



## ORDINANCE NO. 28998

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste;  
2 amending Chapter 12.09 of the Municipal Code, "Solid Waste, Recycling,  
3 and Hazardous Waste", to adjust rates and charges to include an increase  
4 effective January 1, 2025, and an increase effective January 1, 2026;  
5 providing for severability; and establishing an effective date.

6 WHEREAS, the proposal to amend Chapter 12.09 of the Tacoma  
7 Municipal Code (TMC), related to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste,  
8 would allow an adjustment to 2025 and 2026 rates and charges, and

9 WHEREAS, if approved, the system average 5.5 percent rate increases in  
10 2025 and 2026 would become effective January 1st of each year, and

11 WHEREAS the guiding strategy for these rate adjustments is to maintain  
12 the lowest responsible cost increase for customers, while maintaining long-term  
13 financial sustainability of the utilities, and

14 WHEREAS the proper handling of solid waste helps keep the city clean  
15 and maintain the quality of life for all residents, and

16 WHEREAS, by ensuring adequate solid waste management is in place to  
17 provide necessary services to businesses and residents, this utility promotes the  
18 growth and development of a vibrant economy, and

19 WHEREAS the proposed rate increases are driven by operating expenses  
20 and construction inflation, and

21 WHEREAS additional investments in Solid Waste utility employees are  
22 also needed to support customer growth, and

23 WHEREAS, included in the proposed revenue plan, is increased financial  
24 assistance for income-qualifying residential customers, and  
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WHEREAS the Environmental Services Department’s revenue proposal is supported by the Environmental Services Commission; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF TACOMA:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby adopts the Recitals of this Ordinance as its formal legislative findings.

Section 2. That Chapter 12.09 of the Tacoma Municipal Code (“TMC”), relating to Solid Waste, Recycling, and Hazardous Waste, is hereby amended by amending Section 12.09.110 entitled “Residential automated and semi-automated services,” Section 12.09.120, entitled “Commercial services,” and Section 12.09.140, entitled “Disposal rates”, to read as set forth in the attached Exhibit “A.”

Section 3. That the amendments set forth in the attached Exhibit “A,” shall be effective in 2025 and 2026 on January 1st of each year.

Section 4. That the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Attorney, is authorized to make necessary corrections to this ordinance, including, but not



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limited to, the correction of scrivener's/clerical errors, references, ordinance numbering, section/subsection numbers, and any references thereto.

Passed \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Deputy City Attorney



EXHIBIT "A"

CHAPTER 12.09  
SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE

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12.09.110 Residential automated and semi-automated services.

A. Minimum Monthly Service.

	Effective Years	
	<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026
Once every other week pick-up 30-gallon (supplied by City)	<del>\$25.64</del> 28.35	<del>\$26.77</del> 30.03

1. Collection personnel shall not be required to negotiate steep ramps or stairs or remove 30-, 45-, 60-, and 90-gallon containers from storage bins in the performance of their duties. Where 30-, 45-, 60-, and 90-gallon residential containers are accessible on ground level in the location designated by Solid Waste Management on the street or alley, within five feet of the curb, street, or alley where a Solid Waste Management collection vehicle can stop legally for collection and loading, the rate shall be:

<del>2023</del> 2025 RATES EVERY OTHER WEEK PICKUP RESIDENTIAL BARRELS				
Residential Category	Monthly Rate	Additional Charge for Overload	Each Reload	Each additional yard waste container (after initial two)
<b>Regular Service</b>				
30 gallon	<del>\$25.64</del> 28.35	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
45 gallon	<del>\$38.41</del> 42.48	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
60 gallon	<del>\$51.21</del> 56.63	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
90 gallon	<del>\$76.82</del> 84.95	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
2-60 gallon	<del>\$102.42</del> 113.26	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
60 + 90 gallon	<del>\$128.03</del> 141.58	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00
2-90 gallon	<del>\$153.64</del> 169.90	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 18.50	\$3.00

<del>2024</del> 2026 RATES EVERY OTHER WEEK PICKUP RESIDENTIAL BARRELS				
Residential Category	Monthly Rate	Additional Charge for Overload	Each Reload	Each additional yard waste container (after initial two)
<b>Regular Service</b>				
30 gallon	<del>\$26.77</del> 30.03	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 19.50	\$3.00
45 gallon	<del>\$40.11</del> 44.99	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> 19.50	\$3.00



60 gallon	<del>\$53.47</del> <u>\$59.98</u>	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>\$19.50</u>	\$3.00
90 gallon	<del>\$80.21</del> <u>\$89.97</u>	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>\$19.50</u>	\$3.00
2-60 gallon	<del>\$106.94</del> <u>\$119.96</u>	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>\$19.50</u>	\$3.00
60 + 90 gallon	<del>\$133.68</del> <u>\$149.95</u>	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>\$19.50</u>	\$3.00
2-90 gallon	<del>\$160.42</del> <u>\$179.94</u>	\$10.00	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>\$19.50</u>	\$3.00

2. Where residential containers and extra containers are accessible on ground level, but farther than five feet from the curb, street, or alley where a Solid Waste Management collection vehicle can stop legally for collection and loading, the following additional carry service charges, measured along the route taken for collection, shall apply to each container:

	Garbage	Recycle & Yard Waste
Over 5 feet to 25 feet	\$4.45 per month	\$4.45 per month
Each additional 25 feet or portion thereof	\$5.55 per month	\$5.55 per month

Carry distances shall be measured along the route necessarily taken for collection.

