# Trash & Recycling Collection Program Update

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### Overview of the contract

- Approved 5 year contract –with
  Waste Management, starting July 1<sup>st</sup>
- Automated Trash Collection -64 gallon cart
  - Plus Allowed 1 "Bulky item" per week
- Automated Recycling 96 gallon cart
  - "Single Stream" all recyclable items mixed
- Collection of Yard Waste No change
- Christmas Tree Collection 2 weeks only
- CRT's and Appliances No change



# Looking at the numbers How we are doing

#### FY18

- Trash 7,326 tons
  (1,478 lbs. per dwelling)
- Recycling 2,118 tons (427 lbs. per dwelling)
  - 3 cardboard events
  - 2 recycling days
- Bulky Unlimited
- Christmas Trees part of trash

#### FY19

- 6,252 tons **17.2% reduction** (1,261 lbs. per dwelling)
- 2,485 tons 17.3% increase (501 lbs. per dwelling)
  - 6 cardboard events
  - 2 recycling days
- 4,566 items called in
- 277 cubic yards (estimated 2,500 trees)

\*Over Flow Bags sold to date 15,430

### Continued Improvements Resident Comments and Questions

- We answer every call
- We consider every suggestion and complaint
- We make adjustments where possible & add events for demand
- We make accommodations for individual accessibility issues

Our Goals:

- Make sure our residents are getting the best service possible.
- Streamline routes and improve service
- Monitor markets for recycled goods and adjust as required

Thank you for your feedback, support and patience so that we may better serve the residents of Belmont