

Roll cart debate rolls on in Columbia

Roll carts in Columbia have been an issue for a decade. There have been multiple petitions, a ballot measure and a few protests about the issue. The Missourian looked back in time to find the big moments in the trash debate.

2011
Roll carts are brought up by the city's Public Works Department's Solid Waste Division in a survey.



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March 2016
A ballot issue that puts a six-month ban on discussion of roll carts or establishing ordinances banning them is passed with 54% of the vote.

2015

An anti-roll cart group submits a petition to place the issue on the ballot of whether to ban the purchase and use of roll carts and automated trucks in residential Columbia.

August 2020
Columbia City Council votes to decide if the council would put the roll cart issue back on the ballot in the next election.

2020

“Columbia MO Citizens for Roll Carts” is started.

February 2021

City switches to a “pay-as-you-throw” system that requires households to use black bags with the city logo.