

RESOLUTION NO. 956 -R

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CITY OF TROUTDALE YARD  
DEBRIS PLAN.**

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Service District has been designated by the State of Oregon as the responsible jurisdiction for solid waste planning; and,

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Service District has developed a Regional Solid Waste Reduction Plan for the Metropolitan region; and,

WHEREAS, the regional plan requires local cities to implement a yard debris recycling plan by July 1, 1992; and,

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 309 establishing a franchise agreement between Edwin O. Ege, Inc. and the City of Troutdale prescribes rate changes to be accomplished by Resolution; and,

WHEREAS, This resolution prescribes rate changes as stated in the City of Troutdale Yard Debris Recycling Plan.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TROUTDALE THAT:**

The City of Troutdale hereby adopts the May 12, 1992 City of Troutdale Yard Debris Recycling Program and the rate changes as stated.

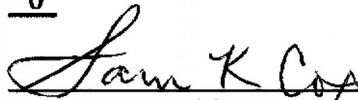
**ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE THIS**

12 DAY OF MAY, 1992

YEAS: 4

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0



Sam K. Cox, Mayor

DATED: May 12, 1992

ATTEST:

  
Valerie J. Raglione, CMC  
City Recorder

**City of Troutdale  
Yard Debris Recycling  
Program**

**May 12, 1992**

## **PARTICIPATION**

All residential garbage customers in the City of Troutdale shall be required to participate in the Yard Debris Recycling Program. Residents of the City of Troutdale who are not customers may also participate in the Yard Debris Recycling Program on a voluntary basis. Residents of the City of Troutdale who become Certified Home Composters will be exempt from the collection of yard debris at the curb.

## **COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

Yard debris will be collected weekly at the curb. Yard debris will be collected on the same day of the week that the customer's solid waste (garbage) is collected.

## **YARD DEBRIS RECYCLING SERVICE OPTIONS**

1. 32 gallon can provided by customer (60 lbs. maximum)
2. 60 gallon roller cart provided by the hauler (120 lbs. maximum)
3. Yard debris extras: 32 gallon can (60 lbs. maximum) or Kraft yard debris bag (60 lbs maximum)
4. Home Composter Exemption Certification

- The 60 gallon roller carts will be of uniform size, shape and color as designated by the City of Troutdale.

- Customers using the 32 gallon can service will be required to identify the can as a yard debris recycling container with materials provided by the hauler. Yard debris recycling container shall not be used for any other type of collection.

- Customers certified as Exempted Home Composters will be required to place identification (provided by the hauler) on their container used for normal solid waste (garbage) collection.

## **PROGRAM COSTS**

\$3.35 per month for 32 gallon service

\$5.50 per month for 60 gallon roller cart service

\$25.00 Home Composter Certification Fee

\$10.00 Annual Home Composter Recertification Fee

## MONTHLY COLLECTION RATES

20 gallon can	\$11.50	Home Composter
	\$14.85	32 gallon yard debris service
	\$17.00	60 gallon yard debris service
32 gallon can	\$14.50	Home Composter
	\$17.85	32 gallon yard debris service
	\$20.00	60 gallon yard debris service
Roller cart	\$19.00	Home Composter
	\$22.35	32 gallon yard debris service
	\$24.50	60 gallon yard debris service
Extras	\$ 2.50	32 gallon can or a yard debris bag

## NON-CUSTOMER PARTICIPATION

City of Troutdale residents who are not garbage customers of Troutdale's hauler may participate in the Yard Debris Recycling Program on a voluntary basis. The cost will be \$1.00 greater than the monthly fee for a customer. Non-customers participating must subscribe to the service for an entire year and must be paid for in advance. The charge for the program to a non-customer is as follows:

32 gallon yard debris service	\$52.20 per yr.
60 gallon yard debris service	\$78.00 per yr.

## EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

The City of Troutdale is responsible for all education and promotion of the Yard Debris Recycling Program.

## YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION EVENTS

Two yard debris collection events, spring and fall, will supplement the yard debris collection program to handle larger woody wastes. This will be funded by a user pay system. It is not reasonable to ask rate payers who subscribe to the curbside collection program to fund programs for those customers who receive exemptions.

