

Below is a history and some information on the existing Vactors:

2010 Vactor – This truck has 103,940 miles. There has been a string of electrical issues that have plagued the 2010 Vactor that are still happening. We will be spending this year, approximately \$40,000 to \$100,000 depending on what tank we decide to get. This includes a new back door from Vactor. The blower will need to be replaced in the next year at a cost of approximately \$15,000. The Jet rodder water pump was just replaced. So far this year we have spent approx. \$35,000 on repairs.

2004 Vactor – This truck has 53,995 miles. The aux motor overheats. This has been an issue with the old motor and the new motor. We believe we can fix this by putting in a larger radiator. The debris tank is 7 years old and we will be looking at possibly replacing this tank and back door again within the next year or two. We normally get 6 to 8 years out of a tank (Tank price above). The Jet rodder water pump is 2 years old and we usually get 4 to 5 years out of them. The cost to replace it is approximately \$20,000. The fan blades are 14 years old and most likely will need to be replaced at a cost of \$10,000 plus labor. Two of the 4 water tanks have been replaced in the last few months. The unit has had approx. \$33,000 worth of repairs this year.

It is our opinion that if we were to keep one truck, it should be the 2004. Although it is older it has significantly less miles. We also feel that the issue with the 2004's aux motor overheating will be much easier to address than the electrical issue with the 2010. Another thing we took into consideration is that the 2004 is more simple to operate. This will be especially helpful for when other departments utilize the vehicle as they will not be experienced operators.

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