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I'm writing in support of keeping the bulk waste program alive in Sandy.

I grew up in SLC and the annual cleanup was a big deal. Our neighborhood benefitted tremendously from the program. My parents still live there and are very concerned about how they are going to dispose of yard waste, etc. without the program in place moving forward.

I've lived in a number of different cities both in Utah and elsewhere. One of the reasons I chose to live in Sandy when we moved back to the Valley is because the city does such a great job with streets, parks, roads, etc. and because of the bulk waste program that motivates and allows residents to take responsibility for keeping their yards in good repair.

When you don't have a program like this in place, only those with pickup trucks, large trailers, or lots of disposable income to hire someone else who does are able to take care of yard projects, trimming bushes, removing tree limbs, etc. The natural outcome is that people basically stop caring for their yards and let more and more grow wild. They don't have a way to get limbs and such hauled away, so they don't trim them.

In our neighborhood we have lots of long-time homeowners who are getting up there in years. None of them have a means of hauling away yard waste. We also have a good group of able-bodied neighbors with chainsaws, rakes, trimmers, and more who are willing to move around the neighborhood helping these older neighbors. We gather together twice a year as a neighborhood and find the neighbors most in need of help and step in to help them clear out and trim back the growth. This happens the Saturday before our neighborhood pickup. It brings our neighborhood together and is one of the more charming parts of living here. Without the bulk waste program, I'm not sure how we'd do this. While we have sufficiently able-bodied men to help their neighbors, few, if any, have trucks, trailers, etc. that we could use to efficiently haul away the yard waste.

One more issue is that our solid waste program doesn't have a viable yard waste solution either. We already have a recycling program (that doesn't accept most recyclables). But we have to dispose of yard waste together with other solid waste. For most people, that isn't nearly enough space for disposing of normal trash, recyclable trash that can't be recycled, AND yard waste. Increasing the amount of yard waste by discontinuing the bulk waste pickup would further strain the system. Adding yard waste specific containers would be a pain (one more can to take to the curb each week and store the rest of the time), and would

likely increase costs by adding a third truck route each week city wide to handle those containers as well. The bulk waste program must be more efficient than that.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions on this.

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