

**Comments to the Municipal Service Committee of the Village Board,**  
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I am a 25-year Scarsdale resident, living in the Overhill neighborhood. I'm speaking for myself tonight, but our neighborhood association will be taking up this subject at its next meeting.

I am very concerned about environmental damage and degradation, which has accelerated alarmingly in our lifetimes. And although thinking about solutions for solid waste may not sound as compelling as, say, saving polar bears, we know by now that everything is interconnected. We know we can divert some of the solid waste each household generates so it doesn't all end up in a toxic and wasteful landfill. Through measures like food waste composting and recycling glass, metal, plastics and paper, and now textiles and potentially even furniture, we really can make a change that could well help that polar bear.

I think that over the years since Scarsdale has been recycling, it's become second nature to do so, and I think we are ready for this next step we are discussing tonight. In my household, two weeks between pickups of commingled recycling is too long, as we're overflowing our bin by then. In the meantime, we have less and less "real" garbage because we participate in the food scrap program, so twice a week pickup doesn't even seem necessary any more. I enthusiastically support the idea of once-a-week pickup of food scraps and commingled recyclables (and trash), and I appreciate the openness to consideration of this idea being shown by the Department of Public Works and the Village Board.

I would prefer pickup to be from the back yard, but if that is not fiscally feasible, then I support curbside pickup.

It seems to me that we have a chance to make a difference here, to be "part of the solution," and that we should take it.