



Metro Council solid waste fee setting for fiscal year 2023-24

Metro oversees the garbage and recycling system in greater Portland, ensuring that all solid waste generated in the region is managed in a way that protects public health and safeguards the environment. Solid waste fees provide essential funding to support this effort.

Metro Council sets solid waste fees annually during the budget-setting process. Metro Council voted to raise fees for greater Portland by 11 percent on May 11, 2023. The updated fees will go into effect on July 1, 2023 and continue through June 30, 2024.

What do the solid waste fees support?

Solid waste fees cover the cost of Metro transfer station operations in addition to Metro's regional garbage and recycling programs, such as clean-up services for dumped garbage, which have collected more than 1,000 tons of garbage from public spaces throughout the region in the past year.

How does Metro Council decide on the solid waste fees?

Metro's costs for transfer station operations and regional programs have increased for several reasons including inflation impacts. Additionally, economic forecasts predict slower than average growth for several years. When determining solid waste fees for the 2023-24 fiscal year, Metro Council considered these factors while weighing the potential impacts that a fee increase would have on people, local governments and businesses.

How much will the Metro transfer station fees change?

Metro operates two transfer stations: Metro Central and Metro South. Customers, including commercial haulers, will see the new fees on July 1, when the increase goes into effect. Once available, the complete list of transfer station fees will be posted to oregonmetro.gov/solidwastefee.

What happens next?

- Metro will distribute information to transfer station customers and commercial haulers to ensure transparency about the fee increase and changes to Metro transfer station rates.
- County and city governments will use Metro's solid waste fees to determine whether the residential garbage and recycling collection rates for their communities need to change. Potential rate increases will vary throughout greater Portland, and some areas may not experience any changes. Metro estimates that the fee increase will add approximately 80 cents per month to garbage and recycling costs for the average residence.

Learn more

For more information on solid waste fees and the fee setting process, please visit oregonmetro.gov/solidwastefee.