

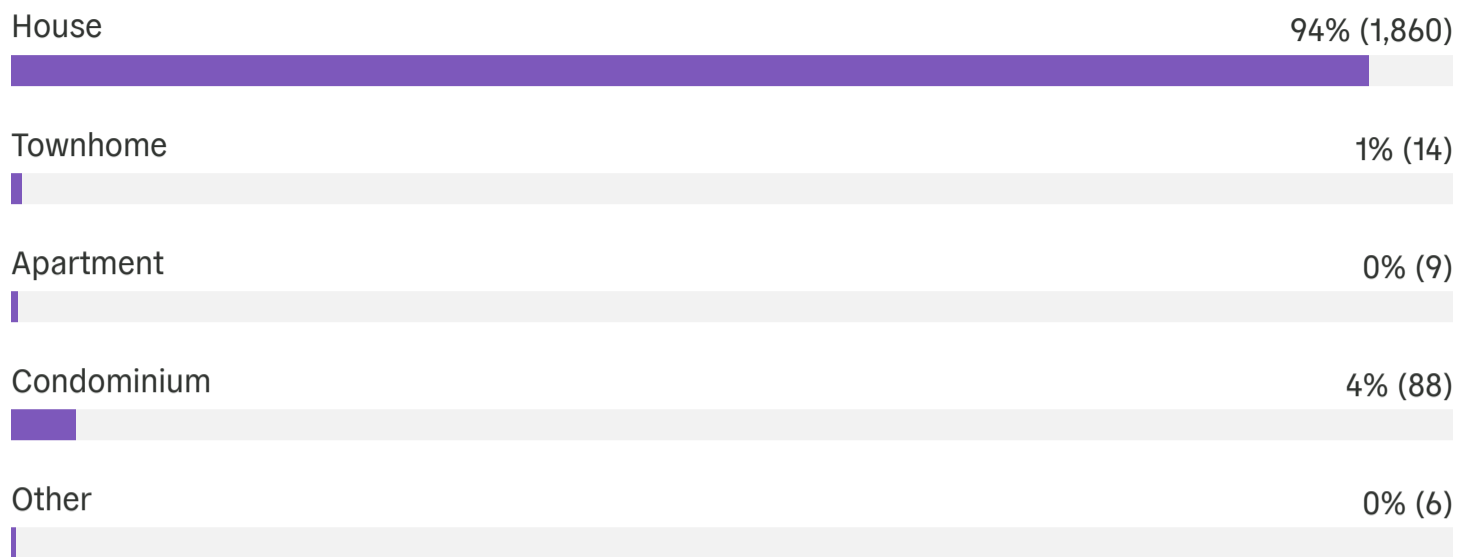


Curbside Collection Survey

Survey Results
FINAL

08/16/2023

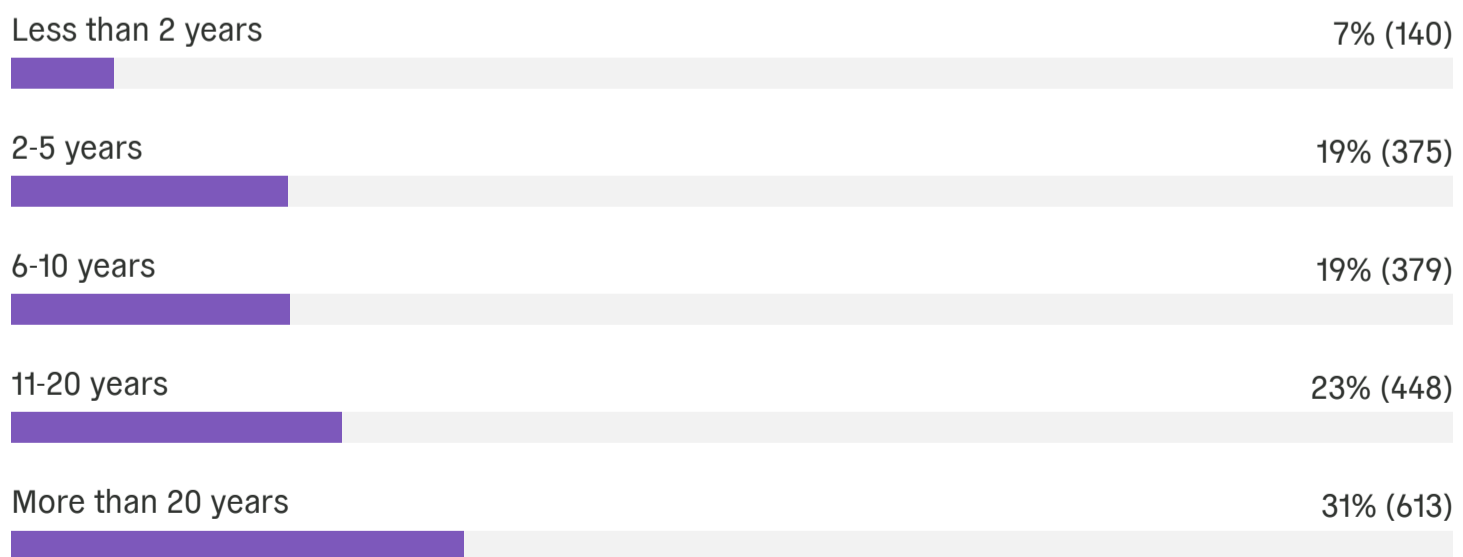
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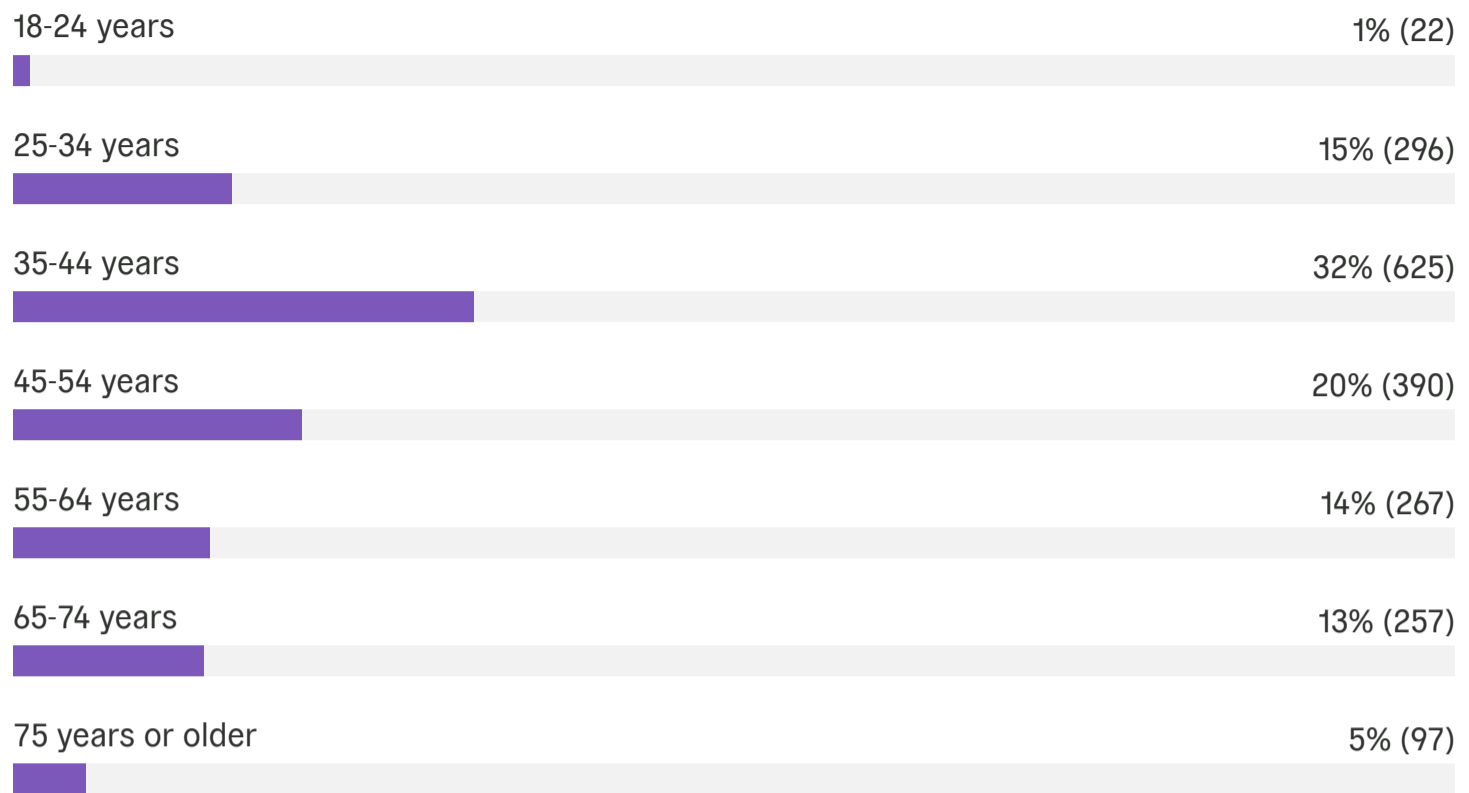
If you chose Other, what type of dwelling unit do you live in?



How many years have you lived in Marion?



In which category is your age?



Please indicate to what extent you would support City garbage, recycling and yard waste curbside collection services...

Question	Strongly Support	Somewhat Support	Somewhat Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Unsure
Transitioning from manual collection to automated collection.	60%	21%	5%	4%	10%
Having a larger garbage container to hold additional bags instead of purchasing extra bag tags.	72%	16%	5%	5%	2%
Providing larger or multiple recycling carts and transitioning to bi-weekly recycling collection.	33%	25%	15%	22%	6%
Offering a curbside vacuum leaf collection program in addition to curbside yard waste collection.	48%	24%	6%	8%	15%

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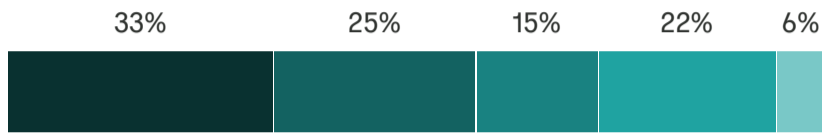
Transitioning from manual collection to automated collection.



Having a larger garbage container to hold additional bags instead of purchasing extra bag tags.