The above rates apply to each and every can or container collected and loaded from a specific premises

3. An additional charge of \$5.55 per garbage, recycle, and yard waste container per month shall be added when containers are not reasonably accessible, regardless of carrying distance.

4. Residential 300-gallon containers shall initially be placed in position by Solid Waste Management to facilitate the collection operation. Once so placed into service, the containers shall not be removed or relocated by the customer. Each customer sharing a 300-gallon container shall pay a rate commensurate with the services received as determined by Solid Waste Management.

5. There will be no charge for initial delivery or change of containers supplied by Solid Waste Management for new customers. In addition, there will be no charge for delivery or change of containers for existing customers once per premise, per year. Additional deliveries of containers and changes in service due to customer request after the first delivery or change in any calendar year to a premise will be billed at \$30.00 per delivery. Replacement of containers damaged by the normal collection process are not subject to the \$30.00 container delivery or exchange fee.

6. a. A surcharge of \$2.32 per residential account per month shall be added to offset system program cost increases for processing and shipping for recyclable materials resulting from market conditions.

~~b. A surcharge of \$0.50 per residential account per month shall be added to offset system program costs of increased recycling education programming made necessary as a result of market conditions.~~

B. If a residential automated collection container is not in place by 7:00 a.m. or is otherwise inaccessible the day of the regularly scheduled pickup and the customer requests that the collection vehicle return to the premises to collect the contents of the container, a return trip charge of ~~\$17.50~~ 18.50 in 2025 or \$19.50 in 2026 may be assessed to the customer. Such charge shall be applied on a per-trip basis without consideration of the size or number of containers collected from the customer. For each additional nonscheduled pickup requested by the customer, a return fee of ~~\$17.50~~ 18.50 in 2025 or \$19.50 in 2026 plus additional container fee may be assessed.

C. Any residential customer in possession of any City-owned container shall pay the cost of repair or replacement of any damaged container, if it is the determination of Solid Waste Management that such damage is the result of the negligence or abuse by the customer. The charge shall be the actual cost of repair or replacement as determined by the City and shall be added to the customer's utility bill.

D. No dwelling unit of a multi-family dwelling (triplex or larger) may receive individual residential solid waste service unless the subject unit is directly billed by the City for payment of all other public utilities servicing that unit, including electricity, water, surface water, and wastewater.



1 E. Upon approval by Solid Waste Management, residential collection service may be stopped during  
 2 temporary vacancy of the premises no more than twice per calendar year. Service shall not be  
 3 discontinued for a period of less than two weeks. A charge of \$15.00 shall be added to the utility bill for  
 4 each approved temporary stop-service order. Service shall resume no later than the date specified by the  
 5 customer in the stop order. An alternative mailing address must be provided if requested by Solid Waste  
 6 Management.

7 F. Use of an enclosure built for a container is subject to prior approval by Solid Waste Management and  
 8 may be revoked upon inspection if not built as per originally approved.

9 G. Recycling or yard waste containers contaminated with garbage may be dumped as solid waste. When  
 10 they are, the customer will be charged the "Each Additional Reload" fee identified in the rate table for  
 11 that class and frequency of service. Recycling containers that are repeatedly contaminated with garbage  
 12 may be removed at the discretion of Solid Waste Management. A \$30.00 service charge will be assessed  
 13 for redelivery of each container.

14 H. Overload charges may be charged when the condition of the container meets the definition of  
 15 "Overloaded" in TMC 12.09.030. Extra bags of garbage will be charged the "Applicable Charge for  
 16 Overload." If the overload condition, or number of extra bags requires the driver to reload and re-dump  
 17 the container, the customer will be charged the "Each Reload" fee identified in the rate table for that class  
 18 and frequency of service.

19 I. City of Tacoma solid waste ratepayers living in a single-family home or duplex may request two "Call2  
 20 Haul" service appointments per year. No more than three large items, consisting of appliances, furniture,  
 21 or items of a similar size and weight, and 15 bags or boxes of unusable household items will be picked up  
 22 by Solid Waste Management at each Call-2 Haul service appointment. No additional charge to the  
 23 ratepayer will be made for this service. A charge of \$10.00 may be assessed for late cancellations or if  
 24 items are not set out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled date.

