

## Implementing Order



**Implementing Order No.:** 04-68

**Title:** SCHEDULE OF ALL SERVICE LEVELS AND FEES FOR MIAMI-DADE COUNTY SOLID WASTE SERVICES

**Ordered:** 9/19/24

**Effective:** 10/1/24

### **AUTHORITY:**

The Miami-Dade County Home Rule Charter, including among others, Sections 1.01 and 2.02A, and Chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County.

### **SUPERSEDES:**

This Implementing Order (IO) supersedes IO 4-68, ordered September 21, 2023, and effective October 1, 2023.

### **POLICY:**

This Implementing Order provides a schedule of all solid waste service levels and fees.

### **PROCEDURE:**

The administration of this Implementing Order is designated to the Director of the Miami-Dade County Department responsible for Solid Waste Management, who shall be responsible for the collection of fees and the delivery of the required services, pursuant to Chapter 15 relating to powers and duties of Solid Waste Management. Every year, or earlier, if need be, the Director shall review all fees in terms of cost and recommend necessary changes to the County Mayor through this implementing order procedure.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

Contract Disposal – use of the County Waste Management System by any person, governmental entity, corporation or partnership that has entered into an Agreement with the County of ten (10) years or greater in duration for such County Solid Waste Management System use.

Non-Contract Disposal – use of the County Waste Management System by any person, governmental entity, corporation or partnership that has not entered into an Agreement with the County of ten (10) years or greater in duration for such County Solid Waste Management System use.

### **FEE SCHEDULE:**

The fee schedule adopted by this Implementing Order is attached hereto and made a part hereof. This official fee schedule is also filed with and subject to the approval of the Board of County Commissioners and on file with the Clerk thereof. Fees that are charged by the County shall be the same as those listed in the official fee schedule on file with the Clerk of the County Commission.

This Implementing Order is hereby submitted to the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, Florida.

Approved by the County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency \_\_\_\_\_

## **Narrative**

### **Introduction**

The operations and activities conducted by the Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management ("DSWM" or the "Department") are directed primarily by the provisions of Chapter 15 of the Code of Miami-Dade County (the "Code").

### **Residential Waste Collection Service**

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 15-2 (Solid Waste collections services, container usage, condition, and location) and 15-13 (County collection of solid waste) of the Code, DSWM is authorized to provide waste collections services "to all areas of the County where solid waste collection service is provided" and furthermore that "All residential waste collection within said areas shall, *at the discretion of the Director*, be serviced *only* by the Department". Additionally, the "Director shall have the power to establish the type of solid waste collection service to be rendered to all areas where County solid waste collection service is provided, and to promulgate rules and regulations not inconsistent herewith". Section 15-24 of the Code directs the Department to charge and collect fees for the provision of these waste collection services to residential, multi-family residential and commercial units.

Accordingly, DSWM provides and collects fees for waste collection and recycling services to single-family, duplex, triplex and quad living units in unincorporated Miami-Dade County and the cities of Aventura, Cutler Bay, Doral, Miami Gardens, Miami Lakes, Opa-locka, Palmetto Bay, Pinecrest, Sweetwater and Sunny Isles Beach. In addition, curbside recycling services are also provided to those cities that have inter-local agreements with Miami-Dade County, including El Portal, Florida City, Medley, Miami Beach, Miami Springs, North Bay Village, South Miami, Virginia Gardens and West Miami.

### **Other Waste Collection Services**

In addition to the services provided to residential units as outlined in the previous paragraph and per the provisions of Section 15-14 (Special collections, fees, extra charges) of the Code, the Department is authorized to perform any special collections or waste services not directly addressed in the Chapter "pursuant to such conditions as may be specified by the Director" and is further authorized to charge and collect fees as approved by the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board"). For example, Section 15-2. (Solid waste collection services, container usage, condition and location) of the Code, requires commercial business and multi-family properties to maintain waste collection service, but offers them the choice of either "the proper governmental agency able to provide such services or that of a licensed solid waste hauler authorized to perform such services." Accordingly, the Department offers these services to these establishments. Also, per Section 15-14 of the Code, other waste services specifically include the service of removal of any illegally dumped materials and the Department is directed to "charge and collect fees for such services" as provided for by the implementing order.

