



DeKalb County Government

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Agenda Item

File ID: 2026-0930

Substitute

Public Hearing: YES ☒ NO ☐

Department: Public Works - Sanitation

SUBJECT:

Commission District(s): All Districts

Adopt the attached fee schedule for the Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) for Residential and Commercial Collection and Disposal, and Landfill, Transfer Station, and Crematory Tipping Fees

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PURPOSE:

Seek approval for DSWM's proposed Fees for 2026 through 2035 for the following:

- Residential MSW Collection and Disposal effective from 2026,
- Commercial MSW Collection and Disposal effective on the date of July 15th, 2026,
- Landfill, Transfer Station, and Crematory Tipping Fees effective on the date of July 15th, 2026,
- Funding compost feasibility study and residential collection pilot program, and
- Fee increase freeze for the cities of Avondale Estates, Chamblee, and Decatur for 2026. Rate increase for each of these cities to be implemented in 2027. Further rate implementation will be based on cities waste reduction program success.

NEED/IMPACT:

These increases in fees are needed to maintain DSWM services along with providing funds for CIP (Capital Improvement Projects); provide sufficient debt service coverage in accordance with the Fixed Charges Coverage Ratio Covenant and anticipated future bond covenants; and establish an unrestricted cash reserve. Additionally, the increase is needed to maintain operations and enable the department to return to operating a self-sustaining enterprise fund.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The department's comprehensive solid waste management operation requires the additional funds for salaries, increased fuel costs, purchase/maintenance of equipment and investment in capital projects. Proposed fees will provide total working capital of approximately \$522M to the DSWM until 2035.

RECOMMENDATION:

To approve the attached fee increases effective 2026 and authorize the Chief Executive Officer to execute all necessary documents. The DSWM Fee Tables attached.

Proposed Residential Fees for 2026 to 2035

Residential Fees Service Type	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
One 95-Gallon Roll Cart One Recycling Roll Cart	\$315.00	\$362.30	\$416.60	\$458.30	\$504.10	\$554.50	\$610.00	\$671.00	\$738.10	\$811.90	\$893.10
One 95-Gallon Roll Cart Two Recycling Roll Cart	\$340.00	\$391.00	\$449.70	\$494.70	\$544.20	\$598.60	\$658.50	\$724.40	\$796.80	\$876.50	\$964.20
Two 95-Gallon Roll Cart One Recycling Roll Cart	\$508.00	\$584.20	\$671.80	\$739.00	\$812.90	\$894.20	\$983.60	\$1,082.00	\$1,190.20	\$1,309.20	\$1,440.10
Two 95-Gallon Roll Cart Two Recycling Roll Cart	\$533.00	\$613.00	\$705.00	\$775.50	\$853.10	\$938.40	\$1,032.20	\$1,135.40	\$1,248.90	\$1,373.80	\$1,511.20
Three 95-Gallon Roll Cart One Recycling Roll Cart	\$762.00	\$876.30	\$1,007.70	\$1,108.50	\$1,219.40	\$1,341.30	\$1,475.40	\$1,622.90	\$1,785.20	\$1,963.70	\$2,160.10
Three 95-Gallon Roll Cart Two Recycling Roll Cart	\$787.00	\$905.10	\$1,040.90	\$1,145.00	\$1,259.50	\$1,385.50	\$1,524.10	\$1,676.50	\$1,844.20	\$2,028.60	\$2,231.50
Backdoor Collection One 95-Gallon Roll Cart One Recycling Roll Cart	\$580.00	\$667.00	\$767.10	\$843.80	\$928.20	\$1,021.00	\$1,123.10	\$1,235.40	\$1,358.90	\$1,494.80	\$1,644.30
Backdoor Collection One 95-Gallon Roll Cart Two Recycling Roll Cart	\$605.00	\$695.80	\$800.20	\$880.20	\$968.20	\$1,065.00	\$1,171.50	\$1,288.70	\$1,417.60	\$1,559.40	\$1,715.30

