large family we fill our can plus two bags a week. Could families pay a lesser charge and have two 95 gallon containers?
We support recycling but are concerned about the charge for extra bags - we have no vehicle to take clippings to drop off sites
We support recycling containers, why was that not continued the last time???
We support the recycling aspect but occasionally we have more refuse than will fit in the standard bin so don't like that we would paying.
We think it would be good to have a more organized way for the people of Bismarck to recycle. It would be great if the smaller size of garbage containers would still have wheels on them.
We tried a recycling program in Bismarck in the 90's it did not work. Garbage workers have better things to do than count peoples garbage bags.
We tried one time before - it didn't work. We still have the red, yellow, blue containers.
We tried recycling creates before and it didn't work that well. We like it the way it is!
We understand that it would be wise to be more effective in our waste issue. It is difficult to commit to a decision with so many unknowns. Thank you! We think you do a great job and we appreciate you!
We use the container at Igoe Park. Many time it is full. Maybe put more container around Bismarck. One good place would be at the end Valley Drive 0 it is a dead end street
We use the recycle bins at the end of our street now. Something for glass would be great!
We used to get garbage twice a week, which is no longer, now if you want to make us use 2 or more containers, it would make each household look like a dumping ground, and raise the rates again. Ridiculous.
We were part of the pilot program way back. I have kept on recycling ever since making trips to WM every other week or so. Bismarck needs to step up and do this.
We will continue using the 95 gal container
We will end up paying for these extra containers that less than half the people will use, it will not be convenient to pick up the tags, it will just add to the hundreds of things people need to do anyways. It will be a waste of money.
We would always be 2nd guessing the amount charged.

We would be fine with the recycle containers but think the prepaid tags would be a hassle.
We would choose to keep the 95 gallon container but would like to have the recyclables picked up.
We would definitely support containers for recyclables for tin, plastic, etc.
We would go to 65 gal. Container. As we only dump every other week. We recycle, aluminum, plastic, paper, cardboard at the present time we dump in trailer provided, "aluminum goes to gerdau - Ameristeel"
We would just need a very clear explanation on what gets recycled and how to prepare or separate the items.
We would like the smaller 65 gal container and then the 2 recyclable containers free.
We would like things to remain as they are now.
We would like to know what would be recycled.
We would like to know when this would begin.
we would like to see more people recycling
We would like to see the recycling program started. We currently recycle using the containers provided but curbside recycling would be great!
We would like to see this happen. I know they tried this before and it didn't work. I hope this plan does.
We would love to get involved with this program. We hope this survey is positive. You may not get a good response since the survey website is not operational. Many of customers are busy busy folks who may pass on it if they pay electronically. I hope not. Eagle Crest Loop
We would prefer the present system, but for smaller households who throw significantly less garbage it might be an okay idea. We would be willing to use recyclable containers for these items.
We would strongly support any program that would allow us to continue our recycling efforts in a more efficient manner.
We would take a 65 gal container.
We would very much appreciate being provide with a container for recyclables. We currently recycle but have to load and deliver them to the neighborhood drop off center. The containers would be much more convenient. And anything that encourages producing less garbage is a good thing!
We'd like to keep our current program. Some weeks we don't have a lot of garbage and then the next week it doesn't all fit in the can.
We'd prefer to keep the present program.
Where do we get recyclable containers?
We're pleased with what we have now.
We've had the 65 gal container from the beginning. I recycle paper, plastic, tin, and cardboard.
We've need a curbside recycling program for too long already, I strongly support any measure that encourages recycling and waste reduction.
What a hassle! Three containers sitting on the streets; it's bad enough one sits out for days when people don't take them off streets after collection. You have to make sure you have prepaid tags - another hassle! Leave as is! If people want they can take their recycle stuff to collection sites!
What a mess I wouldn't mind having the recycling containers like having one for glass and one for plastics for bigger households. For me it hardly would pay I don't have much. How many containers setting around? At times its more.
