

## LETTER: Tired of doing the city's job on taking out the trash

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Hear, hear...  
Social engineering has lost sight of the purpose  
of this core service - to remove our garbage. -cjk

**Dear Editor:**

Remember when we used to have one garbage truck a week coming down the lane and they would pick up everything?

Now I see a minimum of 15 trucks per week coming down my lane, and our strata of 10 units has to pay for three of them (organics, recycling, the bin). Yet we aren't allowed to throw anything out. If I have broken lamps or blinds or chairs, I am now expected to drive this to the dump myself and pay a fee, even though we are already paying for three trucks to go there.

And if you don't own a car, I guess you are expected to take the bus to the dump with all your broken stuff. Not going to happen. Now our back alleys are filled with broken furniture, pots and pans etc. because people can't afford to pay another fee to get rid of their stuff.

Our city has created a monster. Apartment kitchens are not equipped to be set up for recycling. My kitchen looks like a transfer station.

How is this making things greener, going from one garbage truck a week to 15 or 20 for the same area? And now they are talking about recycling cigarette butts? If they had put out smoking poles when they kicked all the people out on the street to smoke, litter wouldn't be an issue. And what retail business wants to handle your bags of smelly butts?

I'm tired of doing the city's job for them. It's a constant pointless busywork project on the part of city planners just to make it appear as though they're making our lives better, when it does nothing of the sort.

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