

# Universal Organics Subscription – Multi-Family Sector

## Highlights of a Possible Program

### Presentation to Seattle City Council SPUN Committee 8/10/2010

1. Less than ½ of MF accounts (and much less than ½ of MF units) have food and yard service available.
2. 19,000 tons/yr of organics still being disposed in MF garbage.
3. In 2009, Seattle began requiring most single family households to subscribe to food and yard service. Council is now considering expanding this requirement to apartments and condos. This would require ordinance action by Council – perhaps in November, 2010?
4. If legislated in November, 2010, SPU would recommend an effective date of September, 2011 for this new subscription requirement.
5. Landlords/condo associations would need to subscribe to at least a minimum level of organics service. There are 2 SPU program options as well as private options. The legislation would expand services to apartment tenants, but *would not* require them to separate food from garbage.
6. SPU recommends exemptions based on lack of available space or other unique considerations that prohibits them from successfully participating as verified by SPU staff.
7. No strong negative reaction from stakeholders contacted by by CM O'Brien's office.
8. \$250 k more budget/revenue would be required than what is in Mayor's proposal
9. Per tenant costs would vary based on # of units in building, the service option selected, the minimum subscription level, and whether or not there was compensating garbage savings. (See table.)

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### Examples of Potential Garbage and Food/Yard Bills for Apartments/Condos

Building Size	Likely Garbage Bill	Likely Food Waste (FW) Cart Bill <i>(for weekly pickup)</i>	Potential Cost Impact per Unit	Appx Buildings Already Signed-up
15 units	\$225/mo (2 yard dumpster, weekly)	\$6/mo (32 gallon <u>curb</u> cart) \$25/mo (32 gallon <u>on-site</u> cart)	\$15/mo for Garbage \$0.40/mo for <u>curb</u> FW cart or \$1.65/mo for <u>on-site</u> FW	60%
30 units	\$365/mo (4 yard dumpster, weekly)	\$6/mo (32 gallon <u>curb</u> cart) \$48/mo (64 gallon curb cart)	\$12/mo for Garbage \$0.20/mo for <u>curb</u> FW cart or \$1.60/mo for <u>on-site</u> FW	40%
75 units	\$1090/mo (4 yard dumpster, 3x/week)	\$8/mo (96 gallon <u>curb</u> cart) \$56/mo (96 gallon <u>on-site</u> cart)	\$15/mo for Garbage \$0.10/mo for <u>curb</u> FW cart or \$0.75/mo for <u>on-site</u> FW	25%
<i>Notes</i>		<i>Buildings can choose FW service:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Low cost <u>curb</u> service with customer rolling out cart</i></li> <li>- <i><u>On-site</u> service with driver retrieving cart</i></li> <li>- <i>Private collectors</i></li> </ul>	<i>Some buildings garbage bill could be reduced as they divert more food recyclables.</i>	<i>Many buildings already have carts for yard debris and are beginning to use for food scraps.</i>

# Every Other Week Garbage Collection Highlights of a Possible Pilot Program in 2011

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1. 34,000 tons/yr of organics/recyclables still being disposed in SF garbage.
2. Pilot would help inform City consideration in 2012 of potential every other week service for 2013. Pilot results could determine:
  - a. What is the correct rate structure to avoid over-recovery and under-recovery of solid waste revenue from the single family sector? Pilot will test 2 different rate structures.
  - b. Whether there are important differences in the performance of this system in ethnically diverse neighborhoods vs. majority neighborhoods.
  - c. Degree to which recycling/composting diversion rates increase under EOW collection
  - d. General acceptance and feasibility of the system.
3. Would require ordinance action by Council for temporary customer rates – February/March, 2011
4. If temporary rates legislated by March, 2011, SPU would recommend that the pilot should run June 2011 to mid-January 2012.
5. Would recommend involving about 400- 800 households. Would also recommend a flat amount participant credit.
6. Pilot expenses are estimated to be \$350k - an additional expense beyond what is in the Mayor's solid waste rate proposal.