

# Town of North Manchester

## Customer Notice of Trash/Recycling Fee Increase

The current trash and recycling contract with Republic Service expired June 30, 2020. In March of this year, the Town Council advertised for a new two-year contract from any reputable refuse company that could meet the specifications set out by the town administration with the option of two additional years. Two trash/recycling service proposals were received and opened at the April 1 Town Council meeting. The current contractor, Republic Services, was the lowest priced amongst the two proposals. The contract was awarded at the May 6, 2020 council meeting. The contract includes increased costs in both trash and recycling. As a result, the Town Council will be considering an ordinance at their August meeting to increase monthly trash/recycling fees. Time for a public hearing has been advertised and is to be held prior to the council vote on first reading of the increases. An ordinance must be considered three times (August, September, and October) before taking effect. Currently, the monthly fee for one can each (trash/recycling) is \$12/month for each customer. Increases in the cost to process recycling materials and lower international marketability have caused the monthly fee for recycling collection to increase by over 50%. In addition, trash pickup fees with the new contract will increase by 11%. In total, the revenue deficit to offset the increase in both trash and recycling will be approximately 25%. Thus, new monthly customer fees starting as early as October 2020 will **increase from \$12 to \$15 if approved by the Town Council.** (A breakdown of current and future costs for trash/recycling is below.) The council approved the two year extension making the new contract a four year term. This will allow the pricing to be locked in at the contracted rates for the next four years. After the year one increase to \$15, each year after on July 1 the monthly rate will increase by \$0.50 to maintain revenues with expenses. Fees will be as follows: **2020-\$15.00, 2021-\$15.50, 2022-\$16.00, 2023-\$16.50.**



	Current rate	2020	2021	2022	2023
Billed amount	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.50	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.50
trash	\$ 8.48	\$ 9.46	\$ 9.79	\$ 10.13	\$ 10.49
recycling	\$ 1.81	\$ 4.51	\$ 4.67	\$ 4.83	\$ 5.00
cost per contract	\$ 10.29	\$ 13.97	\$ 14.46	\$ 14.96	\$ 15.49

Any time a fee increase is proposed, a thorough evaluation of all options **is** considered. The last time a rate increase for trash and recycling occurred was in 2001. Additional costs such as spring and fall cleanup are included in the monthly customer fee.

### Helpful tips when recycling:

- 1) Flatten **cardboard boxes** and do not mix with other materials such as bubble wrap, liquids and food.
- 2) Rinse out food residue in **metal cans** and allow them to dry. Remove paper labels prior to recycling.
- 3) Hard plastics can be recycled. However, "soft plastic" that you can poke your finger through **cannot**.
- 4) Remember to **EMPTY, CLEAN, and DRY** food containers before recycling. Failing to follow these three steps will contaminate entire truck loads.
- 5) **DO NOT BAG YOUR RECYCLABLES!** Leave them separated.

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