

Dear Cathy Condo:

In Parkfairfax, we have our trash picked up six days a week (including the Wednesday recyclables pick-up). Couldn't we save a lot of money--and by that I mean greatly lower our monthly condo fee--if we changed the pickups to maybe three times a week?

Thanks,

Looking For Budget Savings

Dear LFBS:

We have more than 1600 units in Parkfairfax, and our trash service costs each unit only about \$15/month and would not produce significant cost savings in lieu of the alternative. The alternative would require us to "save" our garbage in our units (the UHOA covenants prohibit outdoor trashcans--for both aesthetic and sanitation reasons). The trash company expense is based on volume; pick up on fewer days would not decrease the cost significantly. So, changing this service would not have a major impact on the UHOA budget, and very little savings on a per unit basis. Log in to our redesigned website and take a look at our budget at [www.parkfairfax.info](http://www.parkfairfax.info)--we're always open to suggestions!