



Are There Dollars in Your Dumpster?

Your company pays for garbage collection and is likely to pay a small fee for recycling pick-up as well. How then can recycling save you money?

Modify Your Current Garbage Collection

When you separate materials for recycling, your garbage container will likely be less full. Don't pay to have empty space hauled away! Instead, ask your garbage hauler to:

- Reduce the size of your bin and/or,
- Pick it up less frequently (i.e. every two weeks instead of every week).

The savings in lower garbage bills will often pay for the small fee charged for recycling collection.

Compare the Cost Difference

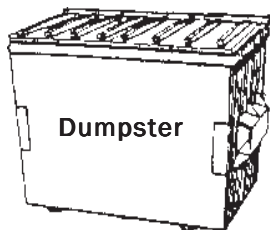
In comparing equal-sized recycling and garbage containers, the collection of recyclables is always less expensive than garbage pick-up. There are several reasons:

- There is no refuse tax on recyclables so you save at least 16% right away.
- Some recyclers do not charge a monthly rental fee for smaller recycling containers (60 or 90 gallon).
- The money recyclers receive for their collected materials covers some of the cost of collection and processing and those savings are passed on to the customer.

Look at a Cost Comparison*

Before

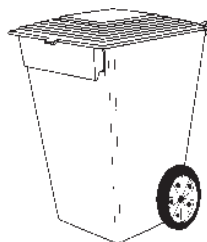
1 cu. yard (200 gal.) garbage with weekly pick-up costs about \$70/mo. or \$840/yr.



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After

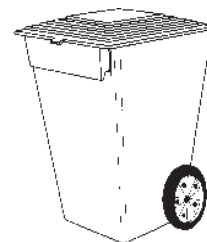
90 gal. toter for garbage with weekly pick-up costs about \$31/mo. or \$372/yr.



Garbage

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90 gal. toter for recycling with weekly pick-up costs about \$27/mo. or \$324/yr.



Recycling (Mixed Paper)

**Savings
Approximately
\$144/yr.**

*Based on average prices in Seattle, August 2003

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