What about an 'exception' week such as week after Christmas and spring and fall cleanup weeks…would these be provided at no cost?
What about bags of leaves and lawn clippings? Are they an extra $1-$1.75 per bag also? Will there still be fall and spring clean-up weeks?
What about bags with grass clippings? Is that included or considered our extra garbage bag? Not everyone has pickups to haul or can life them
What about branches after a storm? Do they fall in category of extra bags?
What about branches? Are those to be bagged?
What about bundled branches? Would you still have spring and full clean up? Would we still be able to spring and fall clean up? Would we still be able to bring used, non hazardous and electronics to the landfill building free?
What about bundles of tree/shrub trimmings.
What about Christmas time?
What about Christmas trees? Would there still be the large recycling containers at various places in Bismarck? How large are the containers for recyclables? Is it possible to also recycle glass?
What about glass jars & bottles, tree branches?
What about glass recycling?
What about glass recycling??
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What about glass?
What about glass? What about garden waste?
What about grass bags? Will then still be drop off sites for these or are they giving to be assessed as extra garbage?
What about grass/leaves pickup that we put in a plastic garbage can as we have alley pickup. Are the 65 gal containers on wheels?
What about if we have pickup in the alley? What about things that don't fit in the can? Also think households should get 2 free tags at least for busy times of year like holidays. What about recycling glass - that 's a lot of garbage.
What about larger items boxes, carpet, other odd things that don't fit in the container?
What about leaves and tree branches
What about people with alley pickup that don't use the trash can?
What about recycling glass?
What about recycling glass? We are very much in favor of more recycling, but please include glass.
What about tree branches? What size will recyclables bins be?
What about twigs, Christmas trees, etc. How does the recyclable garbage get picked up? Will these be 3 different trucks? More information on the recyclable would some paper not accepted, etc? Does all the other have to be wasted?
What about yard waste, tree branches?
What about grass clippings?
What an inconvenience
What are the recycle containers like? For recyclable categories costs of two more containers? How do we change container size to smaller? How do we change containers would that be 5 trips to street?
What are the rules for recycling cans and plastics? Are the collection points for grass clippings and leaves going to remain?
What are the size of the garbage bags that will correspond to the $1 - $1.75 pre paid tags?
What are the sizes of the two containers for recyclables. This is the first I've heard about this, have not received any other info except this insufficient explanation.
What are you talking about? We have never had a 95 gal container. The area we live in still has to buy our own cans. W have one 50 gallon can most of the time. Why are we paying 9.55/mo? Thing you better get everyone on the same program before you start something new.
What charges for empty / full boxes? Such as TV's, microwaves, usually larger then what goes into trash barrel.
What cities have done this? Has it worked? How much will it save on landfill room? More specific information .
What do or can be done with leaves, etc? Have no pick-up to haul them.
What do we do with our grass & leaves? We do not have a truck. We prefer the 65 gal container
What do we do with the recyclable containers when full? Does the city pick them up or do we have to dispose of them? How up a small can? What goes into each can? Alum, tin, plastic, paper, cardboard? What do we do with the 2nd can?
What do you do with grass clippings?
What does $1 - $1.75 / bag mean? My choice? How big are the recycle bins? What are the rules on plastic cans? Do we have to remove all of the paper? What about on holidays when pickup is delayed and we have extra garbage? Is there such a thing as recycle bags? I would be more willing to recycle with bags that are collected and taken away. I am opposed to have THREE garbage bins out in the street all day. I have to carry out 3 containers, and carry 3 container back in, plus where do we put all of these containers? And, will they be replaced every time the wind blows them around the neighborhood? In summary, based on our volume, there'd be no change in cost. So can't complain, just voicing my knee jerk thoughts.
What exactly are the extra bags for and are there bags or tags? What do the bins look like? Are they easily portable? How much more could this cost us?
What gallon size bags for the $1? We pay our bill automatic with credit card.
What goes into the extra garbage bags?
