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Contractors to blame, not city waste collectors, for problems with new trash pick up

EDMONTON – The President of the union representing city waste collectors is calling out a third party contractor for the lack of garbage collection at 13,000 Edmonton homes this week.

Many homes in the southwest end of the city did not have waste collected on their scheduled day last week as part of the city's new cart rollout.

"Some news reports, and some citizens, have been pointing the finger at city workers, but that's not fair or true," said CUPE Local 30 President Eric Lewis.

"These carts were not collected because the contractor doesn't know the work, doesn't know the routes, and doesn't know the city," said Lewis. "When the city performed the same work under similar conditions operations ran smooth. If the city kept more services in house, problems like this wouldn't happen."

Lewis said that while the problems with pick up will get sorted out in time, he expects further problems to pop up in the future.

"When you privatize you reduce the quality and level of service as the private company cuts corners to maximize their profits"

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