



Solid Waste Management Fee

2023 version

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. WLSSD funds these services and programs by collecting a solid waste management fee from all residences and businesses within the District's boundaries.

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 fee 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. It supports the operation of WLSSD's Materials Recovery Center, Household Hazardous Waste Facility, and Yard Waste Compost Site. This fee also funds recycling drop-off sites, solid waste planning and management, and waste education programs.

Questions?
Call 218-722-3336
or visit wlssd.com



Residential Volume-Based Fee

Example

Container Size	Fee Per Pick-up	Annual Fee (Weekly Pick-up)
20 gal	\$.17	\$ 8.84
32 gal	\$.27	\$ 14.04
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. The rate for 2023 is \$0.0085/gallon.



Property Tax Line Item Fee

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

The 2023 property tax line item fee is \$25.00 for year-round residential properties and \$12.50 for seasonal residential properties. Businesses do not pay a line item fee.

Volume-Based Fee for Commercial or Other Non-Residential Properties

Example

Container Size	Fee Per Pick-up (compacted)	Fee Per Pick-up (noncompacted)
96 gal	n/a	\$ 1.11
1 yard	\$ 4.70	\$ 2.35
8 yard	\$ 37.60	\$ 18.80

Commercial properties also pay a volume-based fee. WLSSD does not collect a line item fee on commercial properties. The volume-based rates for 2023 are:

Non-compacted gallons	\$ 0.0116/gallon
Non-compacted yards	\$ 2.35/yard
Compacted yards	\$ 4.70/yard

Example

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

Volume-Based Fee	Property Tax Line Item Fee	Total Fee Per Year
\$ 14.04	\$ 25.00	\$ 39.04

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