

RESOLUTION NO. RS-2025-20

RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION AND
MODIFICATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS, LANDFILL AND
CONVENIENCE BOX FEES AND CHARGES

RECITALS

The Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board"), in accordance with Md. Code, Local Government Article, § 13-403, ("§ 13-403") as amended from time to time, owns and operates a county landfill and convenience boxes for refuse and garbage disposal purposes.

In accordance with § 13-403, on June 22, 1995, the Board enacted an ordinance entitled "Ordinance to Provide for Solid Waste Collection Licensing in Washington County, Maryland" (the "Ordinance"), effective July 1, 1995.

The Ordinance and § 13-403 both provide for the adoption by the Board of rules and regulations and landfill and convenience box fees and charges.

The staff of the Washington County Department of Solid Waste has recommended that certain charges be established or modified.

A public hearing was held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, following due notice and advertisement of the landfill user fees that were proposed to be established or modified.

Any public comment received was reviewed and carefully considered.

The Board has determined to continue the following rules and regulations and adopt the attached Landfill and Convenience Box Proposed Fee Schedule to become effective July 1, 2025.

The Board expressly finds that adoption of the following rules and regulations, landfill and convenience box fees and charges would be in the best interests of the citizens of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland, that:

1. All previous resolutions adopted by the Board, relating to the adoption of rules and regulations, landfill and convenience box fees and charges, and to charge interest for late payment of fees by landfill and convenience box users, are hereby repealed.

2. **Washington County Trash.** Only trash originating in Washington County will be accepted at the landfill or greenboxes. All vehicles must have proper stickers and have paid the requisite fees for authorization to dispose of trash in the landfill or greenboxes, and all vehicles must be covered or loads secured.

3. **Acts Not Allowed.** The following acts are not allowed at the Washington County landfill facilities or at the greenboxes:

(a) dumping trash collected from areas outside Washington County, Maryland;

(b) salvaging, scavenging, or animal feeding in the landfill facilities or at the greenbox facilities;

(c) speeding or reckless driving;

(d) dumping before or after scheduled operating hours; or

(e) operating unsafe vehicles, or vehicles not meeting the weight limitations prescribed by the laws of the State of Maryland.

4. The following items will **NOT** be accepted at Washington County landfill facilities or at the greenboxes:

(a) out-of-county trash;

(b) liquids;

(c) hazardous wastes as defined by the State of Maryland and the United States Government;

(d) septic tank sludge;

(e) dead animals;

(f) firearms;

(g) radioactive materials;

(h) wet paint;

(i) rolled wire;

(j) tree stumps (over 4 ft. in diameter);

(k) hot ashes;

(l) pesticides;

(m) toxic waste;

(n) explosives;

(o) chemicals;

(p) vehicle bodies;

- (q) gas, kerosene, and oil – except for automotive oil and anti-freeze which is collected in special collection tanks;
- (r) closed containers or closed drums;
- (s) paint sludge from industry unless tested and approved by the Maryland Department of the Environment and Washington County;
- (t) no concrete or rocks larger than 4' x 4' x 4'; or
- (u) batteries which will be accepted only at approved recycling areas.

5. Asbestos will be accepted at the Forty West Landfill upon 72 hours prior notice. Paint will be accepted if it is dry or solidified and rolled wire must be compressed before it will be accepted. No paint sludge from industry will be accepted without the TCLP toxic test having been performed.

6. The green box facilities at Greensburg Road near Smithsburg, Kaetzel Road near Rohrersville, Dargan, Hancock, and the Forty West Landfill may only be used by cars and pickup trucks for disposal of waste from residences. No non-residential waste will be allowed in the greenbox facilities.

7. Only county residents and county businesses, including county municipalities, may deposit solid waste in the County landfill. Only county residents may deposit solid waste in the greenbox facilities.

8. **VIOLATIONS.**

(a) Anyone found violating any of the above rules and regulations of the Washington County Landfill and greenboxes, including anyone failing to pay fees or penalties when due, shall have their right to use the said landfill and greenboxes suspended for an indefinite period of time or for such time as determined by the Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Management - Solid Waste Department.

(b) Anyone who wishes to appeal the decision of the Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Management Solid Waste Department relating to their use of the landfill and the greenboxes shall have thirty (30) days from the decision of the Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Management - Solid Waste Department to appeal to the Director of the Division of Environmental Management, or any designee.