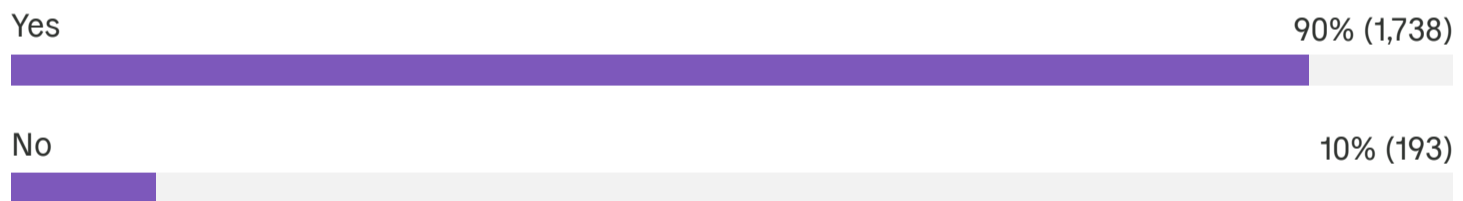
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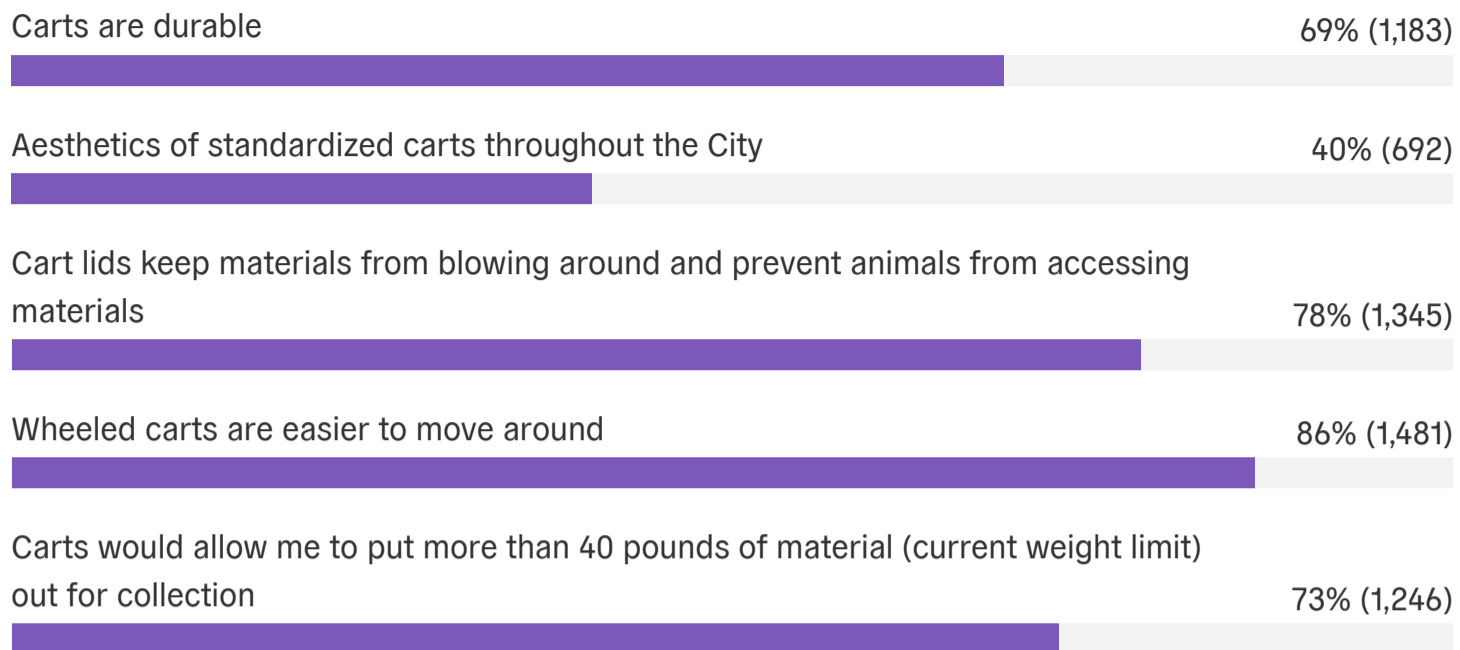
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Would you be in favor of using standardized wheeled carts that are provided by the City for automated curbside collection for garbage, recycling and yard waste?



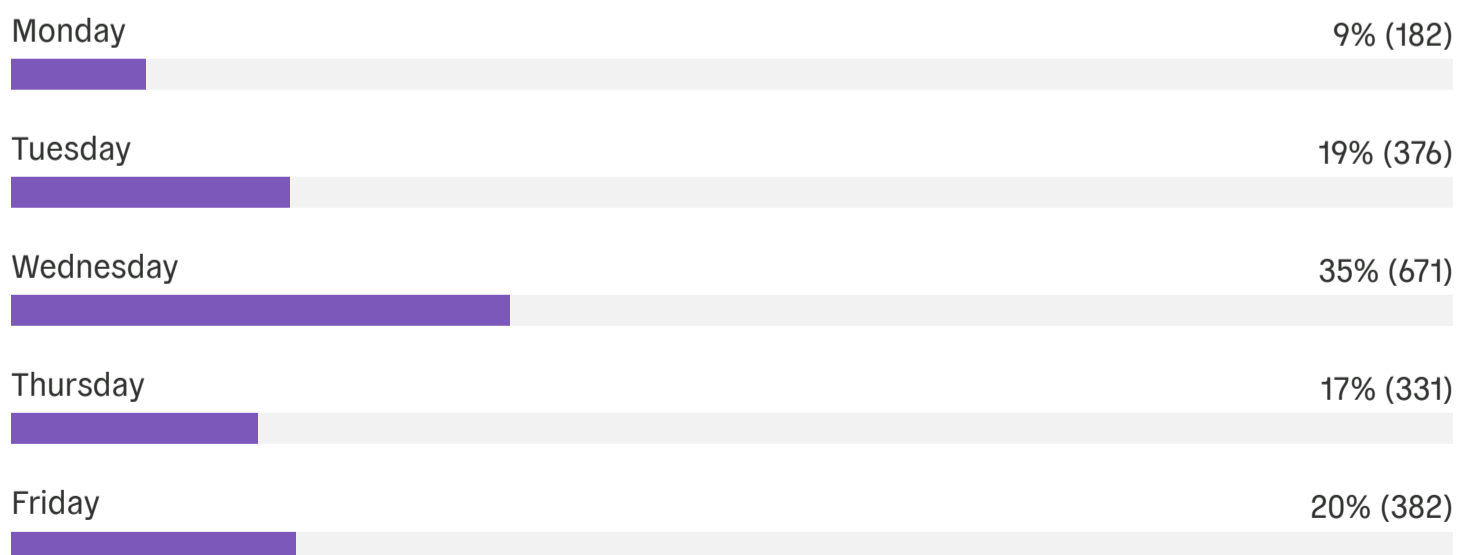
If yes, select the reasons why:



If no, please select reasons why:



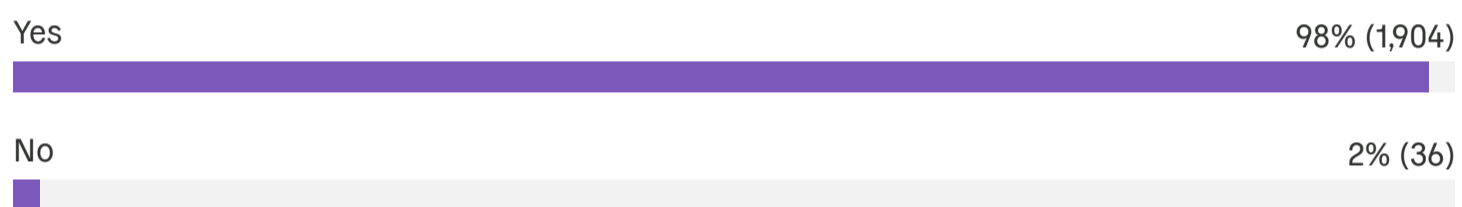
What is your current day for garbage and recycling collection?



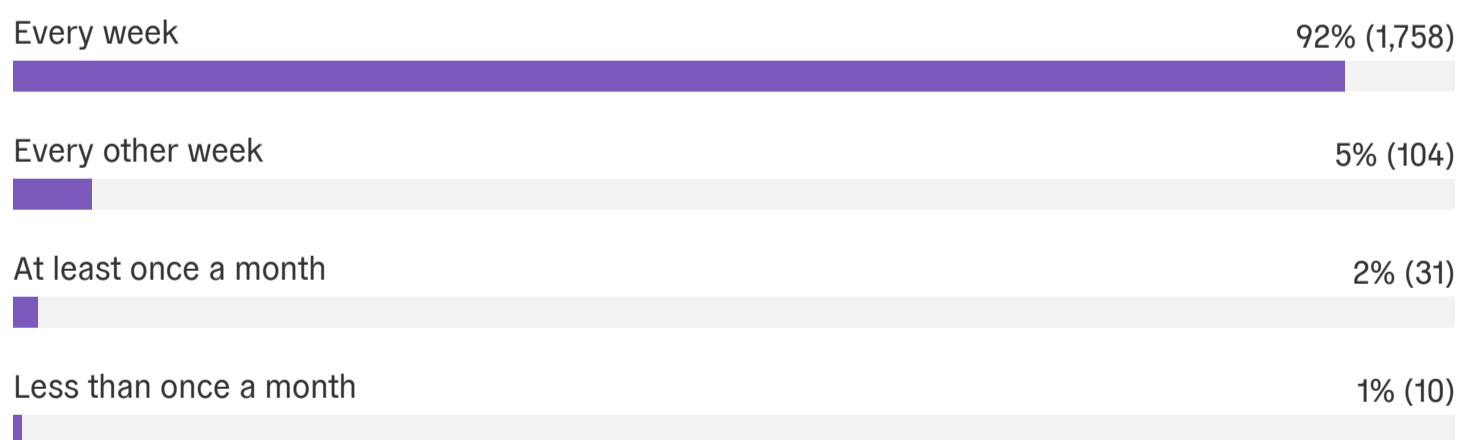
On average, how many bags of garbage do you put out each week?



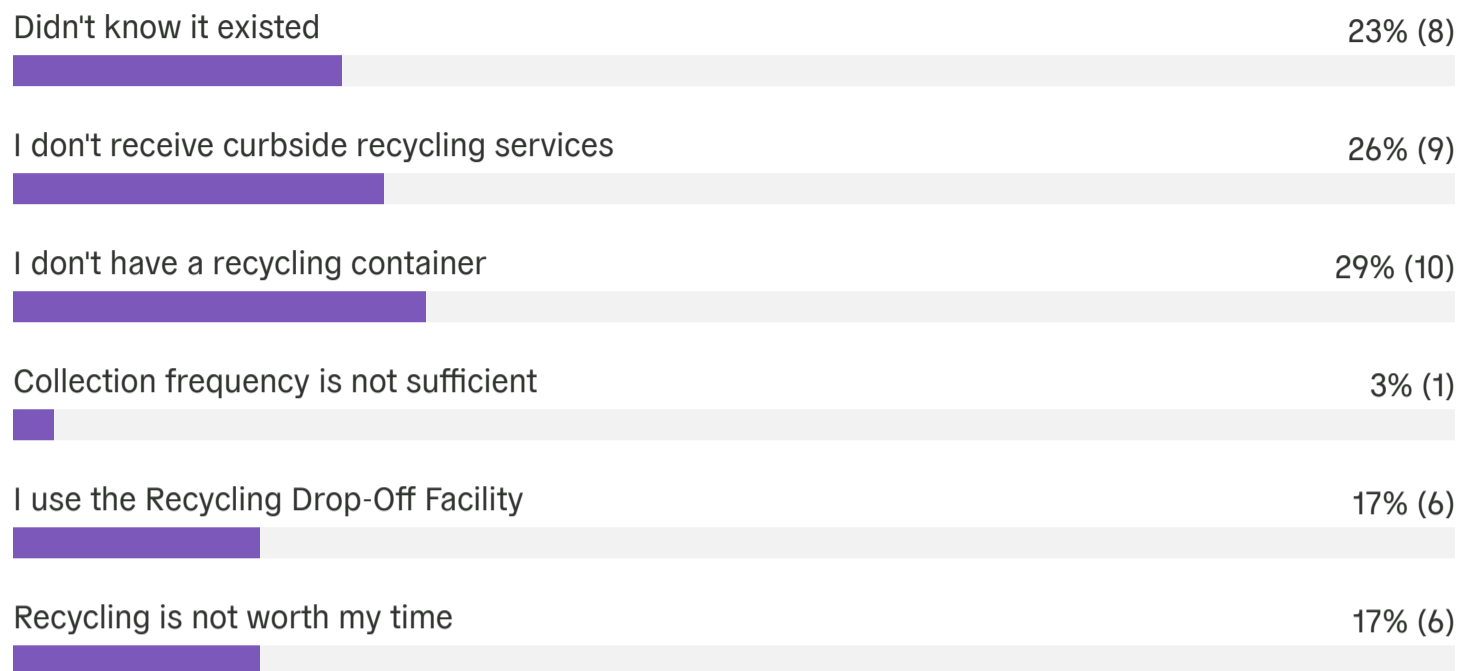
Do you participate in the curbside recycling program?