Note: Service Period is 1 X Per Week

Proposed Special Collection Fees for 2026 to 2035

Special Collection Fees	Rate Period	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Special Collections Pay Load	Minimum	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$132.30	\$145.50	\$160.10	\$176.10	\$193.70	\$213.10	\$234.40	\$257.80	\$283.60
Special Collections Pay Load	Per Load	\$225.00	\$258.80	\$297.60	\$327.40	\$360.10	\$396.10	\$435.70	\$479.30	\$527.20	\$579.90	\$637.90
Replacement/Damaged/Stolen	Each	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price	MKT Price
Roll Cart Upgrade Fee	Per Container	\$25.00	\$28.80	\$33.10	\$36.40	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.40	\$53.20	\$58.50	\$64.40	\$70.80
Garbage	Per Container	\$25.00	\$28.80	\$33.10	\$36.40	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.40	\$53.20	\$58.50	\$64.40	\$70.80
Additional Roll Cart – Recycling	Per Container	\$25.00	\$28.80	\$33.10	\$36.40	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.40	\$53.20	\$58.50	\$64.40	\$70.80
Tree Parts	Minimum	\$200.00	\$230.00	\$264.50	\$291.00	\$320.10	\$352.10	\$387.30	\$426.00	\$468.60	\$515.50	\$567.10
Tree Parts	Per Load	\$450.00	\$517.50	\$595.10	\$654.60	\$720.10	\$792.10	\$871.30	\$958.40	\$1,054.20	\$1,159.60	\$1,275.60

Proposed Roll off Fees for 2026 to 2035

Roll off Fees	Service Frequency	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
10 yard	2 week rental	\$226.00	\$259.90	\$298.90	\$328.80	\$361.70	\$397.90	\$437.70	\$481.50	\$529.70	\$582.70	\$641.00
20 yard	2 week rental Fee per pull	\$451.00	\$518.70	\$596.50	\$656.20	\$721.80	\$794.00	\$873.40	\$960.70	\$1,056.80	\$1,162.50	\$1,278.80
30 yard	2 week rental	\$677.00	\$778.60	\$895.40	\$984.90	\$1,083.40	\$1,191.70	\$1,310.90	\$1,442.00	\$1,586.20	\$1,744.80	\$1,919.30
40 yard	2 week rental	\$902.00	\$1,037.30	\$1,192.90	\$1,312.20	\$1,443.40	\$1,587.70	\$1,746.50	\$1,921.20	\$2,113.30	\$2,324.60	\$2,557.10
Commercial Special Collections Pay Load Service	Per Load	\$451.00	\$518.70	\$596.50	\$656.20	\$721.80	\$794.00	\$873.40	\$960.70	\$1,056.80	\$1,162.50	\$1,278.80