What happens to the current recyclers? Who will 'sort' the tin, aluminum, plastics? More personnel?
What happens when someone drops a bag of garbage in your driveway which is what just happened to us. If we don't have room then we are to pay for extra? That's not right.
What happens when someone steals the tags off of the bags when we put them out ahead of time because we are gone!! You should make it extra easy to "want" to recycle. We already recycle newspaper, plastic, and grass. Please don't do this. People who don't want to pay the extra will just misuse the system. - What are you going to have garbage police?
What happens when you have more recyclables that will fit into the 2 containers provided?
What happens when you start getting somebody else's garbage put next to yours because they don't want to pay the extra money for a tag.
What happens with branches and garden refuse?

What happens with cleanup weeks? Good idea.
what happens with extra garbage (trees, yard, debris, etc)
What if I already recycle. Will alley access change?
What if recyclables don't all fit in the containers each week?
What if you have trash cans in the alley shared another person.
What is the criteria for recyclables?
What is the size of container that I currently am using it is a city container the smaller one.
What is the size of the 2 recyclable containers? It would be nice to know this when one is considering their house and/or garage space.
What items are recyclable? Would pick-up of recycles be the same day as trash? Could a person have more than one container, but only be charged for both when both are needed? If not implemented would rate go up anyway? Would like to know more before I make a decision.
What now we are going to saddled with 3 garbage cans to clutter up our backyard! People who recycle already know where to take their garbage. And what is this nonsense about a "prepaid" tag. Now we have to make a trip to the grocery store to buy a tag if we have too much garbage. What a waste of energy and gas. Your job is to provide a service to us for a fee not come up with ways to cause more time and expense for people. This seems like another example of a poor thought out plan that will most likely cause a waste of time and money for your residents.
What other options has the city looked into?
What size are recycle containers how often are the recycle containers serviced.
What size are recycle containers? How often are they picked up weekly - biweekly? Are they enclosed containers?
What size are the containers for items to be recycled?
What size are the recyclable containers? You should have raised the 95 gal up and had 65 gal at 9.55
What size are the recycle containers? Do you need to separate the recyclables? We already recycle and still have an extra can full many weeks. Prepaid tags will be a big hassle.
What size containers for recyclables.
What sizes are the two recyclable containers? Will they be collected curbside? What two recyclables would be collected? What are we going to recycle glass? Has the city been collecting grass clippings curbside? I use the drop points. Will the $1-1.75 per bag apply to clippings? Will the city offer more than 2 cleanup weeks. I rarely set out garbage beyond what fits in the 95. I think PAYT will prompt more illegal dumping. I believe people will do anything to not purchase tags.
What will this cost? Have other communities had successful programs like this? How have they done?
What would happen to the large container that I have paid for? I'd like to see the container in the warehouse's size. I would be will to do the recycling.
What would prevent others from throwing their garbage on someone else's property to get out of paying and stiffing us or others with the bill?
What would the protocol be for bags of leaves? If we would have to buy the tags we'd rather there be dumpsters to deposit the leaves like there is for grass.
What? We aren't getting gouged enough???
What's going to keep your neighbor or someone from across town from throwing their garbage in someone else's pickup spot so they don't have to pay the extra charge. If you want the landfill to last many years for Bismarck, why do you take garbage from Lincoln? Stupid, stupid. And what is with the street light charge? I think it's getting a big lit out of land.
What's next?
What's next? A charge for inches of snow removal?
What's the charge for leaf & yard waste collection? Extra cardboard boxes that don't fit in a trash container? Hazardous Waste?
When can we start?! Thank you!
When I am gone for 6 months during the winter and I have no containers out, would my fee be zero? If not, I'm strongly opposed.
When is Bismarck going to support glass recycling? This could conserve precious landfill space as well.
When pickup is delayed for a holiday at normal pickup on Friday but moved to Monday….we would have to "pay" for the extra 3 days!!!!!!! NO
When will you start recycling glass? How will we get smaller cans? It all sounds good if you can get the word out to the people who don't recycle and let them know how easy it is.
