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> you must go online and reserve a dumpster for free. There are 20 dumpsters available to the 25,000+ residents. So pretty much it will be a joke trying to get one. The Council has asked the Mayor to bring his plan to the council meeting Tuesday night so they and the public can discuss, ask questions and comment. The first step to reversing this is getting residents to voice their opinion. You can either show up to the meeting or send an email no later than Tuesday afternoon (2/4) to csharkey@sandy.utah.gov with your feelings and opinions on the matter.
> Please pass this on to everyone you know in Sandy and let's do our best to get the sandy pickup back.

Dear Councilwoman Sharkey:

I was frustrated when I received an email last week from the city stating that the bulk waste pickup has been changed. As far as I can tell Sandy City Mayor Bradburn, without first consulting the City Council, has done a complete overhaul of the bulk pickup service the city has provided for many years. Additionally, I don't believe he asked for input from city residents before making these draconian changes. I'm part of a group that regularly provides feedback on issues the city is looking at (Dimple Dell usage, traffic flow around Rio Tinto Stadium, the empty land east of Albion Middle, street light issues, etc.). I received no email soliciting input regarding the bulk waste program.

I went to the city's website to read through the "new" bulk waste program. I discovered there are only 20 dumpsters that are available to reserve--a woefully inadequate number for a city with 95,000+ residents. I further discovered that the individual who reserves the dumpster also assumes responsibility for whatever ends up in it. The problem with that is that the dumpster remains in front of your home for up to 60 hours. This means you ensure for that time period that no one puts stuff in the dumpster that's not allowed (like paint and other items specifically prohibited). The website doesn't specifically spell it out, but assuming responsibility for any prohibited items might mean either a fine will be imposed or

a bill will be sent for the cost the city incurs to dispose of the prohibited items.

Two of my children live in municipalities (Murray, Cottonwood Heights) that put dumpsters in different neighborhoods one or two times during the year. I regularly hear from them about how much they wish their cities provided the bulk waste pickup service that Sandy City does. Or did. They've complained it's difficult to get heavy items into the dumpsters, and that it creates issues between neighbors as a race occurs to see who can get their stuff in the dumpsters as quickly as possible before they fill up, and they fill up quickly. Based on the information they've shared over the years, it is a very real possibility that the situation could arise where neighbors, who haven't been invited to put their stuff in a dumpster someone else has reserved, might look for an opportunity to put their stuff in the dumpster at a time when other neighbors aren't around. I also believe, given there are only 20 dumpsters for Sandy's new program, that this issue will be a big problem.

The Sandy City's website said complaints have been filed by city residents about the debris left on the streets after the bulk pickup, and that the streets look trashy before the pickup. But in my opinion, those issues are less problematic than (1) overhauling a popular city service without first going through the process of soliciting citizen input, (2) forcing individuals who rent the dumpsters to take responsibility for its contents when they don't have the ability to control what's put in an open dumpster left in front of their house over a 60-hour time period unless they have 24-hour surveillance in place, (3) the real possibility that others will put their waste in the dumpsters uninvited, and (4) providing an inadequate number of dumpsters to be reserved which will result in a substantial decrease and change in what has been a popular city service.

Frankly, the changes Mayor Bradburn has put in place are even inferior to what our children in Murray and Cottonwood Heights enjoy. At least those municipalities provide the dumpsters on a regular basis without having to reserve them, and individual citizens don't have to assume the liability of what their neighbors might put in the dumpsters.

Please do all you can to dial back this change. While changes to the current program might be needed, making those changes without discussion with the city council and solicitation of input from the citizenry is not good policy.

Thank you!
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