

## Recycling schedule idea

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Hi there,

I'm a new resident of Scarsdale and have been engaging in a discussion on the Scarsdale Buzz Facebook group about the recycling schedule. A lot of members expressed a desire for more frequent once-weekly recycling pickups. Obviously, additional service comes with additional cost, so instead of just asking whether people would like weekly recycling (which is easy to say yes to), we polled: would you prefer 2x/week trash + 1x every 2 weeks recycling (status quo) OR 1x/week trash + 1x/week recycling? Overwhelmingly, almost 2/3 of respondents (119 so far) indicated that they would like 1x/week recycling even at the cost of having only 1x/week trash. (And even among the minority 1/3 who voted for status quo, many explained they wanted weekly recycling *and* 2x trash.) See survey below. Another idea that was suggested was residents being willing to bring out their trash/recycling to the curb and/or break down boxes to improve efficiency of the pickup if it allowed for weekly recycling.

My sense is that in the past the current schedule was probably optimal, but with changing consumption habits over the last few years - particularly the rise of eCommerce - the volume of recycling demand has grown relative to that of trash.

I'm sure there are many considerations in an issue like this but wanted to share this data point with you. I hope this is helpful.

Regards,  
Matt



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If you had to choose between the following options on garbage and recycling pickup schedules, which would you prefer?

Status quo: 2x/week garbage + once every 2 weeks recycling pickups 36% >



Change: 1x per week garbage + 1x per week recycling pickups 64% >



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119 Votes 8 comments