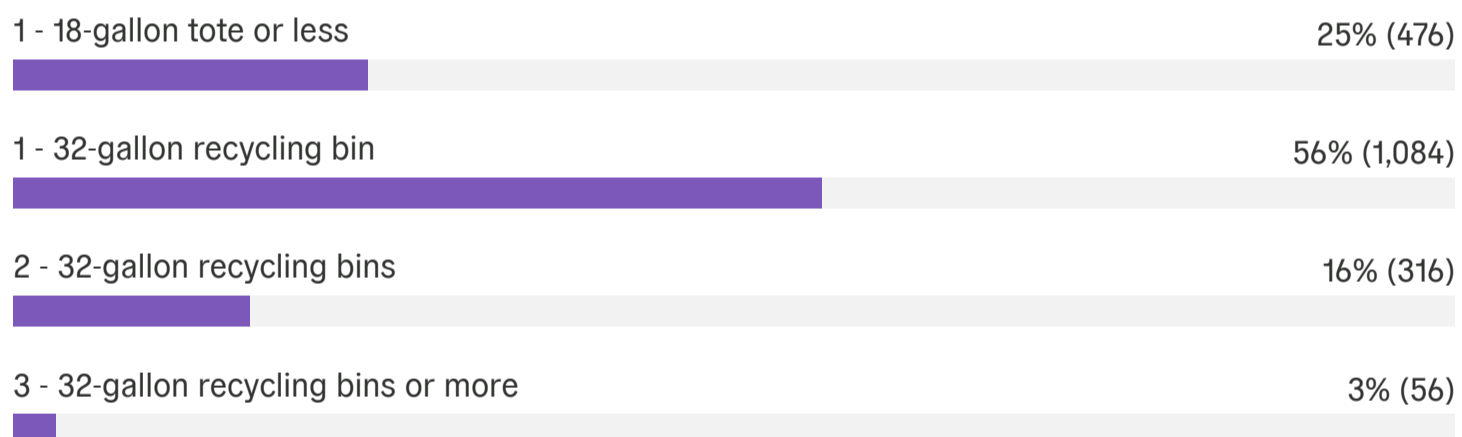
If yes, how often do you set-out recyclable materials for collection?



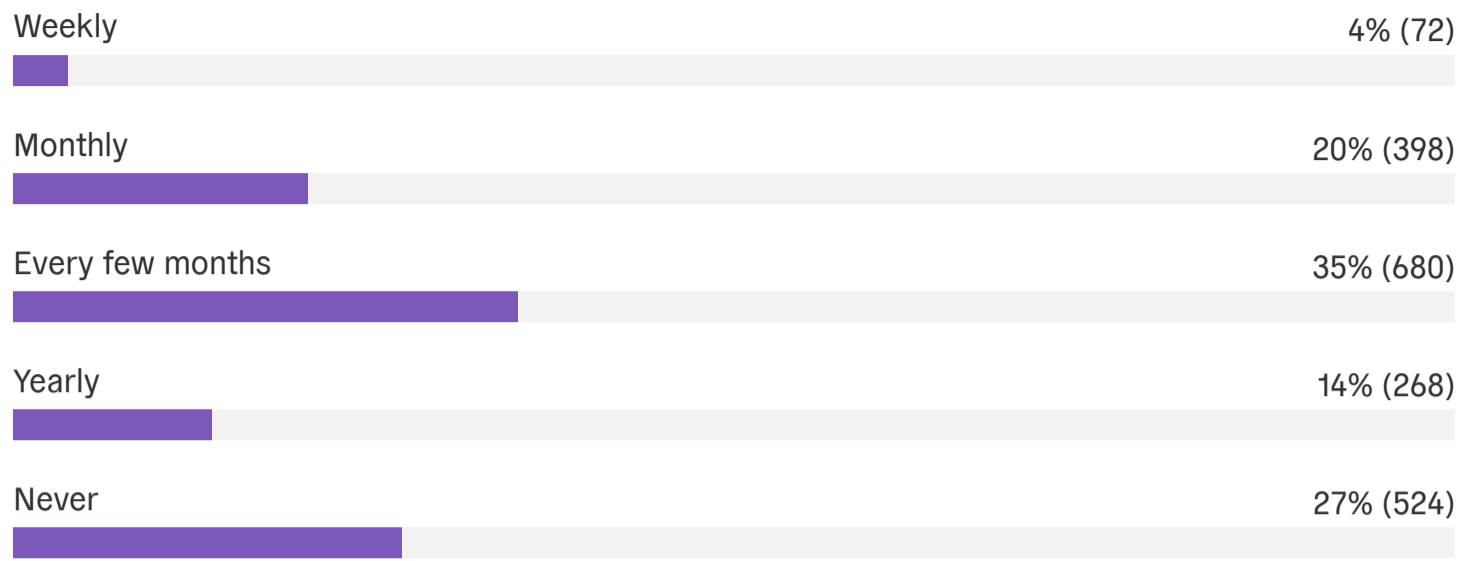
If you do not participate in the curbside recycling program, please select the reason(s) why.



On average, how much recycling do you put out each week?



How frequently do you use the City's Drop-Off Recycling Facility?



What additional thoughts or comments do you have related to how the management of recyclable materials can be improved in the City of Marion?

The hours for recycling center are horrible and hard to get to during those times

Moving to an automated system with bin sized similar to Cedar Rapids should be the top priority for the city.

Pick up glass

I would recycle more if I had a bigger container

The recycling center needs better hours

This is a NEED. The current garbage system is Horrendous and is the one thing I've hated about living in this town.

I would like more info on the new containers please

Drop off facility open more days, evening hours

The recycling drop off hours suck. Only twice a week? How do you expect people to recycle when it's so difficult to get your recyclables there? This is the only option for glass and since it's such a pain in the butt to line up the small window of time the recycling center is open, I just end up throwing all my glass in the garbage.

Recycle more additional and different items.

Do NOT go to Cedar Rapids, tiny garbage container for automated pick up.

None

Easier drop off of glass, cardboard, etc

I would also like to see a switch over to wheeled carts for yard waste instead of paper bags. Please and thank you!

I would love to be able to recycle glass without taking it to the drop-off facility

It would be nice if we could include food waste in the yard waste for composting

To be able to request additional containers per household

Prefer not to have to separate out glass. Would prefer it all in one bin. Also would prefer pickup every week. We usually have more recycling than trash.

Curbside glass pickup would be a great addition. We moved from CR and the curbside pickup options they have were wonderful, it's actually been the biggest downside to moving to Marion. I don't have the space for compost and having the yard as a compost bin was also a huge bonus that saved us a ton of trash.

increase types of materials for recycling

It would be nice to have large drop off bins around Marion for like cardboard boxes, they have these in Cedar Falls and it is very convenient

Better way to collect cardboard. It doesn't fit well in any container.

Have the recycle building be open more days.

How much is actually recycled? Most cities collect recyclables and dump in the landfill. Where is it all actually going? I don't see trucks of material leaving the landfill. Ever. But I do see them hauling it into the landfill after looking through it.

I've seen the truck drivers throw garbage and recycling in together- does it get sorted?

Your survey is set up tricky. I think everybody would love to have this program, but the survey never asked if we wanted to pay additional costs for this program. I would like to know how much it'll cost us as taxpayers or on our water and trash bill what it will go up to.

Collect glass also.

I only have a tote but no lid. I would like to get a lid for my recycling bin

The weekly recycling pickup is a must, we could not go two weeks between recycling pickups

Add glass to the recycling list

Keep the yard waste open with hours as they are now.

Mixed recycling and leaf vacuum would be ideal

It would be nice if we could recycle glass at the curb.

Add glass pick up and composting.

Automated is the way to go. Better cardboard options. Longer Saturday or evening hours for people that work.

Pick up glass curbside, allow all plastics

I am strongly opposed to being forced to utilize larger garbage containers. I do not have inside storage space available for larger garbage or recycling containers and will be forced to place them outside my home creating an unsightly situation. Also, provision of larger containers encourages residents to generate greater amounts of waste as opposed to reducing the amount that must be transported to the landfill every day. A transition to larger containers will drive costs either in direct collection fees or through increased taxes, neither of which are acceptable.

Provide a glass recycle bin to be picked up monthly.

Have a pick up for glass items/cart include a place for glass

Add curbside glass recycling

Allow glass to be picked up at curbside

Glass recycling curbside would be helpful

Add white cardboard and glass to what the city collects

Collect glass curbside for recycling. Accept ALL plastics labeled as recycleable, not just some types. ACCEPT PLASTIC LIDS for recycling. There's more plastic in jus the lids than the rest of the container.

DO NOT SAY YOU WILL PROVIDE CARTS BUT THEN CHARGE FOR THEM WHEN YOUR EMPLOYEES DAMAGE THEM. I already have to replace damaged garbage cans that your employees damage.

We really wish glass could be curbside. And we wish the cardboard drop off was open more often. There are many times when we have to be gone on Saturdays and the hours don't work on Tuesdays, so our collection just grows. If we had larger recycling carts, would we be allowed to put large cardboard boxes in?

Not having to pay for extra recycling bins

I wish we had a large wheeled garbage style for recycling

Here

This sounds great as long as it does NOT increase our already high costs

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The city does an amazing job, but I am so excited at the prospect of this new program!!

Having glass picked up would be great!!

Will people lose their jobs? How will this effect our taxes?

Assume these changes will increase our monthly fees which most can't afford

Wheeled bins are more accessible friendly, I would be thrilled if Marion transitioned to them!

Accepting larger cardboard boxes without having to cut them down to size and tying them together in order to be picked up curbside.

Trash tag price is high.

My car is too small to haul stuff to the dump.

Yard waste is going to be collected many of us. We need multiple bins. Often I have 10 to 15 garbage cans of bags of yard waste out at a time in the spring and in the fall. To add to the question below I do not bring my yard waste out because I do not have a vehicle to drive yard waste.

Love the ability to do curbside recycling! If anything, being able to recycle glass curbside would be nice.

Curbside glass recycling

I would support automation if recycling continued to be weekly. I've had experience in another community with every other week for recycling and it was an enormous inconvenience. It would also be helpful if glass could be included.

It would be nice if Marion would provide a way to recycle glass curbside. Currently, glass collects in a bin in my garage until I decide to go to the drop off facility, or I just throw the glass away.

Bigger automated collection

Glass and cardboard drop off site is appreciated

Not interested in paying more. City of Marion utility bill already too high.

Get the automated trucks so that some of the recycleables aren't accidentally falling into the landfill/garbage part of the trucks. Provide residents with more information/more frequently to remind us of what is recycleable and what is not.

We would love to have glass recycling included with garbage pickup each week, or even once a month!

I would like to know exactly what you have a market for (for example, which plastic numbers are usable). That way I would only recycle those materials.

Unlimited garbage and / or biweekly pick up

I used this system in Urbandale, Iowa

I really like the idea of using city provided containers. I used to live in C.R. and was disappointed to lose this service. Very easy to use containers and they didn't blow around as much as my current containers

That all things we think can be recycled are just thrown away like plastic bags

Having to lug glass to the local or country recycling is a pain.

current garbage system is great, if you switch you have a bar clear. Or put more simply if it is not broke leave it be.

Please pick up glass like Cedar Rapids does.

I like a yard waste cart to for collection

It would be very convenient if glass was collected for recycling. The wheeled larger trash bins would also be a great improvement!

Maybe look at adding glass or relax size restrictions on cardboard

Accept glass bottles for recycling

The folks at the 35th street recycling facility are nice and helpful

Please include glass in the pickup for the recycling program

Where is the city's recycling located? What if i don't have a flat yard for the new containers to suit on?

None

Get rid of the tags and make standard size larger or multiple cans

Like the idea of bugger cans

Add glass pick up curbside

Glass recycling would be nice curbside.

I wish there was a curbside option to recycle glass.

Start taking glass (both deposit and not deposit) at curbside. Currently I throw it in the trash

Accept glass and keep at weekly pickup

N/A

Accept glass

I'm in favor as long as no one loses their job

Make it easier to recycle glass, offer more types of recycling

I am very happy with the present system. If it is not broke, why fix it.

Don't be so picky about how big the broken down cardboard boxes are if they are cut down but don't fit in thrle container.

It is perfect the way it is

Cedar Rapids collects glass and that would be great if Marion did. I know it is probably not going to happen...it is expensive and more time consuming for the employees.