## HOME COMPOSTER AND LAWN MAINTENANCE EXEMPTION PROGRAM

The primary goal of the Yard Debris Recycling Program is to divert yard debris from the landfill and to ensure that the yard debris is being disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

Recognizing that an important component of a Yard Debris Recycling Program is home composting, the Troutdale plan will include provisions that will accommodate residents who choose to home compost. Residents who are certified as home composters will be exempted from payment of the yard debris collection portion of their garbage bill. In addition, residents who contract for lawn maintenance service may be exempted if the company is approved by the City and recycles or disposes of the debris at a facility that recycles. All customers will receive information about the curbside yard debris collection and the home composter exemption prior to implementation of the program.

Following is a description of the proposed Home Composter Exemption Program.

### I. APPLICATION\CERTIFICATION

- If customers home compost their yard debris or use a lawn maintenance service, they may make a request to the City for exemption from the Curbside Yard Debris Collection Program. A fee of \$25.00 will be charged each applicant. The fee will cover staff time necessary to, process each application including record keeping, notification to haulers for billing purposes, and a site inspection. It is estimated that one hour will be required to process each new application. An annual recertification fee of \$10.00 will be charged for a simple site inspection to certify that the home composter is still composting at an adequate level.
- To keep administration costs at a minimum, the customer must apply for the exemption during the first two months after the program is implemented; thereafter, applications or requests for renewal will be accepted on a yearly basis. New customers may apply when they sign up for service.
- Customers may elect to change their status from a composting exemption to curbside yard debris collection anytime during the year; however, they may not change back to the composting exemption until the open application period.

- City staff will work with each applicant request to determine if the request qualifies for the exemption. Reviews will include an on-site visit to determine if the customer has an environmentally sound and working composting process.

- Once the customer's composting process is verified, the customer will be granted an exemption from curbside collection of yard debris and will not be charged that portion of the solid waste collection bill that is designated for the yard debris program. The City will notify the haulers which customers qualify for the program.

- To ensure that the customer understands the exemption requirements, he/she will be asked to sign an agreement acknowledging the requirements of the program and agreeing not to place yard debris in the garbage can; to properly maintain the composting pile so that it does not create a nuisance (odors, scattering of debris, fire hazard, unsightliness, rats or other pests, etc.). In addition, the customer will agree that yard waste will not be disposed of in a landfill or illegally dumped.

- Customers who utilize a lawn maintenance service may qualify for an exemption. The company providing the service must demonstrate to the City's satisfaction that the customer's yard debris is disposed of at a yard debris recycling facility.

- Home composter stickers will be issued to qualified customers, who will place the sticker on their regular garbage can so the hauler will know this customer does not participate in the collection program

## II. PROGRAM MONITORING

- Program monitoring is based on the assumption that the majority of the customers who qualify for the program are concerned about the environment and will be responsible participants in the program.

- If yard debris is discovered in the garbage can, the hauler will take the debris, but will leave a notice for the customer. The hauler will notify the City of the name, address and day of pickup. The City will contact the customers reminding them of their agreement.

- If subsequent violations are noted, the City will have the authority to inspect the can before collection and if yard debris is found the customer will be notified that they are no longer eligible for the program and the yard debris collection charge will be added to their garbage bill.

- The agreement will specifically state the procedure for discontinuing a customers exemption status.

- If the City receives nuisance complaints regarding the composting pile, the customers will be contacted and reminded of their agreement, and will be given a specified amount of time to correct the problem. If the problem is not corrected, the City will notify the hauler to add the yard debris collection charge to the garbage bill. At that time the complaint will be referred to the Community Development Office for nuisance abatement.

- It is recommended that Troutdale form an agreement with the cities of Gresham, Wood Village, and Fairview to cooperatively contract with a temporary person once or twice a year to work with all exempted customers to ensure that their compost pile is an environmentally sound and working process. Depending upon the number of customers that participate in the program, this task should require no more than four weeks employment. The application fee could be used to fund this portion of the program.

### III. EDUCATION AND PROMOTION

- Customers applying for Home Composter Certification will receive information on how to start and maintain a composting system. All residential customers will have access to this information and will be encourage to visit Metro's Home Composting Demonstrating sites. Customers will also be given information on Metro's Home Composting Workshops.