

Resolution No.: 20-1120  
Introduced: March 24, 2026  
Adopted: May 13, 2026

**COUNTY COUNCIL  
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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Lead Sponsor: Council President at the request of the County Executive

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**SUBJECT:** FY27 Solid Waste Service Charges

**Background**

1. Section 48-31 of the County Code provides that each fiscal year the County Council must, by resolution, set the base solid waste charges, the residential systems benefit charge, and the nonresidential systems benefit charge, and all other solid waste service, collection, and disposal charges and fees.
2. Section 48-8A(b)(1) of the County Code provides that each fiscal year the County Council must set, by resolution, the rates for the residential and nonresidential systems benefit charges.
3. Pursuant to County Code Section 48-47(c)(1) and (2), the County has established a Leaf Recycling Service Area in which special fees are charged for leaf recycling services.
4. On March 13, 2026, the County Executive recommended, effective July 1, 2026, solid waste charges including the residential base systems benefit charge which when multiplied by the generation rates (set by Executive Regulation 2-26) yield household charges for Fiscal Year 2027.
5. On April 14, 2026, a public hearing on the County Executive's Recommended FY27 Solid Waste Service Charges was held.
6. On May 6, 2026, the County Council discussed the County Executive's Recommended FY27 Department of Environmental Protection Recycling and Resource Management Budget and FY27 Solid Waste Service Charges. The County Council preliminarily supported adjusting the County Executive's recommended charges to assume \$4.4 million more in revenue, consistent with its actions regarding the FY27 Department of Environmental Protection Recycling and Resource Management Budget. The adjusted rates with this change are:



**Nonresidential Properties:**

Base and Incremental Systems Benefit Charges by waste generation category per billable unit of 2,000 square feet of gross floor area of property improvement on real property as reported by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation:

Generator Category	Base (\$/GFA Unit)	Incremental (\$/GFA Unit)	Total (\$/GFA Unit)
Low	\$ 224.46	\$ 29.13	\$ 253.59
Medium Low	\$ 673.36	\$ 87.40	\$ 760.76
Medium	\$ 1,122.26	\$ 145.67	\$ 1,267.93
Medium High	\$ 1,571.17	\$ 203.94	\$ 1,775.11
High	\$ 2,020.08	\$ 262.20	\$ 2,282.28

**Solid Waste Charges per ton for solid waste:**

Refuse received at the Transfer Station (weighing $\geq$ 500 lbs/load)	\$ 70.00
Refuse received at the Transfer Station (weighing $<$ 500 lbs/load)	\$ 0.00
Construction and Demolition material and waste material delivered for disposal in open-top roll-off boxes	\$ 105.00
DOT Concrete/Dirt Rubble material delivered for disposal	\$ 75.00
All Yard Trim received at the Transfer Station (weighing $>$ 500 pounds/load)	\$ 46.00
Scrap metal delivered to the Transfer Station	\$ 0.00
Recyclable paper received at the County's Recycling Center	\$ 0.00
Commingled containers received at the County's Recycling Center	\$ 0.00
Source separated recyclable materials dropped off at the recycling drop-off area of the Transfer Station	\$ 0.00

**Leaf Vacuuming charge in the Leaf Recycling Service Area:**

Single-family Household	\$ 123.67
Multi-family Residential Unit	\$ 4.61

**Action**

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council approves the above solid waste charges, effective July 1, 2026.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

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Sara R. Tenenbaum  
Clerk of the Council