
CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

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Julie Jenuwine, Finance Director

DATE: January 31, 2005

TO: Mayor Somerville & President Hill

RE: 2005 SOCRRA Services

As indicated in the 2005 Proposed Budget workshop on September 15, 2004, the 2005 Proposed Budget was changed to reflect City Council's request to reduce the SOCRRA service to twenty weeks in 2005. The request at the workshop detailed that the days/hours of operation in 2005 would consist of opening in mid-April (close in June, July and August) then re-open in mid-September, closing after November, for the year. It was also noted that the hours would change from 8am-2pm to 8am-noon.

The above request has been made to SOCRRA and the Operations Director has responded with some concerns and also a **proposal** (see attached fax from SOCRRA Operations Director).

Due to this proposal from SOCRRA, I am requesting direction from the Mayor and Council, as to how you would like the City to proceed.

Should you have any concerns or need for additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cc: Scott Cope

Attachment: Fax dated 1/26/05 from SOCRRA

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**Southeastern Oakland
County Resource
Recovery Authority**

To: Ms. Marilyn Paulsen-Tomaszewski
Rochester Hills Purchasing Analyst

From: Mike Czuprenski *MC*
SOCRRA Operations Director

Fax #: 248/608-8178

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Re: Saturday Hours @ Compost Site-2005

Date: 1-26-05

Marilyn:

Per your request, we have evaluated what SOCRRA would charge Rochester Hills for keeping the Compost Site open for Rochester Hills residents for the 20 Saturdays defined by your City Council. I have filled out page two of your fax to me (attached) and it reflects these offers:

20 Saturdays to be open from 8 am to noon: \$240 per Saturday

20 Saturdays to be open from 8 am to 2 pm: \$305 per Saturday

We have no problem offering the City their choice of schedules, but appreciate:

- On Saturdays not included in the City Council schedule, we will have the front gate locked, regardless if staff is working or not. This would not be meant as a punitive gesture, but if the City is not paying us to be open on these time-and-a-half days, we would only staff the Site in circumstances that warrant full devotion to SOCRRA's operation and maintenance needs. Also, it is likely that illegal dumping at our gate and along School Road would increase on these Saturdays.
- When the front gate is locked, not only will Rochester Hills residents be prevented from dumping off their yard waste, but they will not have access to our finished compost. Due to the high demand for this material by your residents throughout past summers, I would suggest that the City purchase and stockpile a large quantity in a convenient alternate location. We have estimated that Rochester Hills residents use about 15 cubic yards of compost per Saturday, thus, to cover the 14 closed Saturdays, Rochester Hills may want to consider purchasing 210 yds from us (\$2,520 f.o.b. our site).

As an alternative to the City Council ideas, we have given this matter some thought and have a counter that reduces the cost Rochester Hills would pay, but would be more user-friendly:

34 Saturdays (April 16 thru December 3) open 8 am – noon

Rochester Hills DPW provide weekly street sweeping of our 2,500 foot long asphalt drive

SOCRRA Charge to Rochester Hills: \$140 per Saturday