Proposed Commercial Collection Fees for 2026 to 2035

Commercial Garbage	Weekly Service Frequency	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
3 yard	1 pick up	\$98.00	\$112.70	\$129.60	\$142.60	\$156.90	\$172.60	\$189.90	\$208.90	\$229.80	\$252.80	\$278.10
4 yard	1 pick up	\$130.00	\$149.50	\$171.90	\$189.10	\$208.00	\$228.80	\$251.70	\$276.90	\$304.60	\$335.10	\$368.60
6 yard	1 pick up	\$195.00	\$224.30	\$257.90	\$283.70	\$312.10	\$343.30	\$377.60	\$415.40	\$456.90	\$502.60	\$552.90
8 yard	1 pick up	\$215.00	\$247.30	\$284.40	\$312.80	\$344.10	\$378.50	\$416.40	\$458.00	\$503.80	\$554.20	\$609.60
3 yard	2 pick ups	\$196.00	\$225.40	\$259.20	\$285.10	\$313.60	\$345.00	\$379.50	\$417.50	\$459.30	\$505.20	\$555.70
4 yard	2 pick ups	\$260.00	\$299.00	\$343.90	\$378.30	\$416.10	\$457.70	\$503.50	\$553.90	\$609.30	\$670.20	\$737.20
6 yard	2 pick ups	\$390.00	\$448.50	\$515.80	\$567.40	\$624.10	\$686.50	\$755.20	\$830.70	\$913.80	\$1,005.20	\$1,105.70
8 yard	2 pick ups	\$430.00	\$494.50	\$568.70	\$625.60	\$688.20	\$757.00	\$832.70	\$916.00	\$1,007.60	\$1,108.40	\$1,219.20
3 yard	3 pick ups	\$294.00	\$338.10	\$388.80	\$427.70	\$470.50	\$517.60	\$569.40	\$626.30	\$688.90	\$757.80	\$833.60
4 yard	3 pick ups	\$390.00	\$448.50	\$515.80	\$567.40	\$624.10	\$686.50	\$755.20	\$830.70	\$913.80	\$1,005.20	\$1,105.70
6 yard	3 pick ups	\$585.00	\$672.80	\$773.70	\$851.10	\$936.20	\$1,029.80	\$1,132.80	\$1,246.10	\$1,370.70	\$1,507.80	\$1,658.60
8 yard	3 pick ups	\$645.00	\$741.80	\$853.10	\$938.40	\$1,032.20	\$1,135.40	\$1,248.90	\$1,373.80	\$1,511.20	\$1,662.30	\$1,828.50
6 yard	4 pick ups	\$780.00	\$897.00	\$1,031.60	\$1,134.80	\$1,248.30	\$1,373.10	\$1,510.40	\$1,661.40	\$1,827.50	\$2,010.30	\$2,211.30
8 yard	4 pick ups	\$860.00	\$989.00	\$1,137.40	\$1,251.10	\$1,376.20	\$1,513.80	\$1,665.20	\$1,831.70	\$2,014.90	\$2,216.40	\$2,438.00
6 yard	5 pick ups	\$975.00	\$1,121.30	\$1,289.50	\$1,418.50	\$1,560.40	\$1,716.40	\$1,888.00	\$2,076.80	\$2,284.50	\$2,513.00	\$2,764.30
8 yard	5 pick ups	\$1,075.00	\$1,236.30	\$1,421.70	\$1,563.90	\$1,720.30	\$1,892.30	\$2,081.50	\$2,289.70	\$2,518.70	\$2,770.60	\$3,047.70
6 yard	6 pick ups	\$1,170.00	\$1,345.50	\$1,547.30	\$1,702.00	\$1,872.20	\$2,059.40	\$2,265.30	\$2,491.80	\$2,741.00	\$3,015.10	\$3,316.60
8 yard	6 pick ups	\$1,290.00	\$1,483.50	\$1,706.00	\$1,876.60	\$2,064.30	\$2,270.70	\$2,497.80	\$2,747.60	\$3,022.40	\$3,324.60	\$3,657.10

Proposed Commercial Recycling Collection Fees for 2026 to 2035

Commercial Recycling Fees	Weekly Service Period	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
6-yard Dumpster	1 pick up	\$110.00	\$127.00	\$146.00	\$160.00	\$176.00	\$194.00	\$213.00	\$234.00	\$258.00	\$284.00	\$312.00
6-yard Dumpster	2 pick ups	\$215.00	\$247.00	\$284.00	\$313.00	\$344.00	\$379.00	\$416.00	\$458.00	\$504.00	\$554.00	\$610.00
6-yard Dumpster	3 pick ups	\$325.00	\$374.00	\$430.00	\$473.00	\$520.00	\$572.00	\$629.00	\$692.00	\$762.00	\$838.00	\$922.00
6-yard Dumpster	4 pick ups	\$435.00	\$500.00	\$575.00	\$633.00	\$696.00	\$766.00	\$842.00	\$927.00	\$1,019.00	\$1,121.00	\$1,233.00
6-yard Dumpster	5 pick ups	\$545.00	\$627.00	\$721.00	\$793.00	\$872.00	\$959.00	\$1,055.00	\$1,161.00	\$1,277.00	\$1,405.00	\$1,545.00

