

When city garbage collections started in 1913, there was a recognition that standard trash receptacles and uniform storage of household wastes were needed, but these provisions weren't implemented:

CITY TO KEEP ITS HANDS OFF TRADE IN GARBAGE CANS

Council Committee of Whole Rejects All Bids and Declines To Enter Field

The City of Racine will not engage in the business of buying and selling garbage cans. This was definitely decided by the council committee of the whole last night. ...

Recently the board of public works under instructions, advertised for bids on 1,000 garbage cans, the idea being that the city purchase 1,000 cans and dispose of them to the people in the city in which to deposit their garbage for the collectors of the new incinerator plant.

It was feared that if the city entered into this character of business it would cause trouble.

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It was agreed to reject all bids and that the city divorce itself from having anything to with the purchase and sale of cans.

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