(c) The Director of the Division of Environmental Management, or any designee, shall conduct an informal hearing on the appeal in a timely manner and issue a written decision affirming, reversing or modifying the decision of the Deputy Director of the Division of

Environmental Management - Solid Waste Department. The decision shall be made and issued within thirty (30) days of the hearing.

(d) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Director of the Division of Environmental Management, or any designee, may appeal the decision to the Board, within ten (10) days from the date of the decision of the Director, or any designee. The Board shall conduct a hearing on any such appeal as soon as practical thereafter and issue a decision in writing on such appeal within thirty (30) days after the hearing thereof.


(e) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Board may appeal the decision to the Circuit Court for Washington County, Maryland, pursuant to the Maryland Rules of Procedure within thirty (30) days of the date the decision was issued. Unless stayed by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision of the Deputy Director of the Division of Environmental Management - Solid Waste Department to suspend or revoke a license issued hereunder continues in effect until reversed or modified.

9. For accounts more than thirty (30) days in arrears following billing, interest will be charged at the rate of one and one-half percent (1.5%) per month on the unpaid balance.

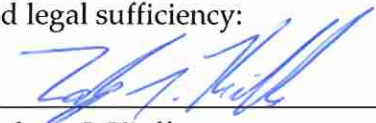
10. The following landfill and convenience box fees and charges are as stated in the attached Landfill and Convenience Box Proposed Fee Schedule.

Adopted this 6th day of May, 2025.
Effective the 1st day of July, 2025.

ATTEST:



Dawn L. Marcus, Clerk

Approved as to form
and legal sufficiency:


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**SCHEDULE OF RATES FOR FY2026 - SOLID WASTE SERVICES
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PERMIT FEES

Residential Trash Permit

Citizen	\$135.00
Second Permit, Same Owner	\$67.50
Senior Citizen Age 62 or over	\$98.00
Service-Related Disabled Veterans	\$98.00
Citizen (6 months*)	\$67.50
Senior Citizen Age 62 or over (6 months*)	\$49.00
Service-Related Disabled Veterans (6 months*)	\$49.00

(*Regular/Senior/DAV permits purchased after January 1st will be half price)

Residential Yard Debris Permit

Yard Debris Permit with purchase of Residential Permit (must be purchased at the same time)	\$25.00
Stand Alone Yard Debris Permit	\$50.00

Residential Recycling Permit

Recycling Permit	\$40.00
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(Recycling permit needed for use of recycle bins and cardboard bins at all facilities)

Commercial Solid Waste Collection License

Less than 5 employees	\$10.00
Over 5 employees	\$100.00

(All commercial permits must be renewed by July 1 each year)



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TIPPING FEES

Forty West Landfill Inbound Scale Fees

Minimum scale fee (< 360lb MSW/<320lb Yard/<260lb Rubble/<660 Recycle)	\$10.00
Municipal Solid Waste	\$55.00 /ton
Yard Debris (leaves, grass, brush)	\$63.00 /ton
Recycling	\$30.00 /ton
Domestic Sludge / Industrial Sludge	\$60.00 /ton
Rubble / Building Debris	\$78.00 /ton
White Goods	\$55.00 /ton
E-Waste	\$55.00 /ton
Industrial Waste	\$55.00 /ton
High volume/low weight (foam, rubber, etc.)	\$120.00 /ton
Tires (auto & light truck, 5 or less)**	\$3.00 each
Tires (less than 22-inch rim size)**	\$250.00 /ton
Tires (equipment)**	\$250.00 /ton
Dirt (Clean Fill)	\$20.00 /ton
Mattresses/Box Springs	\$5.00 each
Mattress Recycling Bulk Rate	\$200.00 /ton
Carcasses (must call ½ hour before delivery)	\$100.00 /ton
Appliances containing Freon	\$5.00 each

** any customer with 6 or more tires for disposal must have a Temporary Scrap Tire Waiver from the Maryland Department of Transportation.
Please call 410-537-3314 to obtain the waiver.

Forty West Landfill Outbound Scale Fees

Minimum Scale Fee (<660 lb Mulch / <1,000 lb Soil Amendment)	\$10.00 /ton
Mulch	\$30.00 /ton
Soil Amendment (Compost)	\$30.00 /ton

Must have a tarp to cover all loads of mulch and soil amendment.