Would like curbside glass recycling

Glass pickup

I'm in support of improving the current system as long as it doesn't mean increased fees. It is hard as it is without another increase.

Curbside glass recycling

Accept glass

Minimize sorting. Stop the aluminum Can Shed recycling. It's a waste of time and a racket. I will always recycle my cans without the goofy forced can charge (understand this is an Iowa state thing but it needs to go away).

Can glass be accepted curbside?

I wish there was glass pickup on the curb

It would be nice to include glass pick up like C.R. does. I would love to have a yardy to wheel around the yard.

We used to live in Cedar Rapids, and the comparatively poor garbage/recycling was a consideration that almost kept us from moving to Marion. Our current garage can at our Marion house has been nearly destroyed by being tossed around by the garbage men (broken wheel, cracked rim, etc.) Our city-issued recycling bin had the lid get lost in the snow and then chewed up by our snowblower during a snowstorm. We greatly miss CR's durable containers (hearty and with an attached lid), and would like a system that could replicate the smoothness of CR's garbage collection.

It would be helpful if glass was taken, even if it was in a separate container.

I throw away glass because it's not picked up at curb. With whst I pay in city fees, I'm not driving my glass out to recycling center

Container automation pick-up would be better for the user as well as for the driver.

Curbside glass pick up would be amazing

If provided recycling containers and given fewer limitations, I would recycle a lot more. We have to make it easier.

Would be great to have unified products

Two trash bins and 1 recycling bin would be ideal for any family larger than 2

I don't really know how they are handles now. After they leave my curb that is.

We need curbside glass pick up.

Need the ability to accept glass at curbside.

Allow glass in recycling

Allow fewer restrictions in cardboard sizes

I think having automated trucks would help with the tole on the workers bodies.

Recycle glass

Attached lids would reduce loss of lids and trash blowing around the neighborhood

I would like to have the option to put glass out at curbside; if they need to be sorted and kept separate due to breakage, that's fine.

If we had large recycle containers we would recycle more no doubt

We would need weekly recycle pick up. Add glass recycling

Ability to recycle glass would be amazing

The current restriction on cardboard size is unreasonable. I spend too much time breaking down boxes and I'm sure I'm not the only one. The amount of lost time across the city must be immense. I

would strongly support a curbside compost pickup program similar to what CR does for food scraps.

It would be nice to be able to recycle glass.

Automated recycling would be better for the worker

Only collect what is actually to be recycled - perhaps city composting

I think this is a wonderful idea and would be very beneficial. I hope that the city does change to this.

You should accept glass. It's literally stupid that you don't.

Would be awesome if we could have curbside glass collection too

Start glass collection at curbside

Glass recycling curbside collection weekly or bi-weekly

N/A

Glass pick up would be nice. Also your online payment center is ridiculous. It's frustrating that no data is save and I can't just quick pay. That system is archaic at best.

I do think having an automated truck would make it easier on the garbage person, I say go for it if the workers are up for it.

Better way of getting rid of grass.

Marion needs to get with the times and have wheeled containers for garbage, recycling and yard waste.

Everything is good now

Standardized carts may be a storage issue for some, still a great idea. How about a garbage amnesty day? I'm not always sure what can be recycled. Have a short demo on Facebook with examples of what can/cannot.

The blue recycling bins are a bad idea. Drive down the street on a windy, recycling day. Can and lids everywhere. The 32 gallon limit for trash can size is not reasonable. Everyone has either an extra 32 gallon can they buy extra tags for or people put out extra, large black garbage bags on the street with tags. I would rather pay a little extra and be able to put out larger cans. I'm very glad to see the city putting out this survey, but I also think it is a little confusing. What does automated collection vs manual collection even mean? What do we currently have? Bi-weekly can be read as either twice a week or every other week.

Glass pick up would be nice

Tired of having to purchase new bins when you break them.

Let us recycle glass at the curbside!

Glass to be accepted curbside would be an improvement.

Please accept glass

Add curbside glass pickup

We would LOVE to be able to recycle glass at the curb! We have also seen other cities and towns have curbside compost which we would love to see, we generate a lot compostable waste and it would be great to see it being properly managed!

Living within the city of Marion, whether I'm on "private property" or not should NOT influence the services provided by the city and ones my tax dollars go towards!!

Please allow glass to be recycled and picked up.

It would be wonderful if we could have glass picked up with with recycling as opposed to keeping it separate and having bring it to a center

What we have works.

May be too costly for some who don't need it.

A wheeled yardy similar to what Cedar Rapids uses would be much easier for grass clippings than paper bags. It is very hard on people with physical limitations to use those bags that often rip and create a big mess. Often takes 2 people and is not convenient.

Please pass this. It would be a great improvement

Having more space for trash would be helpful, as we have a larger family.

It cost to much to live in Marion now. These new plans are going to add to the taxes that are to high as it is.

I think there should be a program teaching people how to properly recycle.

electronic recycling would be nice

Thanks for considering this for Marion residents.

Include glass and something for styrofoam

Would love for there to be curbside glass pickup similar to Cedar Rapids It's unclear if recycling is currently being separated from garbage when it's collected because it appears to go in the same location in the truck

We should be able to recycle glass and Styrofoam

Larger recycle tub on wheels

Glass recycling

Offer large item pick up (couch, mattress, appliances, etc)

Adding glass to curbside would be great

Easier way to recycle glass

Glass pickup with recyclables

Please collect glass with recycling.

More available glass recycling

We have at least 1 of 2 extra trash bags a week. We would love to have a bigger container that was on wheels. It would also help the garbage/recycling person by saving them from having to lift all the containers everyday.

It is difficult to answer the above questions when there is no context, pictures, or additional information about the items discussed. Would be interested in a forum or educational opportunity to learn more about what might be proposed.

Allow collection of additional materials such as tin, aluminum, glass, etc

To have the Recycling center open more after hours.

Weekly recycling over bi-weekly

need to be able to do curbside recycle for GLASS

Glass would be great, we currently either throw away or take if we have to go to the dump

Please go to bigger wheeled carts for garbage and recycling. Hauling multiple trash cans to the curb is such a pain!!!!

Pick up glass, compost

Pay for size of garbage bin. The more you recycle the less you pay. Some cities charge people less for smaller garbage bins and bigger recycling bins. Something for glass also.

I like what we have but understand the need to change

Would like it picked up twice a week

A cardboard only bin?

I'm glad the city is exploring ways that we could improve garbage collection

Curbside glass pickup would be a huge plus, even if it has to be set aside in a separate container like Cedar Rapids does.

Glass pickup would be nice

Having large trash bins would be helpful for large family's and in home daycares

Curbside recycling of cardboard, glass, plastic and other.

If it goes to automated, will there be an increase in cost?

Offering glass pick up would be amazing!

It'd be nice to recycle glass at home vs having to take it to a recycling center.

Curbside glass pickup

Make sure things are being recycled. Many times I've seen it just get thrown in the same place as the trash bags. Also, respect people's bins. Many times ours are just thrown down and often end up in the road.

have a way to recycle glass curbside at least occasionally

We need to recycle more & people will do it if it's easy. Moving recycling to every other week would reduce support of a recycling program.

Would like to see a program at least once a quarter to put other items out for pick up of things not normally put in garbage.

City garbage / recycling bins and automatic pick up would be very good for the city! It's desired for new people to the area as well.

Seniors who are absent for 6 months (snow birds) are required to pay for garbage pickup service they do not use.

The hours of availability at the recycling facility are limited.

Allow curbside recycling of large cardboard boxes without breaking the boxes down

Would like stickers on the can explaining exactly what I can recycle. I'm always questioning certain items.

Should be able to recycle glass separately

I'm in favor of whatever option is most cost-effective for residents and the city, while protecting city workers and their jobs. If an automated pick up is more costly and eliminates jobs, I am not in favor.

Are you actually recycling or is it all going in the landfill due to cost?

I would like glass recycling

We should be able to put out a separate bin with glass to be collected just like the city of Cedar Rapids does.

I pay for it but feel like I don't get the service or a friendly Marion feel from it. I would cancel collections if my water was not a part of the fee. I have had negative experiences with my current service- non friendly. So I end up driving to the dump when I can at least once/twice a year to get rid of bulk items. Recycling rules are explained rudely with a tag so I almost completely refrain from using. I don't have a positive feeling towards current city collections. My ring camera has recordings of current city collections tossing my trash cans. I have a great relationship with my neighbors, we help each other, take care of elderly neighbors and pick up after collections are made. Let me express that I have never complained nor have I ever had a face to face conversation with collection. I have a much better relationship with my mailman.

Definitely need automated collection with larger standardized carts for both garbage and recycling. Also, I support continuing recycling every week rather than switching to bi-weekly. We have a large family and regularly fill up trash and recycling cans each week.

I would love bigger recycling containers that are wheeled!

I wish there was curbside collection for glass - not broken shards, just jars and bottles and stuff. Also, I hope the waste management workers who do all of this hard work collecting are being surveyed as well for their preferences and expertise.

Would be nice if we could put glass containers in the bins, but I realize it can be dangerous.

Information on recycling needs to be clear and consistent when printed and the information given to the Gazette, article had different information than what is posted on the Solid Waste Agency's web site. I find this is very confusing.

Follow best practices and go to an automated system already. Why study something most growing communities already do.

Would appreciate curbside glass recycling

It would be great to have glass recycled curbside.

Curbside glass is needed too. Moving from Cedar Rapids to Marion in 2014 and losing their collection capabilities was extremely disappointing

Would love glass to be a picked up item. Came from Cedar Rapids to Marion. Loved their bins and procedures. Really would dislike NOT having recycling pick up every week, even with bigger or multiple bins. It just means home owners would need to store them.

I am thrilled you are considering doing this!!! This is just amazing!!!

Operate more like city of Cedar Rapids!!! We loved their program when we lived there 6 years ago!

Glass recycling curbside would be so helpful

Please pursue automated machines! We've had them in CR, IC, and Ames. We should keep up with similar cities!

I can't believe that garbage personnel still throw the garbage. I'm sure that's back breaking work

It would be nice if curbside glass recycling could be possible

Would like curbside glass pickup

All of my answers are contingent upon knowing how much prices will increase. With inflation and property taxes increasing drastically, households can't absorb even more expense.

include glass in curbside recycling

N/A

Set out a separate container (5 gal bucket) of glass to be collected.

Start collecting glass

Recycle glass please

Needs to be automated!!!!!!

Glass curbside pickup please

Getting yard clipping bins would be great

Would be nice if glass could be collected curbside

Add some kind of a container for glass and allow more cardboard

Moving to the universal automated system is long overdue. Not doing this would be a massive waste of taxpayer money and extremely upsetting to residents. Time to upgrade.

Still very much want to be able to have extra trash picked up with tags. Please don't limit to one container, even if it's somewhat bigger. PLEASE HAVE YARD WASTE OPEN IN THE EVENING AFTER WORK.

Curbside pickup of glass recycling

Should collect glass curbside

I would love to be able to recycle cardboard in larger pieces than the current limit

More education for residents on what can and cannot be recycled. Needs to be easily available to everyone.

Leaf pick up was the absolute best part of living in Cedar Rapids! With the machine garbage trucks, my cans were never damaged - I'm currently on my 3rd can in 5 years because they are thrown down on the ground.

I would also like curbside glass pick up to be an option in the future.

Would love a bigger bin for recycling. Also, what's the deal with glass? It's a giant hassle to recycle.

Take glass from curbside

I don't think recycling is worth the effort. From what I read most of it eventually ends in the land fill and a number of cities are doing away with it.

I think the city does a good job.

It would be nice if glass could be recycled

Take big cardboard

It's extremely disappointing we can't curb recycle glass. People just end up not recycling it, and that's a shame. Or there's people like us who just have stacks of glass cluttering their garage because we never seem to find the time to take it in. Cutting down cardboard into 2' squares and binding is also frustrating when you have large boxes - you should just be able to take them if they are flattened. The yard waste rules are also unusually strict compared to Cedar Rapids - no sod/dirt, no grass clippings, sticks 1"+ cut and bound with twine.

