

**Subject:** [Fwd: \*\*YARD TRIMMINGS WASTE COLLECTION\*\*]

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Dear Annette Martin:

**\*\*YARD TRIMMINGS WASTE COLLECTION\*\***

The clear plastic bag approach was working. They were manageable in size for most to get to the curbside for pick-up. It's true there was a cost of \$50,000/year in handling these bags for our 20,500 homes, but the convenience was worth \$2.50 to each household.

The new system will use bigger paper bags which cost 3 times that of plastic (Canada Tire claims their regular price is 5/\$3.42). On an annual basis, the additional cost will far surpass the \$50,000 in cost savings.

The only positive from the new program is that clippings can be placed in separate garbage cans. I'll probably purchase 2 cans to use on a regular basis for grass cuttings but will have to supplement these with paper whenever I do garden & hedge trimming.

Quite frankly, I believe plastic bags could have been split & emptied into the truck at the curb-side pick-up. A time study was never conducted on this approach. Nor for that matter have they tested the paper bags in our wet rain-forest climate.

Coming before Council was a mere formality, as the contract had already been tendered. The bottom line: tax-payers are faced with yet another increase in costs. It's no wonder District taxpayers are faced with a tax increase 600% over inflation when Council can't figure it's way out of a brown paper bag.

Yours truly, Dave Sadler