25 **12.09.120 Commercial services.**

26 Solid Waste Management reserves the right to establish the appropriate level of service. No single unit of  
 a multibusiness complex or building may receive individual container service of less than one cubic yard  
 in capacity unless the subject unit is directly billed by the City for payment of all other public utilities  
 servicing that unit, including electricity, water, surface water, and wastewater. Minimum monthly service  
 for City-owned containers shall be one pickup per week, per month, per container, with the exception of  
 drop-off boxes and compactors. Commercial rates for collection of solid waste shall be as follows:

A. Commercial Barrels.

	Effective Years	
	<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026
Minimum Monthly Service (20-Gallon):	<del>\$33.64</del> 38.52	<del>\$35.66</del> 41.61



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2023 <del>2025</del> RATES COMMERCIAL BARRELS				
Commercial Category	Monthly Container Rent *	Monthly Rate (times pickups per week)	Each Additional Pickup	Overload Charge
<b>Regular Service</b>				
20 gallon	na	<del>\$33.64</del> <u>38.52</u>	<del>\$17.18</del> .50	\$10.00
30 gallon	na	<del>\$44.08</del> <u>50.47</u>	<del>\$17</del> 18.50	\$10.00
60 gallon	na	<del>\$59.51</del> <u>62.79</u>	<del>\$17</del> 18.50	\$10.00
90 gallon	na	<del>\$81.88</del> <u>83.52</u>	<del>\$17</del> 18.50	\$10.00
300 gallon	\$4.41	\$166.05	\$38.35	\$25.00
<b>Temporary Service</b>				
Commercial Category	Daily Container Rent*	Each Haul Container	Placement Fee	Overload Charge
20 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
30 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
60 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
90 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
300 gallon	\$1.00	\$38.35	\$15.00	\$25.00

\*Excluding Washington State Sales Tax

2024 <del>2026</del> RATES COMMERCIAL BARRELS				
Commercial Category	Monthly Container Rent *	Monthly Rate (times pickups per week)	Each Additional Pickup	Overload Charge
<b>Regular Service</b>				
20 gallon	na	<del>\$35.66</del> <u>41.61</u>	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>19.50</u>	\$10.00
30 gallon	na	<del>\$46.73</del> <u>54.51</u>	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>19.50</u>	\$10.00
60 gallon	na	<del>\$59.51</del> <u>66.25</u>	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>19.50</u>	\$10.00
90 gallon	na	<del>\$81.88</del> <u>85.20</u>	<del>\$17.50</del> <u>19.50</u>	\$10.00
300 gallon	\$4.41	\$166.05	\$38.35	\$25.00
<b>Temporary Service</b>				
Commercial Category	Daily Container Rent*	Each Haul Container	Placement Fee	Overload Charge
20 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
30 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
60 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
90 gallon	na	\$15.00	na	\$10.00
300 gallon	\$1.00	\$38.35	\$15.00	\$25.00



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1 B. If a commercial 20-, 30-, 60-, 90-, or 300-gallon container is not in place or is otherwise inaccessible  
2 at the time the collection vehicle arrives for regularly scheduled pickup and it is necessary for the  
3 collection vehicle to return to the premises at a later time to collect and load the contents of the container,  
4 a return trip charge of ~~\$17.50~~ 18.50 in 2025 or \$19.50 in 2026 may be assessed to the customer. Regularly  
5 scheduled pickups will begin at 6:00 a.m. Such charge shall be applied on a per-trip basis, without  
6 consideration for the size or number of containers collected from the customer. For each additional  
7 nonscheduled pickup requested by the customer, a return fee of ~~\$17.50~~ 18.50 in 2025 or \$19.50 in 2026  
8 plus additional container fee may be assessed.

9 C. An additional \$10.00 charge per haul for 300-gallon container for same day service

10 D. Commercial container rates for noncompacted solid waste shall consist of a minimum monthly charge,  
11 which includes all scheduled weekly pickups within any given month. Additional pickups shall be at the  
12 request of the customer and shall be subject to the applicable service charge.

13 E. Collection personnel shall not be required to negotiate steep ramps or stairs or remove 20-, 30-, 60-,  
14 and 90-gallon containers from storage bins in the performance of their duties. Where 20-, 30-, 60-, and  
15 90-gallon containers are accessible on ground level not in the location designated by Solid Waste  
16 Management, the following carry service charge shall apply to each container:

Over 5 feet to 25 feet	\$8.90 per month
Each additional 25 feet or portion thereof	\$11.10 per month

17 F. The following carry service charge shall apply per pick-up for each 300 gallon container (barrel).

Each 300-gallon container	\$27.00 per pick-up
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18 G. Commercial Bulk Noncompacted Container Rates.

19 1. City-owned, drop-off box – minimum charge of \$200.00 per month in addition to rent, if not hauled,  
20 provided, this charge will not be assessed to boxes used for the purposes of recycling.

21 2. City-owned, front-load container used on a temporary basis will be charged \$50.00 per month in  
22 addition to rent, if not hauled.

23 3. City-owned 20-, 30-, 60-, 90-, or 300-gallon container used on a temporary basis will be charged the  
24 20-gallon commercial barrel monthly rate if not hauled.

25 4. Customer-owned container – minimum charge, if not hauled, will be the 20-gallon commercial barrel  
26 monthly rate.

5. An additional \$200.00 charge per haul for drop-off box for same day service.

6. An additional rental charge of \$9.00 per month or \$0.30 per day will be made for any container  
requiring a cover or extra-strength construction.

7. An additional \$25.00 charge per haul for front-load container for same day service.

8. The following carry service charge shall apply per pick-up for each front-load container (two- to four-  
cubic yard with casters).

Each front-load container	\$27.00 per pick-up
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9. An additional \$50.00 charge for each container relocation without a haul (dump).

