

## Donna Conkling

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**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 20, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** Donna Conkling  
**Subject:** Fw: waste removal from residences is already mediocre

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**From:** Emily Gilman <elgilman1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 14, 2018 8:13 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** waste removal from residences is already mediocre

Dear Mr. Mayor,

I feel that it would be a decline in our quality of life if Scarsdale residents were required to place all trash at the end of our driveways. We are in our sixties and still physically capable of taking trash to the curb so it is not out of inability or laziness that we find this repugnant, but the fact is that trash pick up at the curb has a deleterious aesthetic effect on our neighborhoods. If new efforts succeed by the sanitation department to ask residents to take trash to the curb the town will take on a "trashy", urban look, similar to New Rochelle, and no longer look lovely and bucolic. Also, I now have great neighbors who are good, law abiding people, but even they get their scheduled pick up days wrong, put out excessive numbers of trash receptacles and fail to manage their recycling trash in a way that is not offensive. What more can I say? I think that if you cannot cover the new demands of picking up trash and recycling under the existing rules, then charge people for their excess waste, but please do not ask us to drag it to the curb and make our town look like a dirty city.

Once per week pick up of regular garbage NOT AT THE CURB is a better solution if you have to cut back. Again, it is a substandard solution right now having people bring their messiness to the curb. I am not even convinced that the recycling materials are properly disposed of by the town on a commercial basis. I think that we make lots of noise and efforts to separate our garbage and yet, I don't believe that it is treated any differently than if we didn't segregate recycled paper, plastics and metal. I hope you can enlighten me on that and reassure me that the town actually makes sure that our waste is recycled. I feel that you have done a poor job of following up with citizens as to the arrangements made by the town and waste integrators.

As for food waste, we have tried to be more effective but quite frankly I couldn't deal with going to the town dump weekly to drop off 3 pounds of soggy food waste so I don't even try anymore to do that.

As I have always explained to my contractors and household help, “Scarsdale expects everything tied up in a nice package with a blue bow on top, just like Tiffany’s.” I abide but I am not interested in doing anymore work that my taxes used to pay for.

Thanks for listening.

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