Provide an option for glass recycling.

I think the current recycling system is fine. Maybe expand the times I can drop off glass or cardboard, or have a structure in place to allow drop off outside of current staffed hours

If people are recycling plastics, I hope the city is recycling them and not putting them in a land fill anyway:-)

Allowing glass pickup at the curb and possibly allowing boxes without being broken down?

Anything to make collection easier for seniors would be greatly appreciated!

I think it makes sense to use wheeled carts that are more automated as far as dumping waste. Not sure we need garbage collected more than once a week though. Would love to recycle glass.

Does recycling being used in Marion or going to the dump with garbage?

Would be nice if the city took glass curbside

It would be nice if glass recycling was at the curb. The hours at the city drop off are not always convenient.

Longer hours at the recycling center for working class people

If they use automated pick up they should take glass to recycle

We just moved here from Des Moines where they have had the automatic collection services for both garbage and recycling for years. So much nicer and looks more uniformed. No blowing garbage around the neighborhood due to the sturdy cans/lids. So much easier to move them also.

Is glass pick up being considered? If so, that would be great! Thank you to all our city employees. We appreciate you!

Continue to move forward in encouraging recycling.

Add glass recycling. Add aluminum foil recycling. STOP BREAKING MY GARBAGE CANS!!!

Frequently after picking up the garbage/ recycling containers I find my containers destructed and garbage materials scattered on the curb and down the street

Curbside glass recycling if safety could be maximized.

I would have even more trash bags but we take trash every week to the business we own.

Larger containers would assist in not having to go to the recycling drop off weekly. Also we would like to have the ability to place glass out at our home instead of having to take it in each week.

I wish there was a dropoff site open daily or 24/7 for cardboard and glass specifically. The site gets overwhelmed with cardboard also. City needs more help especially on Saturday. Having citizens load the cardboard crusher is not acceptable to me.

Please take glass

Automated - would be welcomed.

I've felt since moving to Marion that it's such a great, progressive, well developed community EXCEPT for trash collection which feels years behind. This seems like positive movement.

Pick up glass

Curbside glass pickup is very desirable

None

We would like a yard waste bin. We also have to purchase addition garbage bag stickers. So, we would like to be able to use a larger garbage can.

I support the change to automated dump toters. It's safer for employees and should reduce workers comp claims. However, do a tour of neighboring communities that have moved to this type of program. Notice where residents store these toters. How they are stored doesn't add to the aesthetics of these neighborhoods. Also, be thrifty with our tax dollars, please. If recycling and composting isn't cost effective then curtail or eliminate the program. Don't continue with the program because someone thinks "It's the right thing to do".

Add curbside glass recycling

I truly appreciate the public service workers as they do an outstanding job. I've been very impressed with your quality work through the years being a Marion residential.

put our garbage back on the curb and not in the middle of the street

Everything in Marion is too damn expensive

The bag tag system has to go. It is difficult to throw items away that are too large to go inside a 30 gallon trash can, and those cans inevitably get destroyed over time from how they are handled, particularly the lids. Larger recycling bins badly needed. Cumbersome to dispose of cardboard. Not having to endlessly buy yard bags would also be nice with a vacuum for leaves and grass.

Thank you for this survey! I have been wanting a 'Yardy' or vacuum pick up since I moved to Marion in 2015.

Include glass

Include glass curbside

WHAT ABOUT BOTTLES AT CURB

Recycle glass

The workers are very nice and do a great job. Do not want any of them to lose their jobs, but the job right now is so manual, support automated trucks for their long term safety and job satisfaction. Wish glass could be collected at curbside.

Given the fact that all of the recyclable materials are currently just thrown in with the garbage really anything would be an improvement.

None

Start accepting glass

Way beyond time for Marion to do a better job with recycling!

Recycling glass would be great

I can make time to recycle at my home. But I am not going to make a priority to drive to a local drop-off site.

Glass should be included

This would help lower workers comp claims from injured workers and lower city's benefits in turn costing the city less per year in labor and benefits.

Include glass in curbside pickup

Include glass.

Would put out more recycling if bigger bin or more frequent pick ups

It would be nice to be able to recycle glass containers.

About time.

Add glass recycling to curbside pickup

I hate to see the guys picking up the garbage and stressing there body doing so. I also see the guys not separating out the garbage and recycling. They throw them in a combined area so it all goes to the landfill and doesn't get separated. Seems like a waste of my time to do the sorting of the garbage and recycling if they are just going to throw in the same part of the truck. I mostly see that done when the recycling is heavy and they don't want to lift to the very back of truck so gets dumped in the front where garbage goes. With lift arm garbage and recycling the stress of that lifting will get eliminated where they will then properly sort out the materials.

I wish more things could be recycled curbside like glass and styrofoam containers.

Add large plastics to recycle

A container that is upright and holds more

Accept glass even if it needs to be separate

Being able to recycle glass

Glass and cardboard

We should be able to recycle glass. I hate having to throw away glass.

None

Coming from CR, their garbage carts are great. I only put out garbage and recycling once per month or less.

I like the metal, glass, and cardboard drop off at the recycling center. It would be nice to get a foam packaging drop off as well.

Please add Curbside glass recycling

None

Glass pickup curbside is needed and grossly overdue. Drop off doesn't work well — people end up throwing it in garbage so they don't have to drive through an area with broken glass present

No issues at this time

Take glass.

We really need a different system. I always tell people I love Marion but the trash system is the worst around. I'm sick of paying for trash tags every week !

None

I am not sure why, but I would love to see glass be able to be recycled in with the general recycling or even if that is a separate been, that would be picked up curbside.

Actually recycle curbside recycling. I see the loader throw the recycling in with the trash all of the time.

It would be a shame to encourage recycling less frequently in my opinion.

Would like to be able to recycle glass curbside

We have great service now

We need a better trash pick up with the auto trash cans

Automated pickup with standardized wheeled-containers would be amazing. Easier to transport to curb, cleaner curb look.

Bigger bins

Option for glass

In our previous state, there was a monthly bill waste day. They used automated machines to pick up large waste items that didn't fit in garbage cans. It was great!

I do not have the space for a larger recycle container. If I had a larger container it would have to be placed somewhere outside my house. As an older citizen, that would be a hardship. I have room in my garage for the current container and it is very convenient to use. A larger container would be harder to use and very inconvenient.

Glass recycling would be helpful

Please accept glass!

Would love to be able to recycle glass curbside like Cedar Rapids does. Safer for my family but also those city workers who handle our trash.

Allowing for additional affordable pickup is important

None, recycling services are great! Make it so we don't have to put our leaves in a bin and instead just on the curb for a leaf vacuum, and I'm happy!

Please keep the pickup to weekly as it is, but having the bigger containers would be helpful.

It would be nice to be able to put glass in our recycle bins.

Being able to recycle glass

Do you not have room for those big garbage bins in our garage? Most people do not have that kind of room. If you go automated need to have small containers, not a huge ones.

Include glass

Please pickup glass recycling.

I'd like an option to recycle glass without drop off

Make glass recycling at curbside available

Automated collection would be amazing

We need a way to allow for bigger boxes at yard pickup

Allow glass to be picked up curbside

Would love a bi weekly yard waste pickup can

Put details on the new carts of what is accepted and what is not

Glass pickup at curb needed

Sort out a way to recycle glass via road side pickup

Having some additional hours would be helpful

Collecting glass would be appreciated.

Anything to make waste removal easier for seniors!

Provide a container for glass would be awesome!

Look into the lack of recycling at the schools. They provide a huge amount of trash and do not recycle.

Using or not using standardized carts does not really matter. What ever is the most cost effective.

I would like the city to pick up glass

I would like to know why the garbage person throws some of my recycling bins in the garbage or my cut down to size cardboard in the garbage. If I knew he/she was going to throw it in the garbage, I will not waste my time cutting it down to the specified size in the first place.

NA

Would love to have glass picked up curbside rather than having to take it to the recycling center since often Tues/Sat schedule doesn't work for me.

Add a recycling option for glass

Easier way to put out grass clipping & leaves other than paper bags

No one can honestly answer these questions without knowing the cost.

Please don't do curbside yard waste vacuuming. This will interfere with bike lanes and additionally I personally knew someone who was run over and killed while playing in leaves by the roadside.

Would love a larger bin and clear guideline cards for in the home to teach family to comply and maximize the program results.

I want a better way that my garbage cans don't break all the time as well as not needing to purchase extra yard bags for yard waste.

Include glass in pickup. Make it easier for cardboard to be recycled (not having to break it down). Have a once a year citywide clean up morning where people can bring stuff to the dump at no charge (see North Liberty).

Include glass in the weekly curbside recycling pickup.

I wish there was a more available option for cardboard drop off. I understand the Linn County Sanitation is available but something more local to Marion to drop off cardboard on a regular basis.

It would be more convenient if I could put glass in with my recycling, or even in a separate container that would be picked up. It would also be more convenient if I could set out broken down cardboard without having cut it down.

Didn't know there was a place to drop off recyclables.

We would utilize curbside glass pickup to go along with our other trash/recycling pickup.

Glass should be picked up

Need new carts so they are easier to move from house to curb. Size for garbage can stay the same, but recycling needs a larger container.

Have city drop of recycling be open 24 hours

Please allow glass to be recycled if put in a separate container

Pick up glass.

Curbsies are used in CR and are great.

I would love glass to be picked up, or have the drop off open all the time. The current his are incredibly inconvenient.

Create a solution for recycling glass, other than driving to recycling center.

That's a NO to curbside leaf collection. It'll just clog up the side of the street and allow leaves to blow around.

It would be nice to be able to have an option of recycling glass other than taking it to the drop-off facility, but that is better than no option at all.

These are great ideas!! I hope they happen!!

Yard and drop off center open M-Sat.

Let me recycle at Peg Pierce Softball Complex

If the city would pick up glass recyclables at the curb.

This is long overdue

Bigger garbage and recycling containers please!!!

Education around what materials are recyclable

The bigger carts with wheels and the trucks with arms to empty them would be great!

Pick up times

Question 10 - do you mean how many bags or how many containers? We put out a full garbage can every week which holds multiple bags.

Automation would be good. We get our garbage tagged all of the time saying we need to replace our container...what for, so the jerk of a garbage man we have can break the new one next week?

Automation would also be good to get rid of him dealing with the public, it's not his forte. We live in a cul-de-sac and just about everyone in our cul-de-sac has had an issue with him.

Yard yesterday containers could be nice. Moved from cedar rapids (and worked for the city of CR) and their system is far better.

Accept glass curbside

Larger bins would be great...fewer trips to drop off facility

It would be helpful to have glass collection at home so we don't have to drive to the recycling center.

recognize the good work that current employees are doing

Collect glass

The best time is now to improve on Marion's aging waste disposal program will only become more expensive to maintain while upgrading will also become more costly. act now for our growing community.

Better plastic, glass recycling options & compost bins

Start recycling glass! Start burning the trash to generate electricity!

anything to make it hands free, I spend more on replacement cans due to workers damaging them

Please accept glass recycled in separate container like cr does.

Please provide these recycling cans and automated pickups. This would be so great to have. I don't like the idea of biweekly recycling pickup though. We recycle a lot.

Increase the amount picked up without requiring tags

Reminders about the recycling locations and times

I'm not sure how to do it, but support of more recyclable materials/less trash

Curbside recycle for glass

The recycling is currently great. But having automated pickup with a wheeled cart would be better.

Whole recycling container isn't picked up for one cardboard box not being flattened. Many times not picked up at all

have recycle center open at 9 & be open one other day during week

We have gone through 3 trash cans in the last year and a half alone. They aren't cheap to get heavy duty quality and so having them broke constantly is getting super frustrating!

Give us a container for glass

We have had so many broken trash cans & lids. It's very frustrating & id love for an automated collection system. I really feel the city should also collect glass. It is very inconvenient to have to take it to the collection center.