10. An additional \$50.00 return charge will be billed to customers who have a scheduled haul for their  
compactor or DOB and the container was not made accessible for hauling when Solid Waste staff arrived.





11. An additional \$25.00 return charge will be billed to customers who have a scheduled haul for their front-load container and the container was not made accessible for hauling when Solid Waste staff arrived.

12. An additional \$10.00 may be charged for containers or compactors that require double-picking.

<del>2023</del> 2025 RATES FRONT LOAD CONTAINERS				
Commercial Category	Monthly Container Rent*	Monthly Rate (times pickups per week)	Each Additional Pickup	Overload Charge
<b>Regular Service</b>				
2 Cubic yard	<del>\$8.28</del> 9.10	<del>\$234.86</del> 246.75	<del>\$54.20</del> 56.94	\$25.00
3 Cubic yard	<del>\$9.45</del> 10.38	<del>\$297.00</del> 312.03	<del>\$68.54</del> 72.01	\$30.00
4 Cubic yard	<del>\$11.26</del> 12.37	<del>\$360.47</del> 378.72	<del>\$83.19</del> 87.40	\$35.00
6 Cubic yard	<del>\$14.70</del> 16.14	<del>\$485.30</del> 509.87	<del>\$111.99</del> 117.66	\$40.00
8 Cubic yard	<del>\$16.24</del> 17.82	<del>\$612.27</del> 643.26	<del>\$141.29</del> 148.44	\$45.00
<b>Temporary Service</b>				
Commercial Category	Daily Container Rent*	Each Haul Container	Placement Fee	Overload Charge
2 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$56.94</del> 54.20	\$15.00	\$25.00
3 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$68.54</del> 72.01	\$15.00	\$30.00
4 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$83.19</del> 87.40	\$15.00	\$35.00
6 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$111.99</del> 117.66	\$15.00	\$40.00
8 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$141.29</del> 148.44	\$15.00	\$45.00

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<b>20242026 RATES</b>				
<b>FRONT LOAD CONTAINERS</b>				
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Monthly Container Rent*</b>	<b>Monthly Rate (times pickups per week)</b>	<b>Each Additional Pickup</b>	<b>Overload Charge</b>
<b>Regular Service</b>				
2 Cubic yard	<del>\$8.62</del> <u>9.61</u>	<del>\$239.56</del> <u>254.16</u>	<del>\$55.28</del> <u>58.65</u>	\$25.00
3 Cubic yard	<del>\$9.83</del> <u>10.96</u>	<del>\$302.94</del> <u>321.40</u>	<del>\$69.91</del> <u>74.17</u>	\$30.00
4 Cubic yard	<del>\$11.72</del> <u>13.06</u>	<del>\$367.68</del> <u>390.09</u>	<del>\$84.85</del> <u>90.02</u>	\$35.00
6 Cubic yard	<del>\$15.29</del> <u>17.03</u>	<del>\$495.01</del> <u>525.17</u>	<del>\$114.23</del> <u>121.19</u>	\$40.00
8 Cubic yard	<del>\$16.89</del> <u>18.81</u>	<del>\$624.52</del> <u>662.56</u>	<del>\$144.12</del> <u>152.90</u>	\$45.00
<b>Temporary Service</b>				
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Daily Container Rent*</b>	<b>Each Haul Container</b>	<b>Placement Fee</b>	<b>Overload Charge</b>
2 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$55.28</del> <u>58.65</u>	\$15.00	\$25.00
3 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$69.91</del> <u>74.17</u>	\$15.00	\$30.00
4 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$84.85</del> <u>90.02</u>	\$15.00	\$35.00
6 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$114.23</del> <u>121.19</u>	\$15.00	\$40.00
8 Cubic yard	\$1.00	<del>\$144.12</del> <u>152.90</u>	\$15.00	\$45.00

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<b>20232025 RATES</b>			
<b>DROP OFF BOX</b>			
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Monthly Container Rent*</b>	<b>Each Haul per Container</b>	
<b>Regular Service</b>			
15 Cubic Yard	<del>\$41.27</del> <u>44.65</u>	<del>\$641.58</del> <u>674.06</u>	
20 Cubic Yard	<del>\$45.04</del> <u>48.73</u>	<del>\$733.48</del> <u>770.60</u>	
25 Cubic Yard	<del>\$45.89</del> <u>49.64</u>	<del>\$836.57</del> <u>878.91</u>	
30 Cubic Yard	<del>\$48.86</del> <u>52.86</u>	<del>\$948.34</del> <u>996.33</u>	
40 Cubic Yard	<del>\$55.33</del> <u>59.86</u>	<del>\$1,163.45</del> <u>1,222.33</u>	
<b>Temporary Service</b>			
	<b>Daily Container Rent*</b>	<b>Each Haul per Container</b>	<b>Placement Fee</b>
15 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$641.58</del> <u>674.06</u>	\$50.00
20 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$733.48</del> <u>770.60</u>	\$50.00
25 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$836.57</del> <u>878.91</u>	\$50.00
30 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$948.34</del> <u>996.33</u>	\$50.00
40 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$1,163.45</del> <u>1,222.33</u>	\$50.00