Section 15-12 (Emergency powers of the Director) of the Code, also provides DSWM with "the authority to suspend, modify or expand services provided by the Department ... in such emergency circumstances as national disasters, civil disorders or other circumstances" and to collect fees accordingly. Through this authorization, and in accordance with the needs of the community, the Department plays a major role in storm debris clean-up following a significant event.

## **Permitting**

In accordance with Section 15-17 of the Code, DSWM is directed to manage the permitting of General Haulers, Landscaping Businesses, Waste Tire Generators Waste Tire Transporters and Small Haulers. The Department is directed to administer the application process, and charge and collect fees accordingly inclusive of application fees (Section 15-17-1), vehicle registration fees (Section 15-17.4) and annual permit renewal fees (Section 15-17.6).

## **Code Enforcement Activities**

As part of its responsibilities, DSWM may prosecute violations of Chapter 15 (Solid Waste Management) of the Code. Violations of this chapter may be prosecuted pursuant to Chapter 8CC (Code Enforcement) of the Code. In addition to the provisions in Section 15-5 of the Code, DSWM may institute civil action in a court of competent jurisdiction to recover damages, civil penalties, and enforce compliance with terms of Chapter 15, as per Section 15-32 (Enforcement and penalties for violations of Chapter 15) of the Code. This includes enforcement provisions of Sections 15-2, 15-2.1, 15-2.2, 15-2.3, 15-2.6, 15-5, 15-5.2, 15-6, 15-7, 15-8, 15-17, and 15-25 of the Code. For additional information regarding Code Enforcement, please refer to Miami-Dade County IO No. 2-5 on Code Enforcement.

## **Waste Disposal Services**

Miami-Dade County owns and operates three (3) Landfills and three (3) Regional Transfer Stations for waste disposal.. Per the provisions of Section 15-25 of the Code, the Department is directed to charge and collect fees for use of these facilities as approved by the Board.

Additionally, per Section 15-25.2 (Disposal Facility Fee payable to the County) of the Code, private haulers operating in the Disposal Facility Fee area of the County are directed to make a monthly remittance to DSWM in an amount equivalent to fifteen percent (15%), less the 2.5% administrative credit plus any applicable late fees, of the prior month's receipts for collection and disposal services provided in Miami-Dade County, excluding any related to recyclable materials, Construction and Demolition (C&D) debris or compactor leasing.

Also, per Section 15-25 of the Code, the only exemption to the requirement for full fee collection for disposal services is a fifty percent (50%) discount (not applicable for transfer station fees) offered to charitable organizations which accept household discards for reuse, reconditioning or repurposing.

## Definition of Waste Collection Services

**a) Curbside Garbage Collection  
(Residential and Multi-family)**

**Service Level**

Twice weekly garbage collection (bagged or canned).

**b) Automated Curbside Garbage  
Collection (Residential and  
Multi-family)**

Twice weekly garbage collection (all materials must be in one or more automated service carts. Materials not in automated service cart will not be collected).

**c) Curbside Trash Collection**

Two (2) scheduled pickups per calendar year (January 1st through December 31st) of up to twenty-five (25) cubic yards per pickup or one (1) scheduled pickup per calendar year (January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>) of up to fifty (50) cubic yards per pickup.

**d) Neighborhood Trash and  
Recycling Center (TRC)  
Service**

Access to drop-off of residential trash and recyclables (seven (7) days per week) during established operating hours.

**e) Curbside Recycling**

Once every other week curbside collection of recyclables. Pursuant to Resolution No. R-1137-08, the County has entered into interlocal agreements with municipalities to collect and process their recyclable materials and will charge these municipalities the appropriate rates as delineated in the interlocal agreements.

**f) Residential Dumpster Service**

Containerized garbage and trash collections service.

**g) Onsite Garbage Collection  
(Commercial)**

Twice per week (limited to one cart, per waste unit charged). Accounts with consistent overages will be increased to the appropriate service level.

**h) Container Service/Roll-off  
(Commercial)**

Uncompacted rollaway containerized garbage and trash collection service with varying number of pickups and container sizes

**i) Emergency and Storm Debris**

Removal, transport, processing and disposal of debris prior to (FEMA Category B Emergency Protective Measures) and resulting from (FEMA Category A Debris Removal) storms and natural disasters, whether or not the event triggers a federal emergency declaration.

