

Resolution No.:	<u>20-810</u>
Introduced:	<u>March 25, 2025</u>
Adopted:	<u>May 14, 2025</u>

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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

SUBJECT: FY26 Solid Waste Service Charges

Background

1. Under County Code Section 48-31, 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. Under County Code Section 48-8A(b)(1), the County Council must set, each fiscal year, by resolution, the rates for the residential and nonresidential systems benefit charges.
3. Under 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 14, 2025, the County Executive recommended, effective July 1, 2025, solid waste charges including the residential Base Systems Benefit Charge which when multiplied by the generation rates (set by Executive Regulation 9-25) yield household charges for FY 2026.
5. A public hearing was held on April 9, 2025.
6. On April 24, 2025, the County Executive recommended, effective July 1, 2025, revised solid waste charges including the residential Base Systems Benefit Charge which when multiplied by the generation rates (set by Executive Regulation 9-25) yield household charges for FY 2026.
7. On May 14, 2025, the County Council discussed adjusting the County Executive's revised solid waste charges by assuming \$12 million less in revenue from the Base Systems Benefit Charge and deferring consideration of the County Executive's recommended capital project: Material Recycling Biological Treatment Facility (MRBT). The adjusted rates with this change are:

Refuse Collection Charge:

For single-family households and dwellings in buildings with six or fewer dwelling units located within Sub-district A, of the Solid Waste Refuse Collection District:

Once weekly refuse collection charge \$160.00 / Household

Disposal Fee (Applies to All Single-Family Households and Dwellings in Buildings Comprised of Six or Fewer Dwelling Units Outside of Municipalities)

Disposal Fee = \$56.21/Household

Disposal fee (Tip Fee x Tons Disposed per Household):
\$70.00 x 0.80295 Tons = \$56.21 / Household

Systems Benefit Charge for Single-Family Households and Dwellings in Buildings Comprised of Six or Fewer Dwelling Units:

Base Systems Benefit Charge = \$87.17/Household

Base Cost / Ton x Generation / Household - Offset from Disposal Fees:
\$90.87634 / Ton x 1.5777 Tons / Household (ER 9-25) - \$56.21 / Household =
\$87.17 / Household

Incremental Systems Benefit Charge = \$244.34/Household

Charge Rate (\$ / Ton Waste Generated) x Generation / Household:
\$154.8710 x 1.5777 Tons = \$244.34 / Household

Systems Benefit Charges for Multi-Family Properties in Buildings Comprised of Seven or Greater Dwelling Units (Charge per Dwelling Unit):

Base Systems Benefit Charge = \$25.81/Dwelling

Base Cost / Ton x Tons Generated / Dwelling - Tip Fee Offsets:
\$90.87620/ Ton x 0.7502 Tons / Dwelling (ER 9-25) - \$42.37 / Dwelling =
\$25.81 / Dwelling

Incremental Systems Benefit Charge = \$3.95/Dwelling

Charge Rate (\$/Ton Waste Generated) x Generation / Dwelling:
\$5.259 x 0.7502 Tons = \$3.95 / Dwelling

Total multi-family Systems Benefit Charge on property bill \$ 29.76 / Dwelling

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:

<u>Generator Category</u>	<u>Base (\$/GFA Unit)</u>	<u>Incremental (\$/GFA Unit)</u>	<u>Total (\$/GFA Unit)</u>
Low	\$ 194.45	\$ 23.61	\$ 218.06
Medium Low	\$ 583.35	\$ 70.83	\$ 654.18
Medium	\$ 972.25	\$ 118.05	\$ 1,090.30
Medium High	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
High	\$ 1,750.05	\$ 212.49	\$ 1,962.54

Solid Waste Charges per ton for solid waste:

Refuse received at the Transfer Station (weighing \geq 500 lb/load)	\$ 70.00
Refuse received at the Transfer Station (weighing $<$ 500 lb/load)	\$ 0.00
Construction and Demolition material and waste material delivered for disposal in open-top roll-off boxes	\$ 93.00
Concrete/Dirt Rubble material delivered for disposal	\$ 70.00
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 approves the above solid waste charges, effective July 1, 2025.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sara', written over a horizontal line.

Sara R. Tenenbaum
Clerk of the Council