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<b>20242026 RATES DROP OFF BOX</b>			
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Monthly Container Rent*</b>	<b>Each Haul per Container</b>	
<b>Regular Service</b>			
15 Cubic Yard	<del>\$42.93</del> 46.44	<del>\$654.42</del> 694.29	
20 Cubic Yard	<del>\$46.85</del> 50.68	<del>\$748.15</del> 793.72	
25 Cubic Yard	<del>\$47.73</del> 51.63	<del>\$853.31</del> 905.28	
30 Cubic Yard	<del>\$50.82</del> 54.98	<del>\$967.31</del> 1,026.22	
40 Cubic Yard	<del>\$57.55</del> 62.26	<del>\$1,186.72</del> 1,259.00	
<b>Temporary Service</b>			
	<b>Daily Container Rent*</b>	<b>Each Haul per Container</b>	<b>Placement Fee</b>
15 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$654.42</del> 694.29	\$50.00
20 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$748.15</del> 793.72	\$50.00
25 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$853.31</del> 905.28	\$50.00
30 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$967.31</del> 1,026.22	\$50.00
40 Cubic Yard	\$1.50	<del>\$1,186.72</del> 1,259.00	\$50.00

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13. When the weight of the contents of a noncompacted drop-off box exceeds the applicable maximum weight for a truck to safely handle the load, the customer will be charged the commercial disposal tip fee rate for each ton and/or portion of a ton by which the contents exceed the maximum weight of 10 tons.

14. Uncontained loads that are determined to be “Dusty Loads” by Solid Waste Management are subject to rejection or assessment of additional processing fees.

15. Solid Waste Management reserves the right to collect advance payment for container placement and up to four months of charges for rental and service charges associated with the provision of temporary service. The City Treasurer may accept satisfactory securities or surety bond in lieu of cash payment. Such payment or security may be applied toward the payment of service charges whenever the same shall become due. Solid Waste Management reserves the right to require additional advance payment for subsequent service that may be requested by the customer.

G. Commercial Compactor Container Rates.

Commercial rates for collection and disposal of solid waste from customer-owned compactor containers shall be as follows:

1. Customer-owned containers will be charged the 20-gallon commercial barrel rate if no other solid waste service is provided by Solid Waste Management at the location during the month.



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<b><del>2023</del>2025 RATES</b>	
<b>FRONT LOAD COMPACTOR CONTAINER</b>	
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Each Container Each Pickup</b>
<b>Regular Service</b>	
2 Cubic Yard	<del>\$109.26</del> <u>125.09</u>
3 Cubic Yard	<del>\$227.69</del> <u>260.67</u>
4 Cubic Yard	<del>\$295.69</del> <u>338.52</u>
5 Cubic Yard	<del>\$364.25</del> <u>417.00</u>

<b><del>2024</del>2026 RATES</b>	
<b>FRONT LOAD COMPACTOR CONTAINER</b>	
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Each Container Each Pickup</b>
<b>Regular Service</b>	
2 Cubic Yard	<del>\$115.82</del> <u>135.10</u>
3 Cubic Yard	<del>\$241.36</del> <u>281.53</u>
4 Cubic Yard	<del>\$313.44</del> <u>365.61</u>
5 Cubic Yard	<del>\$386.11</del> <u>450.36</u>

<b><del>2023</del>2025 RATES</b>	
<b>DROP OFF BOX COMPACTOR</b>	
<b>Commercial Category</b>	<b>Each Container Each Pickup</b>



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Regular Service	
10 Cubic Yard	<del>\$781.49</del> <u>894.66</u>
12 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,203.59</del> <u>1,377.88</u>
15 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,511.49</del> <u>1,730.36</u>
16 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,582.37</del> <u>1,811.51</u>
17 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,665.76</del> <u>1,906.97</u>
18 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,744.03</del> <u>1,996.58</u>
20 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,898.75</del> <u>2,173.70</u>
24 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,211.86</del> <u>2,532.15</u>
25 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,289.44</del> <u>2,620.96</u>
26 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,371.72</del> <u>2,715.16</u>
27 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,442.21</del> <u>2,795.85</u>
30 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,683.60</del> <u>3,072.19</u>
33 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,925.05</del> <u>3,348.61</u>
34 Cubic Yard	<del>\$3,008.68</del> <u>3,444.35</u>
40 Cubic Yard	<del>\$3,466.05</del> <u>3,967.95</u>

2024-2026 RATES DROP OFF BOX COMPACTOR	
Commercial Category	Each Container Each Pickup
Regular Service	
10 Cubic Yard	<del>\$828.38</del> <u>966.24</u>
12 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,275.81</del> <u>1,488.12</u>
15 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,602.18</del> <u>1,868.79</u>
16 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,677.32</del> <u>1,956.44</u>
17 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,765.71</del> <u>2,059.53</u>
18 Cubic Yard	<del>\$1,848.68</del> <u>2,156.31</u>
20 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,012.68</del> <u>2,347.60</u>
24 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,344.58</del> <u>2,734.73</u>
25 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,426.81</del> <u>2,830.64</u>
26 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,514.03</del> <u>2,932.38</u>
27 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,588.75</del> <u>3,019.52</u>
30 Cubic Yard	<del>\$2,844.62</del> <u>3,317.97</u>
33 Cubic Yard	<del>\$3,100.56</del> <u>3,616.50</u>
34 Cubic Yard	<del>\$3,189.21</del> <u>3,719.90</u>
40 Cubic Yard	<del>\$3,674.02</del> <u>4,285.39</u>

2. The service charge for other compactor container sizes that may become available shall be determined by Solid Waste Management.



