

Grimes Buildings RFP for Trash and Recycling:

Reason for RFP:

We got communication that we had not had a service agreement with our current provider for trash and recycling. Once we had this information, we reviewed our previous service agreement and compared it to what we are currently paying for this service. This was a substantial difference. This prompted us to create a Response for Purposal and sent it to Waste Management, Waste Connections, and Ankeny Sanitation. We wanted to get competitive bids for this service to see where we stand and what agreements we could secure. The RFP went out towards the end of October, with a due date from these companies on November 14th. Each company received the same RFP, and the included spreadsheet shows the current amount we are paying, along with the monthly and annual cost breakdowns per location.

Operations Department Recommendation:

When looking at the RFP's and talking with the representatives. The most cost-effective service agreement is with our current provider, Waste Management. I did get some clarification on our service agreement vs our current invoices. Our current invoices have an energy surcharge and an administrative cost per site. Waste Management will waive our energy surcharge for all our locations under a one-year contract. If we go paperless with our statements, we will eliminate the administrative cost per site. Talking with the business manager, this is something we can do. Our recommendation is to stay with Waste Management for our next year of service and to continue to review our agreement annually to keep our costs down.

Service Agreement Prices for Trash and Recycling services for buildings in Grimes

Building	Company	Service Cost	Energy Surcharge	Admin Cost	Total	Annual Cost	
Admin	WM-Current	1-3 yd pick up 1x/week	\$346.47	\$53.81	\$8.50	\$408.78	\$4,905.36
	WM-Purposed	1-3 yd pick up 1x/week	\$67.00				\$804.00
	WC-Purposed	1-3 yd pick up 1x/week	\$53.00				\$636.00
	AS-Purposed	1-3 yd pick up 1x/week	\$61.70				\$740.40
Bus/Maintenance	WM-Current	1-4yd pick up 1x/week	\$341.08	\$52.97	\$8.50	\$402.55	\$4,830.60
	WM-Purposed	1-4yd pick up 1x/week	\$77.00				\$924.00
	WC-purposed	1-4yd pick up 1x/week	\$70.00				\$840.00
	AS-Purposed	1-4yd pick up 1x/week	\$82.27				\$987.24
High School	WM-Current-Trash	3-8yd pick up 5x/week	\$4,244.04	\$715.98	\$8.50	\$4,968.52	\$59,622.24
	WM-Current-Recycle	2-6yd pick up 1x/week	\$366.24				\$4,394.88
	WM-Purposed-Trash	3-8yd pick up 5x/week	\$1,617.00				\$19,404.00
	WM-Purposed-Recycle	2-6yd pick up 1x/week	\$163.00				\$1,956.00
	WC-Purposed- Trash	3-8yd pick up 5x/week	\$2,105.00				\$25,260.00
	WC-purposed- Recycle	2-6yd pick up 1x/week	\$377.00				\$4,524.00
	AS-Purposed-Trash	3-8yd pick up 5x/week	\$2,468.10				\$29,617.20
	AS-Purposed-Recycle	2-6yd pick up 1x/week	\$207.84				\$2,494.08
Oak View	WM-Current-Trash	1-3yrd pick up 5x/week	\$493.98	\$203.80	\$8.50	\$706.28	\$8,475.36
	WM-Current-Trash	1-2yrd pick up 5x/week	\$329.36				\$3,952.32
	WM-Current-Recycle	1-3yd pick up 3x/week	\$226.91				\$2,722.92
	WM-Purposed-Trash	1-3yrd pick up 5x/week	\$306.00				\$3,672.00
	WM-Purposed-Trash	1-2yrd pick up 5x/week	\$248.00				\$2,976.00
	WM-Purposed-Recycle	1-3yd pick up 3x/week	\$184.00				\$2,208.00
	WC-Purposed- Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$527.00				\$6,324.00
	WC-purposed- Recycle	1-6yd pick up 2x/week	\$377.00				\$4,524.00
	AS-purposed-Trash	1-3yrd pick up 5x/week	\$308.51				\$3,702.12
	AS-Purposed-Trash	1-2yrd pick up 5x/week	\$205.68				\$2,468.16
	AS-Purposed-Recycle	1-3yd pick up 3x/week	\$155.88				\$1,870.56
North Ridge	WM-Current-Trash	1-6yrd pick up 5x/week	\$464.19	\$88.41	\$8.50	\$561.10	\$6,733.20
	WM-Current-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$105.00				\$1,260.00
	WM-Purposed-Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$472.00				\$5,664.00
	WM-Purposed-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$87.00				\$1,044.00
	WC-Purposed- Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$527.00				\$6,324.00
	WC-purposed- Recycle	1-3yd pick up 2x/week	\$189.00				\$2,268.00
	AS-Purposed-Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$617.03				\$7,404.36
	AS-Purposed-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$103.92				\$1,247.04
Heritage	WM-Current-Trash	1-6yd Pick up 5x/week	\$464.19	\$116.34	\$8.50	\$589.03	\$7,068.36
	WM-Current-Recycle		\$199.87				\$2,398.44
	WM-Purposed-Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$472.00				\$5,664.00
	WM-Purposed-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$87.00				\$1,044.00
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	AS-Purposed-Recycle	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$103.92				\$1,247.04
South Prairie	WM-Current-Trash	1-6yrd pick up 5x/week	\$464.19	\$84.45	\$8.50	\$557.14	\$6,685.68
	WM-Current-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$79.50				\$954.00
	WM-Purposed-Trash	1-6yd pick up 5x/week	\$472.00				\$5,664.00
	WM-Purposed-Recycle	1-6yrd pick up 1x/week	\$87.00				\$1,044.00
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Vendor Names	Total Monthly Cost	Total Annual Cost
WM-Current	\$9,500.28	\$114,003.36
WM-Purposed	\$4,339.00	\$52,068.00
WC-Purposed	\$5,657.00	\$67,884.00
AS-Purposed	\$5,652.83	\$67,833.96