Where do we "store" all these containers? How big are they? Weekly pickup of all three? No more recycle sites/
Where do we put containers? My garbage is full?
Where do you put three waste receptacles??
Where do you store these extra containers so it's not ugly to your home or invite mice? What about tearing labels off etc..? Those milk carton size containers not big enough. Try in Devils Lake and it cost more!
Where is a person supposed to put two more containers when the snow is piled up where the containers are supposed to go?

Where would the recyclable product go? Would it be sold and if so where would the money go?
While I support the recycling concepts, at my age I prefer to leave the garbage collection as it currently is. I do not like the idea of prepaid tags.
Who (and how) disposes of the recyclables and how often?
Who are you trying to fool? Are any of you elected positions?
Who is in charge of litter control? Bag fees will likely discourage residents from picking up discarded garbage in n effort to keep our city clean!
Who would pick up the recyclables? What about grass clippings.
Why are we charged $2 per month or "garbage charges" when we pay a private waste handler to haul our garbage?
Why couldn't we use our own garbage bags? Why would we have to get tags? We shouldn't have to buy tags. And if you are worried about filling our landfill why are we putting garbage from Linton in our landfill? You need to do more work on this.
Why does WM take all different plastics and only have one container? Why does Bismarck only take #1 and #2? The other types amount to the same or more volume as the 1 and 2 I would guess
Why fix something that is not broke. We recycle!
Why has my street/signal maintenance charge changed from 4.74 to 7.38.
Why isn't glass included with the recyclables? Just exactly what goes in the purchased extra garbage bags? There are 4 recyclable types listed for 2 containers - do you just mix them up or what?
Why let all of one good recyclables go to waste Bismarck is way behind other cities our size in the green areas.
Why make us pay more for less services. This is a tax without representation. We do not need more government in our lives.
Why not a recyclable container for each product 0 tin, aluminum, plastic & paper
Why recycle? Seriously. We would need "hard" factual data supporting how recycling favorably impacts anyone or anything .
Why would I want to be held hostage to work for the city even after paying the bill for free so I can collect and redeem the recyclables I am already doing it and benefitting.
Why would we need a total of 3 garbage cans? In Phoenix they have 2 - looks crazy now as people have them in front of houses. I know it’s coming to this, but paying garbage will lead to bigger increases in grass dumpsters, etc.
Why you just want to charge us more.
Will all #1-7 now be recycled? When will recycled be picked up? Will the recycle container be on wheels with a cover like garbage? What tree limbs/yard waste - still bundle and tie or tag?
Will be able to also recycle office paper, other types of cardboard and additional plastics beyond that accepted now at the drop off sites?
Will bundled tree branches be picked up?
Will collection centers continue for tin, paper, etc. I already sort 4 items so how will this save landfill space?
Will glass container be recycled.
Will I be charged for grass?
Will know better after it's tried.
Will not be home to accept 2 recyclable containers about may 1
Will people be forced to separate plastics? Will fines be applied if you don't?
Will people have to pay for grass and leaves in summer and Christmas trees? They might dump them in a ditch or elsewhere if they have to haul away. At $1.75 a bag for grass could get quite expensive for some people.
Will residents be able to use their own purchased elsewhere garbage bags instead of one’s sold by the city? And what size garbage bags would be permitted to accompany the prepaid tags the city will be selling? What size are the recyclable containers? This recycling effort is long overdue. It’s about time the capitol city did it too! I have family in other parts of ND recycling more than Bismarck does now. Would all plastics be accepted?
Will stores be compensated for handling stamps? Please address. ..Will public works employees pick up containers or do citizens empty them?
Will the city pick up the recycle containers? And will you continue with cleanup weeks?
Will the dump continue to be free to residents? Will the city continue to offer grass clipping dump sites? I'm glad to see a recycling program coming.
