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I recently read a news story that the rates for residential garbage collection in St. Paul will rise due to an increase in the amount of garbage being produced by residents.

I would like to propose another level of trash collection. Every 4 weeks or once a month at a lower rate. Alternatively provide a way to cancel pickup for a two week cycle and get credit for the non-pickup (I had this option prior to city consolidation)

I have had every two week pickup for several years. I am fully using recycling and organics composting. My current trash contains only items that cannot be recycled or composted. This consists of one 5 gallon trash bag every two weeks. This barely covers the bottom of the trash can. Skipping a pickup still leaves my trash can less than half full and none of it is food waste.

Those of us who are reducing our solid waste footprint should be given more reasonable options. Those who produce more should pay more. Do not further burden those who are working to produce less.

Please take this suggestion into consideration.

Thank you,  
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