TIMELINE OF HOUSEHOLD SOLID WASTE COLLECTIONS IN THE CITY OF RACINE

- 1881: First reference found of council attempting to pass "garbage ordinance".
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- 1913: Council passes "garbage ordinance". City builds an incinerator and starts collecting waste in horse-drawn carts.
- 1937: Horse-drawn collection carts replaced with "automobile trucks".
- 1954: Commercial dump near Horlick Dam which is used by the city closes creating severe disposal problems and overloading of incinerator.
- 1971: City closes incinerators; ends dual pickups of combustible and non-combustible wastes. Curbside pickups still performed; 21st Street dump site closes. City enters into a contract to dump waste at Danks landfill. City pays for residents to dispose of bulky waste at landfill.
- 1981: Backyard collections end. Collections at apartments; in front on more units' end.
- 1986: Pearl Street yard opens for residents to dispose of bulky items and yard waste. Curbside and alley pickups of bulky waste begins with purchase of 27-yard trucks with more powerful Rams.
- 2010: Recycling cart program implemented.