Will the recyclable containers also have wheels
Will the recyclables container be picked up once a month or now after? Great idea - I hope the people support it!!!
Will there be info as to what plastics etc. are recyclable?
Will there still be a spring-fall clean up day, because if not it might be a deal breaker.
Will there still be fall and spring clean-up weeks?

Will there still be spring/fall cleanup week at no charges? Will the landfill still be available at no charge for city residents? Are there any possibilities of discounts/graces for larger family--ours is 7 people
Will this lead to people dumping in each other's garbage or business garbage.
Will we be charged for clean up week? Would not buy a prepaid tag for garbage. Already paid lg can fee for my small can.
Will you still pick up branches tied in bundles? Does everything need to fit into a bag? Will you only accept certain types/sizes of bags? Does color of bags matter?
Willing to try
Wish you would find an outlet for glass. Am presently taking glass to Fargo when visiting family.
With 8 people it is nearly impossible to only have one garbage container even with recycling, which I take to work with me. I see it costing me a lot more money.
With a big family, there are times we have an excess of garbage for 1 week-- this could cost us a fortune. If you do this maybe you should at not charging to go to the dump yourself if you already pay for service at your house; just bring your current bill as proof to dump for free.
With my limited information and knowledge of the proposal, I "support" it. After learning more about it I may "strongly support" it.
With small st has no container how will that work.
With small street has no container how will that work!
With the taxes and fees paid who comes out ahead? Sure isn't the taxpayer
With winter weather so many months it's different to put out extra containers and we do recyclables magazines and papers.
without any information about overall costs, hassles of 3 garbage cans and additional fees how and able or decide
Wonderful!
Worth trying
Would 65 or 35 gal container work with the new pickup arm trucks?? You mention to recycle metal and paper….what about glass?? Conserve landfill space then incinerate the trash and generate electricity!!
Would all recyclables items be picked up?
Would all type of plastic and cardboard be accepted would the city puck up flow force mandatory pickup cleanup, one have a pickup to haul. End up cleaning neighbor leaves. Have up to 40 bags in one season would one person have to pay you while neighborhood.
Would also like the ability to be billed monthly for extra recyclable containers. Also hope this beings soon, Bismarck is way behind on recycling program.
Would also support 95 gal container but only pick up every 2 weeks and then lower the price.
Would appreciate a change to 65 gal container asap. We never fill the 95 gal container because we recycle as much as possible. Would like to be able to recycle glass
Would be helpful to know how large the recycle containers are
would be in favor of recyclable containers
Would be interested in smaller gal container. Strongly agree that anything
Would be interested in the recycling but opposed to the extra charge for additional bags.
Would be nice to know the accepted capacity of the prepaid extra garbage b bags for 1-1.75/bag. Also - could resident change container size at a later date? What is capacity of recyclable containers.
Would be ok if there is alley pickup.
Would be willing to try this as it helps the environment.
Would city of Bismarck take/pickup recyclable items? Would there be extra charge for cleanup weeks?
Would definitely welcome recyclable containers
Would each bag of yard debris cost $1-$1.75 Would this encourage people to throw those in their dumpsters? If a person keeps the largest receptacle would each bag still cost $1?
would encourage illegal dumping
Would gladly use 2 recyclable containers!
Would go to a smaller container. Love the recycle container idea.
Would grass clippings cost $1 $1.75 / bag?
Would have to have more info
Would I be able to use the large or not depending on my garbage amount?
Would large items be picked up such as tree branches also would apartments need a container for each unit?

would like a smaller container 65 gal
Would like more info on summertime trash (twigs, lawns…) can it still be bundled and placed at the curb with prepaid tag? What is the cost?
Would like more information about the two recycle containers
Would like more questions answered.
Would like more recyclables to be included in the ability to recycle
Would like the spring clean up and tall clean up for items not suitable for regular garbage pick up
Would like to get recyclable containers
Would like to hear more about it.
Would like to know if I'd have everything picked up or if we'd have to deliver ourselves to the dumps .
