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Call and tell your elected officials how important it is to keep garbage a public service.

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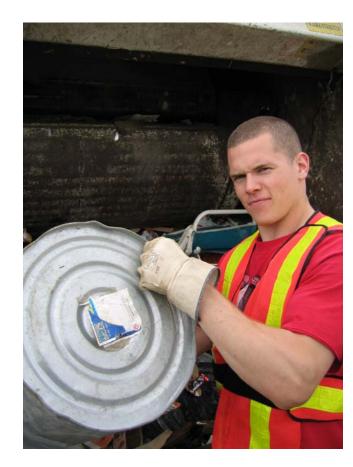
Kirk Lochert (and son Garrett on the left) has been a temporary worker for15 years. He'll lose his job if solid waste is contracted out.



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Don't Trash Us!



City officials threaten to privatize garbage pick up!

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City workers take pride in doing the best job for Winnipeg

We're the city workers who pick up your garbage. We are your neighbours and friends and we are proud to provide this service for you the residents of Winnipeg.

City officials want to privatize all garbage collection in Winnipeg. They want to fire us or shift us to other work and contract-out the collection to huge American companies.

These officials say it's to save money. We're all in favour of saving money...as long as we really do save money and the service doesn't suffer.

We don't believe them. We don't trust city managers and don't believe they are being honest with the costing of garbage collection.

Where are the savings?

The cost difference between public and private collection is about \$1 million per year according to city managers. We've given the City suggestions on how to cut costs, but these ideas have fallen on deaf ears.

If the City really wants to save taxpayers' money, it should plan operations better. When city managers manage properly, they can cut costs and provide good service.

You deserve high quality service at a reasonable cost. Contracting out is not the answer. Planning and managing operations better will benefit everyone.

Profit or Performance?

Our research shows we give residents better quality service. In a recent survey of your neighbourhood, you told us that you are satisfied with your garbage collection. Residents in the north side of Winnipeg that have a private company collect their garbage are not as satisfied.

Keeping workers on the job means they know their neighbourhoods and will go that extra mile to make sure residents get quality service at an affordable price.

The citizens of Winnipeg deserve to have a skilled and safety conscience workforce picking up the garbage – not a private company who hires low paid inexperienced workers in order to make a profit.

When the city provides the collection service, we all benefit. When the City pays decent wages and benefits it is good for all employees, city administrators, local business people and our community in general.

We know you don't want this work contracted out if it means we'll lose our jobs.

Talk to your Councillor!

City Councillors care about what you have to say. As a taxpayer and resident , your views are important.

Tell them you want local people to collect your trash, not an American company. Tell them you are against privatization. Tell the City that you prefer to have city workers pick up your garbage.

City Councillors will make a decision on July 27. So call them now. Help keep our services public!



Public Solid Waste workers could lose their jobs if City officials contract out garbage collection in Winnipeg