Include plastic bags and glass

Easier for the residents and workers

I only set out a tall kitchen bag each week. I don't want to have to chase down a garbage can when I get home, because the wind took it down the street. Nor do I have room for a large can in my garage.

Durable garbage bins provided by city would be great along with larger recycling bin

Have a container for specific items only and then permit everything else to go into trash container with out penalty.

would like separate bin for cardboard

Please please go to automated :) so many benefits

Plastic bag recycling is very much needed. Not having to separate glass & take it on ourselves is very much needed.

NA

Allow for cardboard and glass pickup from the curb

It would be nice if you could collect glass and recycle it.

I am for some of these changes, unless it raises my rate

Maybe the garbage and the recycling shouldn't go into the same garbage truck at the same time. Don't see how that can be called recycling

I would love for them to pick up glass.

It would be helpful to know what percentage of the recycling pickup is actually recycled and why the rest isn't. For example is it mainly small containers with recycling type 5 that are not recyclable currently or sorry plastic containers.

Curbside glass collection would be nice.

I think recycling needs to be weekly, not bi-weekly.

Please include glass in curbside collection pickup!

Smaller towns have automated garbage pickup and we need the same.

Our garbage man has broken so many of our garbage cans and we keep having to replace them. Very frustrating

I feel glass should be picked as well with recyclables

I am all for automated collections as long as it doesn't cost people their jobs.

city invest in compost bins or offer to interested residents at a reduced rate if they can get a good price for a bulk purchase

Nothing at this time. The garbage and recycling crews do a great job on our route.

Making sure the recycling actually goes in the recycling side of the truck. I have watched my garbage person put my recycling in the garbage side on numerous occasions.

Allow grass clippings in Yard Waste. CR's program for curbside is fantastic.

Yard waste is an obvious, most towns around here already offer that.

A solution for glass pickup.

Recycle salt bags since our water sucks and take glass as well.

Glass pickup would be nice.

Adding glass to the curbside recycling program

Can we do curbside glass recycle someday?

More recycling options including glass. We need to do as much recycling as possible

I would like the ability to recycle glass curbside

allow glass to be included

We need to encourage reducing the amount of garbage and recycling that people put out, not give them larger containers and pickup more often.

Recycling of most materials (specifically plastic) is very inefficient and most of the 'recycled' material ends up in a landfill somewhere anyways. Unless there are actual environmental benefits to

enhancing recycling services, I am not in favor of any recycling related actions that would increase costs. I think paper/cardboard and metal recycling are good options, but most plastic recycling just functions as landfilling with extra steps and gives people a false sense that their actions have a positive environmental impact when reducing and reusing have a much greater impact than recycling. Including plastics in recycling programs seems to be a form of greenwashing. I am not familiar with costs for recycling programs, but if it is more cost-effective I would support stripping back the city's recycling program to exclude plastics.

Please do not change to automated pickup. Some of us elderly prefer to drop a bag at the end of the driveway and be done with it. Having to go back and collect the collection can would be a burden on us.

Would love curb side glass collection!!

It would be wonderful to allow for larger size cardboard to be picked up curbside

Drive a little fast at times slow down - recycle glass in a bucket once a month?

none

Larger containers that can be wheeled out like how CR does theirs.

Increase the number of days for drop offs of cardboard

Keep things the way they are now!!

We believe the current garbage pickup is very efficient and works well. The cities' drop off program is great along with the lawn waste drop off.

Need to allow glass

Pick-up glass please. Pickup leaves without me having to bag.

We need free curbside pickup of glass, please! It lasts for over 100yrs. in a landfill, yet we throw glass in with our garbage because we can't recycle easily or free with our other recyclable items!

Will glass be able to be recycled curbside?

J

Sending a refrigerator magnet of what is recyclable and what is not because I might throw away more than i need to

I like all the suggestions above. I've lived in many places around the world and Marion is behind the times compared to all of them.

Larger garage containers are necessary

Add compost

Please consider including glass.

Those that care about recycling are already recycling. its easy and convenient. I hope that fees aren't increased to encourage those that don't care regardless of ease of recycling.

My biggest ask would be glass curbside pick-up. Second, as is improving the yard waste pickup. Paper bags create more waste, it is expensive, the bottoms don't hold wet leaves. It is frustrating to know Cedar Rapids residence have yard waste picked up at their residences. If the compost site had better hours, I would use it more. If we can't have decent water, I would hope we could have superior waste processes, please. Recycling is extremely important to me.

Well our garbage man is the pickiest person I know. Complains about every little thing if he has to move a few extra steps. Complains if anyone is parked in the culdesac. He is the only one that calls the cops.

Recycle glass and styrofoam

Think what your proposing is a upgrade and all for it

Glass accepted. Yard waste in a standard container.

I enjoy the way it works now and are garbage man works extremely hard. I would be disappointed to see him replaced by an automated vehicle and being provided a smaller can like Cedar Rapids.

I am satisfied with the current service provided. Our garbage workers are fantastic and hard workers! I wish glass was able to be picked up curbside, but appreciate the ease with which all other recyclables are picked up. It would be nice to have a larger provided bin for yard waste.

Add additional hours for the drop off recycle center to be open. Or additional days.

Will curbside glass collection be available? I hate throwing glass in the garbage but can't get to the recycling center often enough to recycle it. We fully support improving recycling and garbage options in Marion!

Recycle glass!

Having the drop off site is really great

Add regular pick up of glass. Add regular pick up of irregular waste like large items, bulky items etc. Eliminate the requirement to cut down cardboard

We love the idea of having an automated system and containers provided, that have wheels. We also would love to have a program that would assist with leaf collection - and a yard bin as opposed to the brown bags.

Having handled garbage cans when I worked for the Marion Parks Department during summers in college, and then living in other communities with machine lifted carts for many years, I think that it is time to transition to machine lifted carts to preserve the backs of city employees. Just make the carts bigger than the small ones in Cedar Rapids and I would be happy to pay a higher trash bill.

Moved from a city of 50k+ that implemented this process. Recycling was every other week and it worked just fine.

We have WAY more recycling than we can put out each week. This causes us to throw away recyclables when we can't fit any more.

Glass recycling

None

I support larger waste containers, automated pick up, maintains weekly recycling pickup as long as it does not increase the already high cost we pay for this service.

None

I strongly support automated collection using standardized wheeled containers, similar to the surrounds cities. It would be nice to have trash and recycling bins be the same size, for uniformity and storage purposes.

Wish we could recycle glass curbside.

I wish they picked up glass

This is a simple thing that would really help our community as a whole.

I would like to have glass included in the pick up

I love the current sticker system for additional trash bags, because is you are a small household you don't paid extra and does that do have extra trash pay for the extra cost. Removing this means that cost will go up for every household and that's not fair for those that produce less trash.

Scrap metal needs to be curbside

Being a senior citizen on limited income, I am concerned about the cost. How would this work for those with health issues who have their garbage/recyclables picked up at their garage door?

Larger containers would be great.

You should accept glass in the curb side recyclable

Na

Please go through with this!!

It's about time to catch up with surrounding communities.

Biweekly garbage collection would be very difficult for those of us that meet the limit each week.

What about glass? Pain that it's separated

Please do this!!

We are replacing our garbage can every few months because it is not treated with care during pick up. We have to use the can and not just bags because of the number of raccoons in the area and we got tired of picking up the mess from setting bags out.

The problem now is the limits on weight and volume for garbage is so small that we have to put every thing in recycle containers.

Could glass recycling become part of the collection process?

I would like to have glass recycling

Na

There should also be a container to recycle glass.

Strongly support larger wheeled recycling container opportunity

None

Would be nice to have a glass pickup

Being able to recycle glass at the curb

Glass recycling would be helpful

support all of the above

I would like the ability to recycle glass as well.

Standardized larger bins

Would glass be able to be in recycling bins/carts? Curious as what the cost increase would be?

An updated document regarding what can and cannot be recycled. A FAQ on how to best aid our community recycling workers.

Glass would be awesome too but happy with what we do have.

Glass recycling? Food waste composting ??

Having a "trash week" where larger items (e.g., unused furniture, broken items) could be picked up for donation or taken to the landfill.

Would like to recycle glass curbside

Accepting corrugated cardboard with recycling would cut back on trash

Glass recycling curbside would be fantastic. I believe it will provide more glass recycling in the city as currently it is a burden on many to recycle glass

Need to include glass recycling.

Allow glass recycling at the curb

Having a consistent time and schedule is nice so we always know when we need to have it out by. I know it can come as early as 7 but if it comes later it's nice not to have it sit at the curb all night

I am retired and Marion continues to find ways to spend more of my tax dollars, please allow me to afford my retirement.

The City should go to the larger wheeled bins and collect weekly.

Make garbage pick up biweekly

I am for what can be done in the most cost effective way.

Need to add glass recycling

We should have curbside glass collection and recycling. I would support having to sort some recyclables myself for curbside collection.

Automated material sorting to replace manual methods used currently

Would love to have an option for glass curbside.

Currently the recycle bin material is thrown in with the regular garbage. Does the city even separate the material for actual recycling?

The current garbage/recycling system in Marion is archaic and needs to change immediately. 1. Making that poor guy lift everything is ridiculous. 2. My garbage and recycling is full after 3-4 days into the week and I literally have to bring a truck of garbage and cardboard to my work dumpster weekly. 3. Cedar Rapids has homogeneous garbage and recycling bins which are much larger. 4. The insane cardboard cutting requirements from Marion is a huge safety risk to its citizens using a box cutter to meet the 2'x2' rule. 5. The rule about plastic tops is crazy. 6. I've lived many places, and this garbage/recycling situation is by far the most stringent and most difficult to follow. Thank you for asking for our opinion on this as I was about to attend a city council meeting just for this.

I believe the city should pick up glass from the citizens residences.

Better way to recycle cardboard

Start a city wide compost facility if that has not already been implemented.

Recycle glass please!!

curbside glass recycling would be nice

Have Compost bins like CR

Glass should be part of the recycling program curbside not having to take it to the recovery center on county home road

Having larger bins would allow for additional cardboard boxes to fit rather than leaving a pile curbside that can blow away.

If I usually put out 4 cans a week using stickers I worry that without the sticker option I won't have ability to put out all my garbage, even with the larger recepticals.

Make public how much material is recycled and what the cost savings would be

More open hours for recycling and more clarity of what is accepted

Thanks for listening

Get rid of cardboard size requirements.

LC

Would appreciate if glass materials could be recycled curbside, even if it has to be placed in a separate container. Current hours for city recycling drop-off center are difficult to take advantage of for our household.

Have multiple cardboard or recycling dumpsters. Not having to cut up my cardboard since it will be smashed anyways. The ability to recycle glass.

More recycling is better. The current system where everything has to fit within the recycling carton is annoying. Eg having to break cardboard down into really tiny pieces or it won't get picked up. If we get new recycling bins, what do we do with the current ones? It would be nice if they could be turned back in as I don't want to store them.

Since most have no value - Lets revisit inceration options to generate heat, valuable gases to drawn off a distillation column and sold, use in paving programs etc. The more we can divert the less we have to landfill. Take a leadership role here, get the state to sponsor th process, use real experts (ie: those with the proper degrees in cheminsty, air quality, etc - The bimbos who were not properly vetted in our previous attempt, vet them properly , investigate them , get there certified financial statements, study thier business and personal legal history. Do it prperly), don't throw another \$200 k of publiic money on crooks and shysters like we did last time. Other than that I have no opinion on the subject.

Glass recycling option for curbside

Convenience and the uniform size

Recycling bins need to be bigger as the current option is far too small, causing potential recyclable items to be placed in trash can.

It's not the end of the world, but having to run over to the recycling center on my lunch break to drop cardboard off due to its extremely limited hours seems a bit backwards. Perhaps unstaffed cardboard/recycling drop offs through out city would work better? All in all the current recycling and trash pick-up company or system is easily the worst I have ever lived in. Desperately needs to change so I am hopefully that these surveys will effect that change!

I do not want to take people's jobs by automating.

Our garbage collector goes above and beyond- what an awesome person! I don't want to lose that by automating things.