Miami-Dade County Department of Solid Waste Management\*\*

“Providing our customers with exceptional waste collection, recycling and disposal services that protect, preserve and improve our environment and the quality of life in our community.”

## Waste Collection Services

	RESIDENTIAL SERVICES	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	COLLECTION MODE	ANNUAL PICK-UPS	FEE COLLECTION	FEE
	Single Family, Duplex, Triplex & Quad				Annual via Tax	
	Garbage, Trash, TRC & Recycling (One Garbage Cart)	Curbside Garbage	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	101-104	Annual via Tax	\$697.00
		Curbside Recycling	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	26	Annual via Tax	
		Curbside Trash	2 pickups of up to 25 cubic yards each or 1 pickup of up to 50 cubic yards	1 or 2		
		TRC Access	Drop Off	Unlimited access		
	Garbage & Recycling (Multi-family collection per living unit)	Curbside Garbage	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	101 - 104	Annual via Tax	\$279.00
		Curbside Recycling	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	26		
	TRC Access (only)	TRC Access	Drop Off	Unlimited access	Annual via Tax	\$177.00
	Recycling Service (only)	Curbside Recycling	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	26	Annual via Tax	\$98.00
	Multi-Family (Residential Service)				Annual via Tax	
	Residential Dumpster & TRC	Garbage	Shared Dumpster	101 - 104	Annual via Tax	\$538.00
		TRC Access	Drop Off	Unlimited Access		
The Director or designee may make adjustments to the waste collection frequency.						
The fee collection method listed herein is the most commonly used method. The Director or designee may make changes to the method at his or her discretion						
The Director or designee may delegate authority to address urgent garbage pickup requests that may result from special events within Miami Dade County.						
	Special Services (Residential)					
	Reserve Account (Emergency) (1)	Establish a restricted reserve fund account for storms, emergencies and/or natural disaster up to \$20 million (estimated present value of Category 1 Hurricane in FY 2020-21), amount to be adjusted by CPI annually. This reserve will be utilized to offset funding gaps after all available or all eligible reimbursements have been pursued or received by Department			Annual via Tax	To Be Determined

	Additional Waste Cart	Each additional waste cart for automated Curbside Garbage collection	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	101-104	Annual via Direct Bill	\$160.00	
	Replace Waste Cart without a police report		N/A	N/A	Direct Bill	\$75.00	
						<b>Adopted Range</b>	
						<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
	Extra Garbage Pick-Up (per Waste Cart per trip)	Beyond established twice weekly pick-up service	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	Per trip	Direct Bill	\$35.00	\$250.00
	EXCESS Curbside Trash per cubic yard	Beyond the established service level	N/A	N/A	Direct Bill	\$31.00	
	EXPEDITE Curbside Trash	Expedite collection for annual 2 pickups of up to 25 cubic yards each or 1 pickup of up to 50 cubic yards	N/A	N/A	Direct Bill	\$198.00	
	Second Recycling Cart	Curbside Recycling	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	26		Free	
	Third Recycling Cart	Curbside Recycling	35 – 96 gal. cart	26	Direct Bill	\$68.00	
	Removal/Disposal Of Contaminated Recycling Cart	Curbside Recycling Repeat violators whose carts have been tagged more than three times will be subject to a special collection and/or disposal fees (Sec 15-14 of the Code)	35-96 gal. cart	Per occurrence after third violation	Direct Bill	\$160.00	
						<b>Adopted Range</b>	
						<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
	Dumpster Garbage (Residential)	Onsite Collection	1 to 8 Cubic Yards	52-362	Monthly Invoice	\$65.70	\$8,000.00
	<b>COMMERICAL SERVICES (Annual)</b>	<b>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION MODE</b>	<b>ANNUAL PICK-UPS</b>	<b>FEE COLLECTION</b>	<b>Adopted Range</b>	
						<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
	<b>Commercial Cart</b>				Annual via Tax		
	Automated Cart (Garbage)	Onsite Collection	96 gal. cart	101-104	Annual via Tax	\$715.00	
	Additional Waste Cart	Each additional waste cart for automated Curbside Garbage collection	(1) 35 - 96 gal. cart	101-104	Annual via Direct Bill	\$160.00	
	<b>COMMERCIAL SERVICES (Monthly)</b>	<b>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION MODE</b>	<b>WEEKLY PICK-UPS</b>	<b>FEE COLLECTION</b>	<b>Adopted Range</b>	
						<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>
	<b>Commercial Dumpster / Roll-off</b>				Monthly Invoice		
	Dumpster Garbage	Onsite Collection	1 to 8 Cubic yards	52 - 362	Monthly Invoice	\$65.70	\$8,000.00
	Containerized/Roll-off Trash or Garbage per pickup	Onsite Collection. Cost of disposal will be charged separately	10 to 40 Cubic yards	On call or Scheduled	Monthly Invoice	\$154.20	\$700.00