1 3. When the weight of the contents of a compacted container exceeds the applicable maximum weight for a truck to safely handle the load, the customer will be charged the commercial disposal tip fee rate for each ton and/or portion of a ton by which the contents exceed the maximum weight of 10 tons.

2 4. Uncontained loads that are determined to be “Dusty Loads” by Solid Waste Management are subject to rejection or assessment of additional processing fees.

3 5. The following carry service charge shall apply per pick-up for front load compactor (not to exceed two cubic yards).

4 Each front-load compactor	5 \$27.00 per pick-up
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6 H. Recyclable Material Collection Fees.

7 If requested, Solid Waste Management may, at its option, agree to collect recyclable materials from commercial customers at the curb or premises. The fees for this service are typically lower than garbage collection service, but are subject to fluctuations in the value or cost of the recyclable material.

8 The Director is delegated the authority to assign and charge a rate for the collection of recyclable material from commercial customers. The Director shall assign such a rate in accordance with the following criteria and process:

9 1. The rate shall reflect the cost of service, to the extent reasonably possible, given the constantly fluctuating value and/or costs of recyclable material.

10 2. The rate shall include cost items related to the service including, but not limited to, labor and benefits, equipment, maintenance and operations of equipment and containers, processing fees, direct and indirect overhead charges, and other related costs. In addition, revenues received from the sales or marketing of the collected recyclable material and the collection service levels shall be included with the assigned rate.

11 3. The Director may adjust the assigned rate up to four times per year.

12 4. Solid Waste Management shall notify the affected parties a minimum of 45 days prior to implementing rate changes.

13 Application of the assigned rate shall be through the normal billing and invoicing process. In the event a customer cancels service covered under this policy and wishes to initiate similar service within one year’s time, a \$50.00 service charge may be applied to the restart of the service.

14 Due to potential cost savings of collecting all recyclables from an individual customer, the Director is further delegated the authority to negotiate a bundled rate with individual commercial customers for collection of all recyclable materials from that customer for an agreed period of time.

15 I. Recyclable Materials Bulk Container.

16 1. Drop-off Box Recycling Service.

17 Container Placement	\$50.00
18 Haul Charge	\$50.00 per haul
19 Mileage Charge	\$5.50 per mile one way
20 Daily Rental Charge	\$1.50 per day (excluding Washington State sales tax)

21 Disposal costs shall be the responsibility of the customer. The customer shall arrange for an account at the recycling facility for billing disposal costs directly to the customer. In the event that the customer fails to make proper arrangements for an account at the recycling facility, Solid Waste Management may add the cost of recycling or disposal of the material to the customer’s hauling charges.

22 If the drop-off box is not hauled by the customer within 60 days, Solid Waste Management may remove and haul the drop-off box and charge the customer applicable transportation and disposal costs.



1 J. Containers shall not be longer than 22 feet, or larger than a 25 yard self-contained compactor, or a 30  
2 cubic yard disconnect-type compactor without the prior written approval of Solid Waste Management.

3 K. It shall be the responsibility of any customer in possession of any City-owned bulk container to pay  
4 the cost of repair to, or replacement of any such container damaged while in his or her possession. The  
5 charge shall be the actual cost of repair or replacement as determined by the City and shall be added to  
6 the customer's utility bill.

7 L. The service charge for other container sizes that may become available will be at a rate sufficient to  
8 recover the cost of providing the service.

9 M. In addition to the charges for commercial and residential rates set forth above, when unscheduled  
10 services are requested or required, Solid Waste Management shall charge for such services as set forth in  
11 this chapter.

12 N. The siting of a compactor's location shall be coordinated with and specifically approved by Solid  
13 Waste Management before installation. If a compactor is placed prior to Solid Waste Management's  
14 specific approval and Solid Waste Management deems the placement unacceptable, Solid Waste  
15 Management may elect to refuse service. The customer shall relocate and bear all costs incurred for the  
16 relocation of the compactor. Such customers shall, among other things, be required to hold the City  
17 harmless from any and all liability resulting from the improper placement and/or relocation of the  
18 compactor. Siting of the compactor and construction of any compactor enclosure shall be in conformance  
19 with all applicable City and state regulations.

20 O. It is the responsibility of the owner of a customer-owned container to keep the container maintained  
21 and serviceable, including all doors, lids, fork pockets, wheels, bail hooks, bottom rails, or any part of the  
22 container needed for dumping or hauling of the container. Solid Waste Management shall not be held  
23 liable for damage to privately owned containers. Solid Waste Management is not obligated to service  
24 improperly maintained containers. Customer-owned containers must also be kept graffiti free.