Glass pickup curbside even if not every week

Free access to 32-gallon recycling bins as many as we need

Add glass

Add glass curb glass option

Include glass in with other recycle materials

Accept glass recycling!

None

I'd love to be able to put glass out to recycle

Take glass

I am in favor of Marion adopting a Compost System. In my previous community of Elk River, MN, the city provided biodegradable bags (tall kitchen size), and we were allowed to compost food scraps, coffee grounds, kleenex / paper towels, fruits and vegetables, meat / fish / bones, dairy products, tea bags, paper products without plastic coating, pizza boxes, egg shells and paper egg cartons. This was a voluntary program, with a centralized drop-off site. This reduced our family's waste by approx. 25%. This program saved the city thousands of dollars per year.

I think we are way behind technology with garbage pickup. Other Iowa towns have it and it just makes things better for us

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Accept cardboard with other recycling

Why can glass not be put out for curbside recycling?

I feel that many residents do not have clarity on what is or isn't recyclable.

Would like pick-up for branches, large sticks every once in awhile.

Recycle glass please!

Would be awesome if glass could be included in curbsi

I would consider the automated service but what happens if you do have more? We usually go to the Linn County dump once a month for other odds and ends. We put out a full 32 gallon of recycling weekly as well as some additional cardboard. We also take larger cardboard, glass and metal to the recycling center monthly if not more than once a month. We use the yard waste weekly in the summer. Leaf pick up would be a welcome addition. Having a truck for garbage at the recycling center on Sat even for he tag fee would be great. Also allowing access to yard waste on Sundays would be a wonderful addition.

I would encourage Marion to promote curbside composting and compostable waste collection year round. If more People composted you could reduce the amount of landfill or other garbage curbside. Also, please collect glass curbside.

Recycle glass!

We would love wheeled carts with automated pick up! Have been asking for this for years. Would also love curbside glass pick up too.

as we age getting harder to take out garbage... Wheeled garbage cans would be wonderful, especially on heavier garbage weeks.

Most people don't have room in their house or garage for those big containers. I like the current system. Also until talking to a City of Marion person at the farmers market today, we didn't even know a door pickup program was available.

We can expand to include glass recycling

Option for plastics that are not 1 or 2. Hate throwing away.

The recycle bins are useless. Wheeled bins would be so much better and easier to get to curb and attached lids --less loose garbage and lids blown

Use a yardy

Wish you would pick up recyclable glass at the curb instead of having to take it to the recyclable area in Marion

I wish the recycling center was open different hours, but with this new program I could potentially cut down those trips

We need better availability for glass recycling.

I don't want to be like Cedar Rapids

If it's going to cost more don't do it! We already pay for stupid stuff like Urban forest and water run off.

Change to mid-week collection if not bi-weekly

Make the change, keep it weekly

Will be greatly improved with automated trucks. It will help with decluttering our homes and garbage pick up

Better hours for recycling

How much will this raise the cost

My glass is taken every few months to center to recycle

We would love to have glass picked up, too!

Take glass products

Automatic garbage would make the cans break less. Unlike the manual labor who just Willy nilly throw them to the ground.

Stay away from the yardy carts like cedar rapids. Way to big and bulky. Have to store outside. More issues with them in winter. Costly trucks for picking them up also.

I wish we could recycle glass. I also want to ensure that recycling is worthwhile. Is what I'm recycling actually being recycled?

Accept glass containers

None

Garbage collection and recycling here in Marion works great. I've never had a complaint. I've heard of issues with Cedar rapids collection program. This falls squarely into the old adage...f it ain't broke, don't fix it.

We have been waiting for this upgrade since we moved to marion. This might be our only complaint about living in marion, thus far.

More clarity on what materials are accepted and why

Maintain weekly recycling, allow glass in weekly curbside recycling

Bigger recycling can = more recycling

I think the present system is working very well.

Please don't go to biweekly recycling, our family works hard to reduce our trash which causes more recycling.

I love the glass and clean metal recycling at the center on 35th. I would love to see bigger cardboard included in that. I am under the impression they aren't set up to accommodate anything but small pieces or newspaper. I'm not aware of the list of acceptable items and feel awkward asking. Maybe I've missed it, but a more visual list would be better. A place for chemicals would be great too.

Thanks for your efforts to improve, and for including us for input!

Adding Glass recycling pick up

Of all of the plastic recycled, how much ends up in landfills/oceans and what actually gets recycled.

Wish we could do glass via curbside collection

Need garbage trucks like Cedar Rapids

It is easier on the city employees during bad weather days and easier on their backs.

Please rewrite the Marion Recycling Manual to improve customer compliance with your rules.

Glass should be picked up curbside as well

Recycle glass

Pickup Glass curbside. Even if it requires a separate bucket or container.

Add glass to curbside trash pickup (in separate container).

Please recycle glass

I would prefer a wheeled cart provided by the city. Keeps critters out of the trash and Windy days are not a problem with trash and recyclables littering neighborhoods/waterways. By the way, I have seen my recyclables dumped in the garbage section of truck.

Would be nice if I could get loaded for compost at the marion site.

Save the health of the poor man that has to pick up all the garbage cans.

N/A

NA

none

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input

I don't recycle a lot. Water bills are getting high enough if you want this fancy stuff then the city should foot the bill for it. Stop increasing the water bills!

Doesn't need to be improved.

Can we adjust holiday schedule to only effect those that have their garbage day on the exact holiday, versus effecting every other day that week? Can we also start to include glass in our standard recycling?

if providing cans, give options for large and smaller containers.

I wish we had bigger bins on rollers with lids. I would definitely buy.

No improvements at this time

I appreciate that you recycle glass and metals as well as large boxes.

This is exciting!

Anything to make it easier to recycle would be great

The lids are hard to get on and off. Too small for what I have weekly

How about recycling flouresent bulbs?

pick up glass, please.

I don't know why people pick up leaves or you don't suggest SIMPLY MOWING OVER THE LEAVES, doing so feeds the grass. A mulching mower is best for this. Also suggest people use the lids on garbage and recycling. I'm all the time picking up garbage that has blown out of recycling bins or garbage cans.

Collect glass.

What improvements can be made without increasing costs for *all* residents? Are there different service levels that residents can pay for based on *their* needs, which don't increase the cost for everyone? For example, City water, we all pay a minimum amount and our cost increases based on the increased demand for water - can you leverage technology to make the same improvements in garbage/recycling programs to implement a similar scaling? Not everyone needs the weekly collection so they should not be taxed or forced to pay for an increase they won't use. Let those who want to pay for a service increase (whatever that looks like, more garbage or recycling levels/allowances) can pay for what improvements they want in their regular billing on a monthly or yearly basis. When they sell their residence, it service resets to the basic level service until the new resident wants to pay for an increase. Easy to implement with an iPad/kiosk or other device on each truck's collection route to know who has paid for increased service, and who may need to be billed for an occasional upcharge fee for exceeding the basic level on a case by case need. Hopefully that make sense!?

Glass pick up would be an improvement. More importantly, I've seen my recycling and yard waste thrown into the garbage truck, and I wish I understood why.

Reduce costs - every "improvement" seems to drive up taxpayer costs and reduce green space. FYI - I dont frequent the drop of facility because 99% of needs are met curbside (except glass).

No change needed or wanted. U could open yard waste facility on Sunday that would be nice

Glass should be picked up curbside

This is so needed in Marion. I've lived in Waterloo and cedar rapids and both have 3 different size options for garbage. It's a huge hassle to either buy tags or take the extra garbage bags to my work. (There's a dumpster and they don't mind.) Next work on tap water taste!

Glass collection once a month would be super!

None

In addition to our weekly bin, we take recycling to the collection on County Home because we're never sure when the Marion is open and because we have items which can't be taken to the City of Marion site.

Include glass pickup

Please automate.

I was unclear if the bi-weekly recycling pickup option was for twice a week or every other week...I strongly support twice a week in a larger container on wheels.

Expand the list of recyclable materials to include glass and perhaps certain other materials currently forbidden from the program.

This sounds like a good idea and be equal to Cedar Rapids and other communities

Having a consistent schedule for day of pickup. Some mornings are 7:00 am and others are closer to 11 am. It would be nice to have it somewhat consistent especially when traveling and having to leave bins out.

Need to pick up glass.

Needs to have glass recycling available for pickup.

I am content with the current operations.

I would support expanding the compost to include kitchen waste

would like glass to be picked up and recycled

This is LONG overdue and it had better happen. We moved to Marion from Cedar Rapids and this was -- and still is -- one of the most annoying parts of living here. Having to separate out recycling is ridiculous and having to buy our own receptacles that constantly get broken is frustrating, too. It's about time we get with the times and make this a reality!

Wondering if the right leadership is in place.

Take glass!! Give residents a separate bin for it

Glass! I realize that glass is run differently at the Linn County level, but anyway that City of Marion could help recycle glass would be appreciated. It's so recyclable, but hard to get it to the Solid Waste facility.

Would love a curbside option for glass. Very grateful to have a curbside recycling option!

LARGE recycling bin and LARGE trash bin with automated pickup! Also, have at least two LARGE item days per year, where people can put out large stuff like furniture, old grills, etc.

We take glass to drop off recycling center (Marion). Curb side glass pick-up would be nice. However, automated pickup would be great!

This is about garbage. Since you don't have an open-ended question for that, I'm putting it here. If you're going to go with carts, contract it out. Allow various sizes of carts - those who produce more garbage can pay more for a larger cart, and those that produce less can pay for a smaller cart. It worked really well in other cities I have lived in.

Open the facility more frequently and for more hours.

The process now seems to be working just fine... why change?

Glass should be recycled curbside also

I think garbage limit (single 30) gal pail) is too small. Even if we don't go automated, I would like to see the limit go to 2 30 gal pails without a bag tag.

I love living here, but your trash and recycling programs are honestly really poor/outdated. I use the new facility weekly as where I came from., recycling was highly encouraged. Here, if you dont have a specific Marion tote or can, recycle wont get picked up. That is frankly just asinine. Hoping Marion can take that next step, Council Bluffs has had it since at least 2007, carts and limitless recycle in any blue standard recycling bin, no city name required 😊 thanks for the opportunity to provide feed back.

Ability to recycle glass curbside

If we go to automated trash pick up, would the cost to citizens cost go up, and would current employees lose there jobs?

Some way to recycle glass at curbside would be appreciated.

The cardboard requirements need to be more lenient and we should be able to just break down boxes and put them next to the recycling bin.

With the current system recycling is a bit difficult and deters people from recycling. Specifically not being able to recycle glass on the curbside (can keep it separate in a smaller container) and requiring cardboard boxes to be broken down into 2x2 pieces.

Nice if larger cardboard and glass could be picked up curbside.

Remove need for paper bags for grass clippings and offer a bin instead. Very much in favor of the trash and recycling bins.

Picking up glass at the curb would be great.

Bigger recycling containers, curbside glass. We recycle more than we throw away. Would love if more forms of compostable materials were accepted curbside.

Make recycling carts automated also. Encourage more recycling throughout community by providing bins that have wheels to make it easier to pull to curb.

PLEASE do this!! We moved from CR and that is one of the things we miss the most!

Pick up glass

Will the new program raise our current fees for recycling?

Honestly, my sense is recycling takes more water, energy, manpower etc. than it is worth. I suspect if you added up the negative harmful impact of all of that, it would far exceed the negative impact of the items simply being thrown away. That said, I'd be in favor of an "always open" place to recycle cans and maybe glass if it is actually a net benefit

I would like the option to recycle glass.

Curbside glass collection would be awesome! Even if it was only once month, I would be thrilled to be able to save a trip to the recycling center. My other wish is to have curbside compost collection. I would probably halve the garbage I put out every week if composting was an option.

Like the thought of larger container and automated machine picking up curbside, based on relatives in other communities that have this.

Grass clippings should be allowed in the yard waste container.

I don't want bins so big that they don't fit in my garage (small condo).

Add glass to curbside recycling

Be able to pick up glass curbside

We would like to know the increase in cost for these services.. Also when the city damages the carts for trash and recycling receptacles, as currently happens often, will they be replaced by the city free of charge?