	Containerized/Roll-off Construction & Demolition per pickup	Onsite Collection. Cost of disposal will be charged separately	10 to 40 Cubic yards	On call or Scheduled	Monthly Invoice	\$100.00	\$600.00
<p>The Director or designee may generate a memorandum annually which sets forth the schedule of fees for uncompacted and compacted rollaway dumpsters, roll-off containers and whole tires per cubic yard service for Miami-Dade County Departments.</p> <p>The Director may establish direct bill services to non-waste collection service area customers that utilize Curbside Trash services.</p>							

OTHER COLLECTION SERVICES	SERVICE DESCRIPTION	COLLECTION MODE	PICK-UPS	FEE COLLECTION	FEE
<b>Special/Violation Waste Collection</b>					
Special Curbside Trash Collection per cubic yard	Containerized Curbside Trash	Curbside	Upon request	Direct bill	\$31.00
Violation Waste Removal per Cubic Yard	The minimum charge per occurrence is \$310.00, based on a five (5) cubic yard minimum charge	Curbside Trash	As Needed	Direct bill	\$62.00
Waste Certification Fee (In accordance with Sec 15-28 (c) of the Miami Dade County Code	Each written certificate, certifying the amount of waste fees due upon any parcel of real property subject to payment of waste fees or certifying that no waste fees are due	n/a	n/a	Direct bill	\$60.00
<b>OTHER COLLECTION SERVICES</b>	<b>SERVICE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COLLECTION MODE</b>	<b>PICK-UPS</b>	<b>FEE COLLECTION</b>	<b>FEE</b>
<b>Schedule for Permitted Landscapers</b>					
Clean Yard Trash disposal by permitted landscaper at TRC (up to 6 cubic yards)	The minimum charge per TRC visit up the 6 cubic yards	Drop off		Direct bill and/or electronic payment	\$33.00

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Other Miscellaneous Services	Service Description	Fee Collection	Fee
<b>Application Review</b>			
Review of SW Facility Operating Permit	Resource recovery and management facility permit Application	DSWM	\$321.00
EXPEDITE Review of SW Facility Operating Permit	Resource recovery and management facility permit Application	DSWM	\$375.00
Review of Planning Application	Review to determine impact to waste collection and/or disposal service	DSWM	\$254.00
EXPEDITE Review of Planning Application	Review to determine impact to waste collection and/or disposal service	DSWM	\$309.00
Review of Annexation/ Incorporation Application	Review to determine impact to waste collection and/or disposal service	DSWM	\$320.00
EXPEDITE Review of Annexation/ Incorporation Application	Review to determine impact to waste collection and/or disposal service	DSWM	\$375.00