I got these numbers by using our November 2025 invoices and then multiplying by 12

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)

Trash and Recycling Services

Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District

Issued: October 2025

1. Purpose

The Dallas Center-Grimes Community School District (DCG CSD) is soliciting proposals from qualified vendors for the collection, hauling, and disposal of **solid waste (trash)** and **recyclable materials** at multiple district locations. The goal is to ensure efficient, reliable, and environmentally responsible waste management across all facilities.

2. Proposal Submission

Proposals Due: November 14th, 2025

Submit To: Travis Donahue, Director of Custodial Services and Buildings.

Travis.donahue@dcgschools.com or mail to 24080 X Ave Grimes, Iowa 50111 Attention: Travis Donahue

All proposals must include:

- A breakdown of monthly costs per location for both trash and recycling services.
 - Details on pickup frequency (proposed and optional).
 - Details of all overage charges, contamination charges, and how these are assigned and billed
 - Additional service rates for a larger dumpster for construction projects and additional containers for temporary needs.
 - Proof of insurance, licenses, and references from comparable contracts.
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3. Service Requirements

The vendor shall:

- Provide dumpsters of the specified sizes below.
- Maintain dumpsters in clean, safe, and functional condition.
- Coordinate pickup schedules to meet the district's needs and avoid service interruptions during school hours.
- Offer flexible service for special projects and summer clean-ups.
- Provide a flat rate or per-haul cost for temporary larger dumpsters upon request.

4. Locations and Dumpster Requirements

Location	Trash Container Size	Frequency of pick up	Recycling Container Size	Frequency of pick up
Administrative Building 2405 W 1st Street Grimes, IA 50111	1-3 yard	1/week	NA	NA
Bus/Maintenance 24080 X Ave. Grimes, IA 50111	1-4 yard	1/week	NA	NA
High School 2555 W 1st Street Grimes, IA 50111	3-8 yard	5/week	2-6 yard	1/week
Oak View 1300 SW County Line Rd Grimes, IA 50111	1-3 yard 1-2 yard	5/week	1-3 yard	3/week
North Ridge Elem. 400 NW 27th St. Grimes, IA 50111	1-6 yard	5/week	1-6 yard	1/week
Heritage Elem. 500 NE Beaverbrook Blvd. Grimes, IA 50111	1-6 yard	5/week	1-6 yard	5/week
South Prairie	1-6 yard	5/week	1-6 yard	5/week

The above quantities and frequencies are the current services; we anticipate that each vendor will review the site and determine which containers work with our current enclosures and building needs.

5. Optional Service – Temporary Large Dumpsters

Vendors shall provide pricing for **temporary large dumpsters** to be used during summer projects or special events.

Please include:

- **Available sizes** (e.g., 10-yard, 20-yard, 30-yard, etc.)
 - **Flat rate per dumpster** (including delivery, pickup, and disposal)
 - **Per-ton overage charges** (if applicable)
 - **Rental period included** in flat rate
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6. Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- **Cost-effectiveness** and transparency of pricing
 - **Reliability** and flexibility of service
 - **Customer service and responsiveness**
 - **Environmental sustainability practices**
 - **References and experience** with similar organizations (preferably school districts)
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7. Contract Term

The initial contract term will be for **one year**, with the option to renew for up to two (2) additional one-year periods upon mutual agreement.

8. Questions

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted to:

Travis Donahue at 515-985-5173 Ext 1403 or at travis.donahue@dcgschools.com

By 11/12/25

9. Proposal Format

Each proposal must include:

1. Company information and contact details
2. Pricing table by location (trash and recycling separately)
3. Pricing for temporary large dumpsters
4. Description of service capabilities and pickup schedules
5. References from at least two similar clients