Every city around us uses automated carts.

Recycling needs to be picked up weekly. Also think about the curb leaf pick up. It always ends up in the street and in the storm drains. Doesn't look good either. With getting your street swept once a year, it would be bad.

While I love the feel of the small town trash disposal, Marion has become so large that I know it's unfair to expect these workers to do an area so large.

Glass containers to be picked up

We're fine whatever you want to do however we DO NOT want an increase in the price of garbage pick up. Taxes are extremely high in Marion and increased costs for city services is much the same as increasing our already high taxes. We love the recycle center in Marion. We go there often for recycling, we bring our yard waste, and we get the dirt they have. We are so grateful for this service Marion provides to their citizens.

Pick up glass as well

Glass would be nice

Satisfactory as is but maybe change would be good

Accept glass

Accept glass items at curbside

I didn't see a comment box for yard waste- it would be wonderful to extend the season of pickup. It seems to start too late and end too early. I usually have a full bin in the garage all winter long.

it would be nice if they would pick up glass I know many people that throw it away because it's not included in the recycling right now

A glass collection would be awesome!

Concerned about how small our street is for winter pick up of both garbage and recycling and how placement of containers would be in snow filled right of way and streets.

Would be helpful to either not charge so much extra for cardboard in a special pickup, or allow larger cardboard sizes during weekly recycling pickup. For those of us that can't load large sizes of cardboard and take them to the recycling drop off, or are unable to safely use a box cutter to cut down larger sizes, it's difficult to get larger shipping boxes from Chewy or other retailers removed. Storing the cardboard for fewer special pickups attracts rodents and bugs.

Keep recycling center open 24 hours a day, self service. Use security cameras to prevent illegal dumping. START A KITCHEN COMPOSTING PROGRAM.

I want an easier way to recycle glass. The drop-off location hours just don't work for most people and its inconvenient.

We moved from Marion to CR and now back to Marion. The automated collection, while it impacts jobs, was less messy (less blowing) and easier to get containers to the curb. We also appreciated the leaf vacuums in the fall rather than having to bag everything.

If switching to biweekly then the cart needs to be larger and it would be nice if the city collected glass recyclables at the curb

Add glass to recycling

It would be nice if there was a way to collect glass and plastic bags at the curbside instead of taking them to the drop off facility. We lived in a city that did so curbside glass recycling.

Look at ways to lower costs. Improving efficiency is good but not at increased costs.

it would be nice if glass was curbside- we currently throw our glass in the garbage

I would not want multiple recycling bins. It would also be nice if glass was curbside- we currently put our glass in the garbage

It's time to move to the modern age!

I would like glass to be curbside recycled

It would be great if batteries and glass could be recycled curbside.

It would be good to be able to recycle glass.

Most of these, if not all, will be impacted by the cost you pay to pass through to the citizen. How about providing that so we can make a fully educated decision?

It would be beneficial to have more hrs open for drop off recycling. Also review curbside glass recycling. My glass goes straight in the trash because it's not convenient to make it to recycle center with the limited hours.

acceptance of glass and metal

Wish there was bi-weekly pick up

Would like to be able to set glass out curbside, perhaps monthly.

Would be nice if there was less restrictions on cardboard size. Would also be open to having more separation of compostable/ recyclable materials.

Would be nice to recycle glass since seems the most recyclable and better for the environment. Whatever changes may be made don't want increase in costs

Allow bigger garbage containers or pick up twice a week

Similar system to cedar rapids

Need to have curbside glass pickup similar to Cedar Rapids

The city should supply recycling carts that are of adequate size. This shouldn't be left responsible to the homeowner/renter as Marion is quite a big city compared to others in the surrounding area.

A square bin with lid and wheels would be great. Weekly recycling pick up should not be optional. People will not use it as much with bi-weekly. They will put recyclable items in the trash.

I would really love to see Marion be really progressive and offer a composting program for food waste and other easily compostable materials.

Would love curbside glass collection

I watched my garbage man dump the recycling in with my garbage. So is it really being recycled?

We need to take more materials - especially glass!

As a family of six we typically have two 32 gallon cans of trash and two recycling 32 gallon cans each week.

Please implement appropriately

Please REMEMBER our elderly home owners when you consider the size of the containers. When CR started this, there were several injuries reported of elderly who fell trying to move the containers!

None

Glass would be helpful

Also, need to add a collection of glass on the curbside.

I support a better recycling program because we have a lot of trash blowing around after garbage pick up. I really would like to help keep the garbage off the streets and keeping Marion looking nice!

What happened to question #2? The hours at the drop off facility (including yard waste) are very odd. More regular/standardized hours would be better

OMG! Not a single question regarding pick up of glass?! The fact that Marion refuses to pick up any glass is ridiculous! Same goes for kitty litter!! Fix this post haste!!

None

This survey does not ask the right questions. I am not unhappy at all with curbside garbage and recycling in Marion. I like the convenience of being able to put out a bag instead of a can if I don't have very much or if I'm headed out of town and won't be able to bring my can and recycling tub back into the garage that day. On the other hand, Marion is long overdue to do something about yard waste. I hate putting grass clippings into brown paper bags and trying to fit weeds and pruning waste into my can with a Y on it. Packing leaves into containers is even worse. I do not have a truck or trailer to take them over to 35th Street. You didn't ask us if we have a place to store larger automated receptacles. I don't have space to store three large receptacles. I could put a large yard waste container in the back yard for infrequent use. I do not have space in my garage or side yard for two more large ones and I wouldn't relish the thought of having to transfer garbage and recyclables from smaller cans to the large ones every week. Finally, I hope you will finally extend the yard waste season. Not all the leaves are off the trees by the time yard waste collection ends in November.

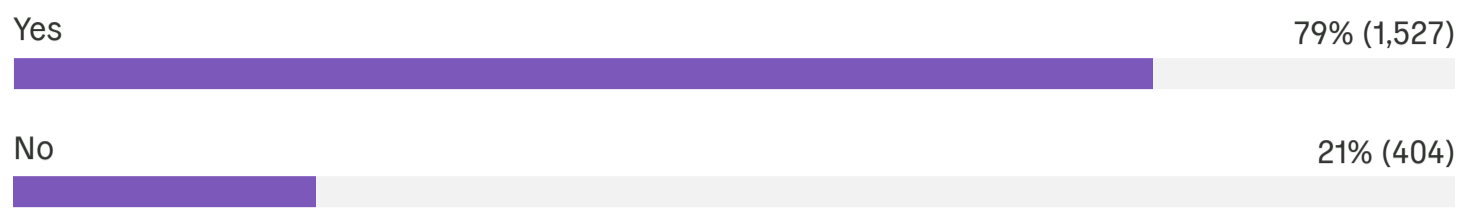
We take glass to the city site occasionally. We have no way to transport yard waste to the facility. We are satisfied with our garbage and recycling service. We don't have room to store large garbage and recycling carts and don't want to pay more. We are not satisfied with our yard waste service. Have you considered changing only yard waste service? It is long overdue. Perhaps only the people who want that could buy a tag for it.

It would be so much better for poor employees that have to lift all those cans

There should be multiple locations for recyclable materials to be dropped off in Marion rather than just the 31st Street Location. Additionally, 24 hour access to recyclable material drop off and yard waste drop off needs to be available. It doesn't have to be manned 24 hours a day. We are all "grown ups" and with the help of some security cameras, i think you could deter bad actors from doing the wrong thing at these drop off points. I am speaking of the roll off style compartmentalized units that could be placed in parking lots as an example.

Addition of glass recycling. Use of recycling system similar to City of Cedar Rapids

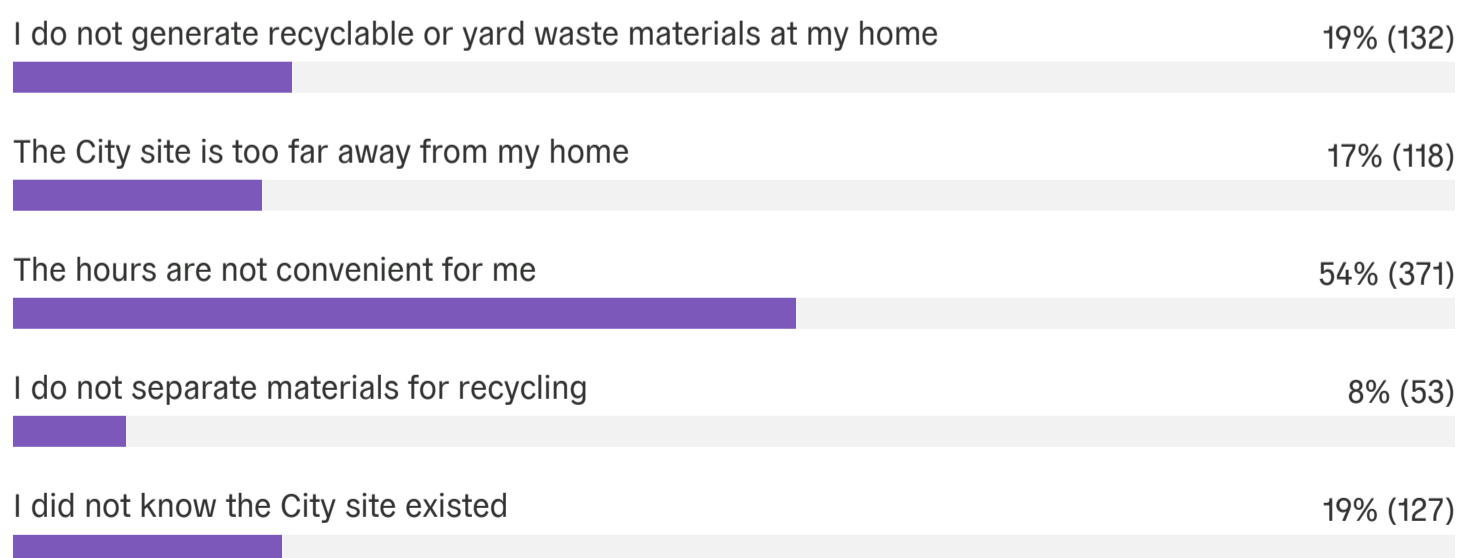
Do you participate in the curbside yard waste collection program?



How frequently do you use the City's Yard Waste Drop-Off Facility to get rid of yard waste or take compost?



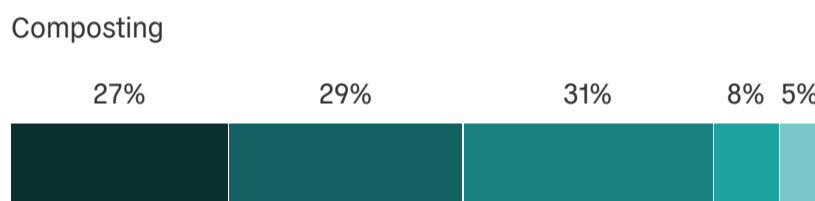
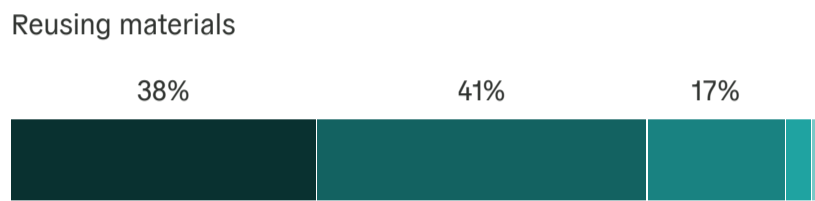
If you do not use the City's Recycling Drop-Off Facility or Yard Waste Drop-Off Facility, please indicate why.



How important are the following to you?

Question	Very important	Important	Neutral/No opinion	Low importance	Not at all important
Reusing materials	38%	41%	17%	3%	1%
Recycling	63%	31%	5%	1%	0%
Composting	27%	29%	31%	8%	5%

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Which method(s) of communication regarding garbage, recycling and yard waste collection services would be most effective for you?