25 P. An enclosure provided for a solid waste container shall be used only for the solid waste container. If  
26 items other than a solid waste container are placed in an enclosure, Solid Waste Management shall be  
held harmless for any and all loss or damage to such items, whether occasioned by Solid Waste  
Management's negligence or otherwise. It shall be the responsibility of the customer to keep the  
enclosure in an acceptable sanitary condition including the area in the vicinity of the enclosure.

Q. If an enclosure is gated, the gates shall have the ability to be pinned in the open position. If gated, the  
gates shall have at least a 180-degree swing. When gates are in the open position, they shall not block or  
infringe on any traffic aisles.

1. Drop-off box enclosures shall have a minimum opening width of 12'0" and the depth must extend a  
minimum of 3'0" beyond the end of the container.

2. Front load box enclosures shall have a minimum opening width of 12'0" and a minimum depth of  
10'0". If two front load box containers are placed, the enclosure shall allow for a minimum of a three-foot  
clearance between enclosure and front load box, as well as a two-foot clearance between each front load  
box.

3. Automated 300-gallon container enclosures shall have a minimum opening width of 10'0" and a  
minimum depth of 7'0". In addition, for two or more containers, a three-foot clearance between enclosure  
and barrels is required, as well as a two-foot clearance between each barrel.

4. All enclosures shall be designed so the solid waste collection vehicle that services the enclosed  
container can maneuver and safely service the container. A service charge of \$10.00 for 300-gallon  
containers and \$25.00 for front-load containers and drop-off box containers may be charged when Solid  
Waste Management is unable to service a commercial customer's container on the scheduled pickup and  
Solid Waste Management has to make a return trip to service the container. This charge may be applied if  
the container access is blocked, the gates to the enclosure are not in the open position, or Solid Waste  
Management is, for any reason, unable to service the container.



R. Construction of an enclosure for disposal containers shall not commence prior to plan approval by Solid Waste Management. Failure to obtain plan approval prior to construction may require alterations, relocation, or complete reconstruction of the enclosure at the owner's expense. Solid Waste Management may refuse to provide service to a customer who has enclosed a disposal container improperly.

S. City-owned recycling containers that are repeatedly contaminated with garbage may be removed at the discretion of Solid Waste Management. A \$30.00 service charge will be assessed for redelivery of each container.

T. All compactors which may contain liquids are to be equipped with a drain and a connection to the sanitary sewer. The connection to the sanitary sewer must meet the requirements of both Solid Waste Management and the City's Wastewater Management Division.

U. The Director is delegated the authority to assign a rate for the disposal of a particular opportunity fuel as long as the rate does not exceed \$90.00 per ton for disposal of "opportunity fuels," as that term is defined in TMC 12.09.030. If Solid Waste Management requires a purchase of a particular opportunity fuel, Solid Waste Management shall purchase said fuel pursuant to those procedures set forth in the Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual.

V. City of Tacoma Solid Waste Commercial customers may request "Call-2-Haul" service appointments. No more than three large items, consisting of appliances, furniture, or items of a similar size and weight, and 15 bags or boxes of unusable household items will be picked up by Solid Waste Management at each Call-2-Haul service appointment. A charge of \$75.00 will be charged for each commercial Call-2-Haul. A charge of \$10.00 may be assessed for late cancellations or if items are not set out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled date.

W. Owners of City of Tacoma residential properties without active Solid Waste utility service may request "Call-2-Haul" service appointments. No more than three large items, consisting of appliances, furniture, or items of a similar size and weight, and 15 bags or boxes of unusable household items will be picked up by Solid Waste Management at each Call-2-Haul service appointment. A charge of \$75.00 will be charged for each Call-2-Haul at residential properties without active Solid Waste utility accounts. A charge of \$10.00 may be assessed for late cancellations or if items are not set out by 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled date.

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**12.09.140 Disposal rates.**

All rates are based on 100-pound increments. (Any fraction of 100 pounds will be billed as 100 pounds.)

1. Solid waste generated within a private resident's home or yard, not including material from:

Pounds per load	Within City of Tacoma		Outside City of Tacoma	
	<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026	<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026
0 - 400	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$8.50 per 100 pounds - minimum charge \$40.00	\$8.50 per 100 pounds - minimum charge \$40.00
Disposals of more than 400 pounds	\$7.25 per each 100 pounds exceeding the initial 400-pound load	\$7.25 per each 100 pounds exceeding the initial 400-pound load	\$8.50 per each 100 pounds exceeding the initial 400-pound load	\$8.50 per each 100 pounds exceeding the initial 400-pound load

To qualify for these disposal rates, City residents must present proper documentation in a form that satisfies the requirements of TMC 12.09.130.





2. There shall be no charge for City residential yard waste that is properly prepared and sorted and hauled to the City's public disposal area by the homeowner. This shall apply only to loads consisting of 100 percent yard waste (vegetation). To qualify for this service at no charge, the customer must present at the time of disposal documentation that satisfies the requirements of TMC 12.09.130.B.

