



# Solid Waste Management Fee

## What is the Solid Waste Management Fee?

As part of its responsibility as the solid waste authority for southern St. Louis County and northeastern Carlton County, WLSSD provides environmental services and educational programs. These services and programs benefit our community and help to protect public health. The WLSSD funds these services and programs by collecting the solid waste management fee from all residences and businesses within the District's boundaries.

The WLSSD collects the solid waste management fee in two ways:

- 1) as a volume-based fee paid to the garbage hauler, and
- 2) as a line item on property tax statements.

## What does the fee fund?

The solid waste management fee funds programs related to hazardous waste disposal, recycling, composting and waste reduction. The fund contributes to the operation of WLSSD's Materials Recovery Center, Household Hazardous Waste Facility and Yard Waste Compost Site. This fee also funds recycling operations and grants, solid waste planning and management, and waste education programs.



### Volume-Based Fee

Container Size	Fee Per Pick-up	Annual Fee (Weekly Pick-up)
20 gal	\$ .17	\$ 8.84
32 gal	\$ .28	\$ 14.56
64 gal	\$ .54	\$ 28.08

Every residence with garbage collection service pays a volume-based solid waste management fee to their garbage hauler as part of their garbage bill. "Volume-based" means the amount you pay is determined by the size of your garbage container. The haulers, in turn, pay the solid waste management fees to the WLSSD.



### Property Tax Line Item

A portion of the solid waste management fee is also collected through your property taxes. It is listed as a separate line item on your property tax statement.

The 2010 property tax line item is \$18.00 for year-round residential properties and \$9.00 for seasonal residential properties. Businesses do not pay a property tax line item.

### \* Volume-Based Fee for Commercial or Other Non-Residential Properties

Container Size	Fee Per Pick-up (compacted)	Fee Per Pick-up (noncompacted)
96 gal	n/a	\$ 1.49
1 yard	\$ 7.78	\$ 1.96
8 yard	\$ 62.21	\$ 15.65

Commercial properties also pay a volume-based fee. The rate is higher than residential rates, as a property tax is not collected from commercial properties.

Questions about your garbage bill should be directed to your garbage hauler.

### Example

A household with a weekly pick-up of a 32-gallon container would pay a total residential solid waste management fee of:

Volume-Based Fee	+	Property Tax Line Item	= Total Fee Per Year
\$ 14.56		\$ 18.00	\$ 32.56

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