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LETTER: Solar-powered trash can will pay for itself

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To the Editor:

As the department with the primary responsibility for maintaining the refuse collection points at Town Hall, Brewer House, Raymond Library, Wickham Library and greens and parks throughout Town, let me provide to your readers some pertinent information related to the purchase of a \$3,200 solar compacting trash receptacle.

For some time, the location outside of the main entrance to Town Hall has posed a challenge for my department with respect to having to continually respond to calls for service since various animals, from squirrels, to possum, to raccoons continually raided the open receptacle, emptying its contents around the main entrance to Town Hall, creating an unsightly and unsanitary condition. This is not what I would hope first time visitors to the Town Hall would see. Additionally, the normal sized trash receptacle was not large enough to handle the volume of refuse generated at this location requiring staff to visit twice a day to empty trash.

In an effort to reduce the calls for service, create an aesthetically pleasing entrance to our Town Hall free from litter and refuse, and finally eliminate the unsanitary condition created by various vermin, the purchase of an environmentally friendly, solar driven trash compacting receptacle was purchased. Contrary to reports circulating around town, the receptacle works well and so far has seemed to solve a long standing, labor intensive, vexing problem.

Our department strives to reduce cost to the taxpayer and an item such as this may seem expensive at first, over the course of time will pay for itself in reduced man hours.

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