Would like to know price of pre-paid tag. Also would we have to take the recycling somewhere or would you pick it up weekly?
Would like to recycle though
Would like to see glass recycled
Would like to see glass recycled as well.
Would like to see recycling be more convenient than it is now .
Would like to see recycling program get going.
Would like to see the robot garbage pickup in the whole city and no alley pick up. Also, glass recycling needed
Would love curb recycling again!
Would love more options for recycling household paper/cardboard and plastics. Also glass
Would love the recyclable containers.
Would love this program!
Would love to have curbside recycling. Glass recycling is desperately needed in the community. If I had to choose between plastic or glass, I'd choose glass.
Would need more info.
would need more information about it
Would not be opposed, but need more info.
Would other recyclables be added in the future? Such as glass, all plastics, cereal boxes, milk & juice containers, all paper?
Would our current recycling locations still be available for dropping stuff off.
would prefer to keep as is
Would probably support with little more info.
Would Public Works Dept also pick up the recyclable containers or does the homeowner have to empty them?
Would rather pay and extra monthly fee for curbside recycling and keep a flat fee for garbage pickup.
Would really appreciate having the two containers for recyclables - I think that is a good idea.
Would recyclables be picked up?
Would residents be able to upgrade to large container if smaller container wasn't adequate
Would support a recyclable program but do not support additional garbage charge
Would support a small fee increase monthly for any and all recycle.
Would support if it would lead to more stable or lower long range costs. It looks to me like this could be a different program to administer and operate equitable
Would the 2 recycle containers be labeled on would be paper one would be tin/plastics?
Would the city also pick up the contents of the recyclable containers?
Would the city pick up the recyclables? The cost difference is not a big incentive to utilize this program?
Would the city then pick up the recycled items on our normal garbage pickup days?
Would the new system cost more? Don't know enough about the program to make an informed decision. I'm ok with the current system and $9.55 / mo we don't recycle anything except cardboard now.

Would the recyclable containers be picked up with the garbage or am I responsible to empty them on my own?
Would the recyclable dumpster still be available? Will you specify the size of the tags? Is the tag for information only or do we literally prepay? I could use a smaller container for garbage - maybe a 35 gal.
Would the recycle containers be picked up each week or only as needed?
Would the spring and fall clean up week continue? Or would this be fee based as well? For the average person this would be fine but what about larger families?
Would the two recyclable containers be for aluminum, tin, plastic.
Would the two recycle bins be picked up on the trash days or is it our responsibility to take to the bins.
Would the wind blow recyclable continuers around? Street light too costly, don't work half the time
Would there be opportunities such as cleanup week without extra charges? I support the recycling, will this cause problems with more people trying to dump over extra garbage at business locations or public locations such as at parks to avoid extra garbage at business locations or public locations such as at state parks to avoid extra charges, or maybe even other neighborhood garbage's. Is keeping track of extra bags time efficient for your employees?
Would there still be recycling centers for grass and large recycling?
Would this eliminate the recycling sites?
Would this save me money? We have a duplex but use the whole house ourselves but are charged double for 21 g cans that we seldom both fill.
Would we be able to mix any recyclables together in the 2 containers or separate?
Would we put 3 containers out each time/or put recyclable containers, out just when full? What about small branches, tied in bundles? I like to recycle and do it when possible.
Would we still be able to drop stuff off at the dump for no charge? How easy would it be to change the size of our garbage container?
Would we still have a spring & Fall cleanup at no cost?
Would we still have free clean-up weeks
Would welcome having curbside recycling
Would yard waste be incorporated into a composting option.
Would you have to pay a fee to take grass clippings etc to the dump?
Would you include plastics 1 - 7 & higher? Would you include magazines? What about bundled branches? Is that more? We're getting older & trips to the landfill with branches, paints, poisons, oil, elec. Things, computers, etc. gets more difficult.
Would you pick up recycle container.
