



UP Solid Waste Forum City of Ironwood Recycling April 14, 2016

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1994 – 1999 Residential Refuse Contract

- ˆ 1994 – New refuse contract – unlimited use (Superior Waste)
- ˆ **\$8.75/month**
- ˆ Neighboring communities on a bag system
- ˆ Problems with area residents and businesses
 - ˆ Neighboring residents and businesses weekly brought refuse to Ironwood
 - ˆ Weekly refuse tonnage increased
 - ˆ Superior Waste met with Ironwood City Commission



1999 & 2004 Residential Refuse Contract

- ˆ 1999 – New refuse contract included a curb side limit of 3 – 33 gallon cans (Waste Management)
 - ˆ \$1 sticker in excess
- ˆ 2004 – New refuse contract included a curb side limit of 2 – 33 gallon cans (Waste Management)
 - ˆ \$1 sticker in excess
 - ˆ Recycling drop sites at 4 City of Ironwood locations
 - ˆ Limited to cardboard and glass
 - ˆ 1 day each spring designated community garbage drop off day



2009 Residential Refuse Contract

- ˆ 2009 – New refuse contract 2 – 33 gallon cans (JB Disposal)
- ˆ **\$13.05/month**
 - ˆ \$1 sticker in excess
 - ˆ Recycling drop sites at 4 City of Ironwood locations
 - ˆ Limited to cardboard and glass
 - ˆ 2 community garbage drop off days (spring and fall)
- ˆ Recycling issues
 - ˆ Paid by City of Ironwood residents only
 - ˆ Some containers filled weekly (area businesses using containers)



2014 Residential Refuse Contract

- ˆ 2014 – New refuse contract 2 – 33 gallon cans (Eagle Waste and Recycling)
 - ˆ 3 year contract instead of 5
 - ˆ Eagle Waste agreed to drop off 1 – 64 gallon container per residence for automatic pick-up
- ˆ **\$10.02/month**
 - ˆ Recycling drop sites at 4 City of Ironwood locations
 - ˆ Single stream recycling / certain sites continued to fill up weekly
 - ˆ %50 weekly garbage were recyclable



Residential Curbside Recycling

- ˆ 2015 – City of Bessemer contracted with Eagle Waste for curb-side refuse and recycling
- ˆ 2015 – City of Ironwood switched to curb-side recycling (Eagle Waste)
 - ˆ Extended the contract 2 more years
- ˆ **\$11.74/month**
 - ˆ Eagle Waste dropped off 1 – 96 gallon container to each residence/agreed to drop off more if needed (picked up every other Friday)
 - ˆ Recycling containers removed from area recycling sites
 - ˆ Complaints from local businesses and residents from Hurley, Ironwood Township, Ewen, Bruce Crossing, and Ontonagon



Thoughts...

- ˆ A small number of residents are against recycling and also for recycling
- ˆ If the service is available, many residents will recycle
- ˆ Weekly garbage can is 50% full and recycling container %50 full
 - ˆ Residents will use ½ of their bags if on a bag system
- ˆ Some UP residents traveled miles to recycle
- ˆ Cost of recycling will be based on the ability to transport and process the recycling (i.e. Location of the recycling site, Eagle River, WI)