

In the past most haulers were locally-owned. Eagle Environmental, for example, used to be. They got bought out by Superior...who got bought out by Onyx...who got bought out by Veolia—a French multi-national corporation. Their profits don't stay in our community.

Please take a moment to consider the reasons you might choose a hauler besides price. Is it important to you that your trash is turned into energy? Is it important to you that your money gets re-invested in the local economy? Do you value safety, efficiency, and cleaner air?

Here is a grid that provides some information about our alley's current haulers:

Hauler	Destination of Trash	Locally Owned?	Other notes
<i>Eagle/Superior/Onyx</i>	Both Resource Recovery and landfills	No, France	270,000 employees, operating on every livable continent!
<i>Waste Management</i>	Landfill in Newport	Headquarters in Texas	25 million customers across the United States and Canada
<i>BFI/Allied Waste</i>	Landfill in Inver Grove Heights	Houston, Texas	26,000 employees, serving 37 states and Puerto Rico
<i>Aspen Waste Systems</i>	Elk River Resource Recovery	Yes, in Minneapolis	Operations in Minnesota and Missouri
<i>Highland Sanitation</i>	Resource Recovery in Newport	Yes, right here in St. Paul since 1950.	Serves three Twin Cities counties; only 22 employees!

I assure you, I will not benefit personally or financially from this. I will not receive or accept any referral discounts, nor do I have any personal connection to Highland Sanitation (I'll have to switch haulers too). I am doing this, inspired by our neighbors, to improve the quality of our lives and to ensure our spending reflects our values.

Feel free to call or write with your questions at 651-357-7077, or email me at jo@unityunitarian.org. If you do decide to switch to Highland Sanitation please call or email to let me know so I can inform our neighbors of our progress.

Thanks so much for considering!

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