



MEMORANDUM

To: All Operating Colorado Solid Waste Disposal Sites and Facilities
From: David Snapp, Solid Waste and Materials Management Program (303-726-6836)
Date: April 1, 2024
Subject: Solid Waste User Fee Increase Notice - Solid Waste User Fee Increase and HSRF

§ 25-16-104.5(1.7)(a), C.R.S. authorizes Colorado’s Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission to set the solid waste user fee for the Solid Waste Program, the Hazardous Substance Response Fund (HSRF), and the Department of Law fee found in Table 1 below. On February 20, 2024, the Solid and Hazardous Waste Commission approved a \$0.04 per cubic yard increase to the Solid Waste User Fee to help the Solid Waste and Materials Management Program cover administrative costs. The increased fee will begin on July 1, 2024. (For the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, the \$0.04 net increase results from a \$0.09 increase in the solid waste program fee and temporary pause of the \$0.05 HSRF. Then, starting July 1, 2025, the \$0.05 HSRF will resume, and the solid waste program fee will be reduced by \$0.05.)

The 2024 solid waste user fee increase marks the first fee increase for the Solid Waste and Materials Management Program since 2010. The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division predicted that the 2010 fee increase would cover the Solid Waste and Materials Management Program’s administrative costs through 2017. It was possible to delay a fee increase between 2017 and 2023 because of Colorado’s strong economy and the resulting fee collections at your facilities. The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division truly appreciates your efforts in collecting the fee and remitting it to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

All of the remaining fees will remain the same through December 31, 2024, unless legislation affecting the fees is passed in the interim.

Table 1. Matrix of Solid Waste User Fee Components by Waste Volume Reporting Type

| Fee/Fund | Car* | Truck* | Cubic Yard | Ton* (MSW) | Ton* (Soil) | Gallon* (1,000G) |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Solid waste program | \$0.07 | \$0.15 | \$0.22 | \$0.73 | \$0.17 | \$1.10 |
| Hazardous substance response fund | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Department of Law | \$0.01 | \$0.02 | \$0.03 | \$0.10 | \$0.02 | \$0.15 |
| Recycling resources economic opportunity program | \$0.02** | \$0.04** | \$0.14 | \$0.47 | \$0.11 | \$0.70 |
| Front range waste diversion fee | N/A | N/A | \$0.64 | \$2.13 | N/A | N/A |
| Total Solid Waste User Fee | \$0.10 | \$0.21 | \$1.03 | \$3.43 | \$0.29 | \$1.95 |

* Waste volume types converted to cubic yards using the conversion factors found in Section 1.7.4 of the Regulations

** Rates for non-commercial vehicle types as specified in § 25-16-104.5(3.9)(a), C.R.S.