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# Waste Permit Fees

	Permit Fees	Service Description	Fee Collection	Fee
	<b>Waste Permit Fees</b>			
	Small Hauler Permit	Annual Application Renewal	DSWM	\$315.00
	General Hauler Permit	Annual Application/Renewal	DSWM	\$630.00
	General Hauler Vehicle Registration	Annual Vehicle Registration	DSWM	\$74.00
	Landscaper Permit	Annual Business Fee Application/Renewal	DSWM	\$236.00
	Landscaper Vehicle Registration	Annual Vehicle Registration	DSWM	\$84.00
	Tire Generator Permit	Annual Business Permit Application/Renewal	DSWM	\$26.00
	Tire Generator Location	Annual per location fee	DSWM	\$79.00
	Waste Tire Transporter Permit	Annual Business Fee Application/Renewal	DSWM	\$26.00
	Waste Tire Transporter Vehicle Registration	Annual Vehicle Registration	DSWM	\$26.00
	Delinquent Penalty (Late Renewal)	Per month late fee for past due accounts up to 1 year	DSWM	10% 1 <sup>st</sup> month. plus, additional 5% each month thereafter
	Doing Business Without Permit	Operating Fee for permit accounts delinquent for more than 1 year.	DSWM	\$100 per year

# Code Enforcement Processing Recovery Fees

	<b>Court Fees</b> (Authorized by Chapter 8CC, Code of Miami-Dade County)	Description	Fee Collection	Fee
	<b>Court Fees</b>			
	Administrative Hearing Department Cost		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	130.00
	Lien Release Fee		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	\$80.00
	Payoff Letter		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	\$55.00
	Posting of Notices		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	\$25.00
	Lien Cancellation Notices		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	\$25.00
	Photographs, Reports or Other Exhibits		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	Actual Cost
	County Attorney's Fees		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	Actual Cost
	Other Court Filing Fees (each document)		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	Actual Cost
	Continuing Penalties		MDC Finance Department, Credit and Collection Section	Actual Cost

	<b>Returned Check charges per check</b> (Authorized by F/S/ 932/07 (2017))	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fee Collection</b>	<b>Fee</b>
	If face value of check does not exceed \$50.00			\$25.00
	If face value of check exceeds \$50.00 but does not exceed \$300.00			\$30.00
	If face value of check exceeds \$300.00			\$40.00 or an amount up to 5% of the check, whichever is greater

## Waste Disposal Services

	<b>Disposal System Fees</b>	<b>Service Description</b>	<b>Fee Collection</b>	<b>Fee</b>
	<b>Waste Disposal</b>			Per Ton
	Contract Disposal Fee (per ton)	Waste delivery to Disposal Facilities (Contract rate)	Direct Bill	\$74.40
	Non-Contract Disposal Fee (per ton)	Waste delivery to Disposal Facilities (Non-contract rate)	Direct Bill	\$113.19
	Transfer fee (per ton)	Waste delivery to Transfer Station (added to Disposal Fee)	Direct Bill	\$16.28
	Non-Contract Transfer fee (per ton)	Waste delivery to Transfer Station (added to Disposal Fee)	Direct Bill	\$16.91
	Waste Tires (per ton)	Acceptance of Waste Tires	Direct Bill	\$140.00
	Asbestos (per ton)	Acceptance of Asbestos	Direct Bill	\$100.00
				<b>Adopted Range</b>
				<b>Min</b> <b>Max</b>
	Material Suitable for landfill cover (per ton)	Prior approval is mandatory; otherwise standard rates apply(2)	Direct Bill	\$0.00 \$32.00
	<b>Other</b>			
	Special Handling Fee (per load)	Other solid waste requiring special handling (added to Disposal Fee)	Direct Bill	\$ 85.87
	Safety Vest	Safety Vest sold at scale houses. Safety vests are required at all disposal sites (landfills and transfer stations)	Direct Bill	\$3.15
	Disposal Facility Fee (Sec. 15-25.2)	15% of prior month WCSA waste fees charged	Due monthly	
	Clean Yard Trash Disposal per cubic yard, by Permitted Landscaper at a Disposal Facility;	Clean Yard Trash conversion factor of 0.121 tons per cubic yard		\$9.00

In the event that the scale(s) at the disposal facilities are unavailable, the disposal fee will be based on the total cubic yard payload capacity of the vehicle converted to tons using the Schedules of Weights and Measures that are available at the Clerk of the Board.

(1) Reserve Account (Emergency) fee will not be assessed for FY FY2024-25.

(2) Soil-like material with limited use applications as determined by the Director of Solid Waste Management based on appearance, structural characteristics, and/or physical contents. Receipt of this material is subject to the needs of the Department at the landfill only. Prior arrangement is required. Non-conforming material will be charged at the full tipping fee or may be rejected.