There are a few changes with garbage and recycling collection this January. These changes are part of a temporary month-long pilot program listed in the Mayor’s approved budget for 2022. Initiative number 5 called Pilot Program for Garbage/Recycling Collection, discusses how both holiday days and weather-impacted days are currently costing the City a minimum of $40,000 in overtime per year.

The same Public Works staff who collect City garbage and recycling are those who plow our streets. Not only has overtime costs become unsustainable for the City, but staff face long hours of driving and service delivery as they juggle both snow plowing and garbage/recycling collection. We wish to reduce injury, reduce unsafe conditions, save money, and continue to provide efficient services with the new pilot program. Under this pilot program, garbage/recycling collection will be skipped on any holidays, and also skipped on weather-impacted days. Garbage collection will be collected a week later and recycling collection two weeks later during the standard collection time.

For example, if your collection day is typically on Monday and a holiday such as Martin Luther King Day falls on that Monday (Monday, January 17, 2022), your garbage collection is skipped and will be collected the following Monday and the recycling collection will be collected two weeks later at the normal scheduled time.

Spring Yard Waste Collection: April 17 - May 8
Fall Yard Waste Collection: Sept. 25 - Nov. 13