Would you put aluminum one bag, tin another, plastic separate in the recyclable container? Also divide the paper & cardboard? Using grocery bags or whatever?
Would you still continue spring & fall clean up week?
Would you still have clean up days 2x per year for free? What about compost sites? I would also like more info on when you have items such as twigs. It is my understanding today that as long as you bundle them up they will be collected. How would something like that work? Obviously, with a family of 5, the large dumpster is pretty much always full. IF you were to do any tree trimming, these wouldn't to fit in one of the bags you can purchase. If you dumpster is full this would be problematic. Other than that< I don't really see any concerns with the program.
WTF
Yes, I've been waiting for this for years! We generate very little garbage and recycle all we can. I actually pay 19.10/mo because of my additional unit. Would this mean we could pay just the one price for one container?
yes, let's recycle
Yes, we like curbside recycling even if the costs come out of the garbage rates. Worth it to get more persons to recycle
You already nickel and dime us to death.
You already raised the fee for street lights, sewer & water. Consider following Obama's suggestions and apply a freeze to rate increases
You are going to have a lot of garbage in ditches, people putting trash in other people's containers
You are paid to perform a service. Budget cut backs come first and salary freezes.
You bill me for two units in my name.
You charge for extra use, but no refund for weeks when you are on vacation that you don't use the trash pickup. The inconvenience of buying prepaid tags is huge. I don't have that kind of time. I think it would be a bad choice.
You do realize, that you will never control population. They will just change the manner, that they do things. You can make it as you have to throw out material goods. Then they will just dump it in the country. Now you have landfills in every farm yard of America. Does that make you feel good. Regulations do not stop the population from doing things. It does make dump/ignorant people feel good! I have lived in ME, Denver, Greeley, Tucson, anchorage, man, WI, Bismarck ND. In all these locations one is common to all! Waste management Co. This group/corp. is liken to the black plague. Let it into your house and death will come to all that you know. I would fight the existence of them as part of our land fill, like I would a terrorist in our country. You can all the B.S. you want to, but this is a waste management proposal.

You guys are charging too much.
You have not addressed the issue of picking up grass clippings, leaves, or bundled branches. Not everyone owns a pickup or suv or is young and strong enough to be able to somehow get these items to a recycle center. How much is that going to cost? $1 to $1.75 per bag? How big are the extra recyclable containers? I believe that if you want Bismarck's neighbors to be clean and well kept up, you need to assist the seniors and others without vehicles to haul stuff by collecting as you do now. If conserving landfill space is a problem, then quit accepting garbage from other towns!
You have to be kidding. I oppose this measure strongly .
You may want to eliminate or postpone the prepaid tag for extra garbage in order to get more citizens to begin recycling . We actually use the current recycle system and it serves us well. Most of our neighbors don't recycle.
You need some public meetings to inform and get input!! How big are these recyclable containers? We currently use our 4 plastic, alum, tin, paper, and cardboard and haul collection site. You are creating a problem, people will get a small container and dump the rest of their garbage along a road some place.
You need to add glass to the list of recyclables. Our family is taking our glass to either Fargo or grand forks when we travel it can be recycled.
You need to make grass more user-friendly. I can't lift anything over my head.
You tried it once before. Need to see more about it.
You will force people to store garbage until following week. RE taxes are high enough to support current unlimited garbage pickup. I do favor the recycle part of the proposal. What about yard waste, esp. tree branches & other than grass clippings.
You will have more illegal dumping if someone chooses a smaller container and cannot fit their garbage in. Look what gets dumped in the recycle bins around town.
Younger neighbors have twice as much garbage sticking out of one can
Your billing in the future is only an estimate? Nothing wrong with the way it is now . NO PREPAID. Will take 2 recyclable containers. Good thing will do.
Your fee structure should allow for pick up of extra garbage bags period and keep this process simple.
Your street light charges are getting out of control.
You're not going make the public have less garbage and it isn't going to change the land fill. I can't see a positive side to this at all.