

# Truckee solidifies new trash program

The Truckee Town Council approved a 10-year solid waste and recycling franchise agreement this month with Tahoe Truckee Sierra Disposal that includes a host of new, sustainable services for residential and commercial customers.

The previous agreement was set to expire June 30, 2018.

Truckee residents will be moving to containerized recycling and yard waste services over the next three years. All Truckee residents will receive a 64-gallon wheeled blue cart for recyclables and a 96-gallon green wheeled cart for yard waste. Recycling and yard waste carts will be serviced curbside on alternating weeks. Residents have the ability to opt out of either of these programs and use alternative service options built into the new agreement.

For recyclables, residents can continue to use blue bags which will be picked up weekly with their mixed waste. There will also be two locations for recycling drop-off during the summer months.

Green bags will not be picked up after June 30, 2018. If residents do not want to use green carts, they may rent a 6-yard dumpster for a week from the expanded dumpster rental services through TTSD. Residents may also drop up to 6 yards of yard waste at Eastern Regional Landfill.

Other notable service changes include two free pick ups of large, bulky items per year and four overage pick ups per year where customers can put out up to 96-gallons of mixed waste including yard waste with advanced notice to TTSD.

All Truckee residents will receive yard waste containers in June 2018 to begin use on July 1. Residents can choose to

receive up to three 96-gallon containers or opt out of the program entirely. Glenshire residents will receive recyclables carts in September and begin with the new recycling services starting Oct. 1, 2018. The remaining Truckee neighborhoods excluding Tahoe-Donner will start using blue carts in 2019. Tahoe Donner residents will begin with the new recycling services in 2020. All residents will continue to use their current trash cans for mixed waste.

Commercial customers will receive wildlife-resistant food waste carts that will be serviced up to three times a week. These carts will provide more efficient collection of food waste than the current yellow bag program. Businesses will also receive carts for recyclables.