3. All material, except Item 1 above:

Pounds per load	
<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026
\$8.50 per 100 pounds; minimum charge of \$40.00	\$8.50 per 100 pounds; minimum charge of \$40.00

4. Material from nonprofit corporations qualifying under Section 12.09.140.B:

Pounds per load	
<del>2023</del> 2025	<del>2024</del> 2026
\$4.25 per 100 pounds; minimum charge of \$40.00	\$4.25 per 100 pounds; minimum charge of \$40.00

5. Special handling:

a. A minimum special handling fee of \$100.00 will be charged per load, plus tonnage charges, unless otherwise specified.

b. Other special handling fees shall be applied as follows:

Material from:

	Within City of Tacoma	Outside City of Tacoma
Asbestos	\$20.00 minimum plus \$150.00 per ton	Not accepted
(Refer to Section 12.09.200, Disposal of asbestos-containing material)		
Appliances with compressors	\$20 each plus tonnage	\$40 each plus tonnage
Tires –		
Passenger Cars and light trucks	\$3.25 each plus tonnage	\$6.75 each plus tonnage
On rims	\$6.75 each plus tonnage	\$13.00 each plus tonnage
Larger than 10:00 x 20	\$16.50 each plus tonnage	\$33.00 each plus tonnage
No large tires accepted on rims		
<del>Car seats</del>	<del>\$3.25 each plus tonnage</del>	<del>\$6.75 each plus tonnage</del>
Large furniture	\$11.00 for the first 4 pieces, plus \$11.00 for each additional, plus tonnage	\$40.00 for the first 4 pieces, plus \$11.00 for each additional, plus tonnage
Special handling fees shall not be limited to the items specified above.		

c. All of the above rates are based on one-half hour unloading time. When unloading time exceeds one-half hour, an additional fee of \$12.25 for each additional one-half hour or part thereof will be assessed. Time shall be determined by the automated scale system.

d. Any vehicle still being unloaded past closing time may be assessed an additional fee.

e. Every person with waste material that requires special handling shall pay such additional fees as will fairly compensate Solid Waste Management for any added expense of properly disposing of such



1 materials, unless otherwise specified. Loads that are determined to be “Dusty Loads” by Solid Waste  
2 Management are subject to rejection or assessment of additional special handling fees. Appliances that  
3 have Freon compressors removed will still be charged the special handling fee.

4 6. Service Charge. A customer who is unable to pay for disposal at the time of disposal at the Tacoma  
5 Landfill shall be charged for that disposal along with an additional service charge of \$10.00.

6 A. Disposal Area Open Accounts.

7 Solid Waste Management may establish open accounts for the benefit of regular customers licensed to do  
8 business in the State of Washington and utilizing the City’s public disposal area for disposal of solid  
9 waste. Eligibility for open accounts will be determined based on frequency of use, amount of material  
10 requiring disposal, and evidence of a satisfactory credit history. Such open accounts will be subject to a  
11 set-up fee of \$25.00 for each disposal account card issued, said fee to be collected at the time the account  
12 is established. Solid Waste Management reserves the right to approve or disapprove the establishment and  
13 maintenance of open accounts. Solid Waste Management may restrict use of the public disposal area to  
14 any customer with a delinquent City public disposal area account until the delinquent balance is paid in  
15 full.

16 Disposal account cards issued to customers shall remain the property of Solid Waste Management. Lost  
17 or stolen cards shall be immediately reported in writing to Solid Waste Management. Customers are  
18 liable for all charges on lost or stolen cards until written notification is received by Solid Waste  
19 Management. There will be a fee of \$25.00 charged to replace each card lost, stolen, or damaged. Cards  
20 which fail as a result of normal wear will be replaced at no expense to the customer.

21 B. A qualifying nonprofit materials salvage/recycling corporation, upon application and approval, may be  
22 granted a reduced disposal rate for material hauled in accordance with TMC 12.09.070, and under the  
23 following conditions:

- 24 1. All waste must have been generated from within the City.
- 25 2. Only those wastes generated from the operation of the corporation within the City will be eligible for  
26 the reduced disposal fee. All other wastes shall be subject to the applicable rate set forth herein.
- 27 3. The waste cannot contain any putrescible materials.
- 28 4. The waste must not contain any hazardous materials and must be in accordance with guidelines as to  
29 what is normally acceptable by Solid Waste Management.
- 30 5. The waste cannot contain any recyclable materials.

31 C. If the City Council finds that a neighborhood has a blighted condition caused by excessive refuse  
32 and/or solid waste and that such a condition is detrimental to the public health and welfare, the City  
33 Council may adjust the solid waste rates to fund appropriate programs to remediate such conditions. An  
34 example of an appropriate program is a qualifying City neighborhood group conducting a cleanup  
35 campaign approved by Solid Waste Management.

36 A qualifying neighborhood group may be granted disposal privileges at the Tacoma Landfill at no charge,  
37 or disposal privileges in a solid waste container supplied by Solid Waste Management at no charge, for  
38 material complying with the following conditions:

- 39 1. All waste must have been generated from within the City and collected pursuant to the cleanup  
40 campaign of the neighborhood group.
- 41 2. The waste cannot contain any putrescible materials.
- 42 3. The waste must not contain any hazardous materials and must be in accordance with the guidelines as  
43 to what is normally acceptable by Solid Waste Management.



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- 4. The waste cannot contain any recyclable materials.
- 5. The aforementioned disposal privilege may be revoked at any time.

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