Proposed Seminole Road Landfill Tipping Fees for 2026 to 2035

Seminole Road Landfill Tipping Fees	Fee Unit	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Cost/Ton	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$95.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$116.00	\$121.00	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Minimum Processing Fee	Each	\$14.00	\$14.70	\$15.40	\$16.20	\$17.00	\$17.90	\$18.80	\$19.70	\$20.70	\$21.70	\$22.80
Appliance Containing Freon	Each	\$48.00	\$50.40	\$52.90	\$55.50	\$58.30	\$61.20	\$64.30	\$67.50	\$70.90	\$74.40	\$78.10
Industrial / Commercial	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Construction and Demolition Material	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Yard Trimmings, Trees and Inert Materials	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Municipal Sludge and Contaminated Soils	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Asbestos Waste	Hole Preparation	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90
Tires under 18-inches	Per Tire	\$10.00	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$3.50
Tires over 18-inches	Per Tire	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
Tires with rim	Per Tire	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Minimum Scale Fee -0 to 250 lbs.	Weigh	\$48.00	\$16.50	\$17.33	\$18.19	\$19.10	\$20.06	\$21.06	\$22.11	\$23.22	\$24.38	\$25.60
Minimum Scale Fee -251 to 500 lbs.	Weigh	\$48.00	\$24.75	\$25.99	\$27.29	\$28.65	\$30.08	\$31.59	\$33.17	\$34.83	\$36.57	\$38.40
Minimum Scale Fee -501 to 750 lbs.	Weigh	\$48.00	\$37.13	\$38.99	\$40.94	\$42.98	\$45.13	\$47.39	\$49.76	\$52.25	\$54.86	\$57.60
Minimum Scale Fee -751 to 1000 lbs.	Weigh	\$48.00	\$55.69	\$58.47	\$61.40	\$64.47	\$67.69	\$71.08	\$74.63	\$78.36	\$82.28	\$86.39
Minimum Scale Fee -10001 to 1999 lbs.	Weigh	\$48.00	\$83.53	\$87.71	\$92.09	\$96.70	\$101.53	\$106.61	\$111.94	\$117.54	\$123.41	\$129.58
Any Material Crossing the Scales more than 1999 lbs	Ton	\$95.00	\$99.80	\$104.80	\$110.00	\$115.50	\$121.30	\$127.40	\$133.80	\$140.50	\$147.50	\$154.90

Proposed Central and East Transfer Stations Tipping Fees for 2026 to 2035

Central and East Transfer Stations Tipping Fees	Fee Unit	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.00	\$116.00	\$122.00	\$128.00	\$134.00	\$141.00	\$148.00	\$155.00	\$163.00
Industrial/ Commercial/ Yard Debris	Ton	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.30	\$115.80	\$121.60	\$127.70	\$134.10	\$140.80	\$147.80	\$155.20	\$163.00
Animal Crematorium (Not DeKalb County)	Per Animal	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.30	\$115.80	\$121.60	\$127.70	\$134.10	\$140.80	\$147.80	\$155.20	\$163.00
Animal Crematorium (DeKalb County Resident)	Per Animal	\$25.00	\$26.30	\$27.60	\$29.00	\$30.50	\$32.00	\$33.60	\$35.30	\$37.10	\$39.00	\$41.00

Proposed North Transfer Stations Tipping Fees for 2026 to 2035

North Transfer Station Tipping Fees	Fee Unit	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Municipal Disposal	Ton	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.30	\$115.80	\$121.60	\$127.70	\$134.10	\$140.80	\$147.80	\$155.20	\$163.00
Industrial/ Commercial/ Yard Debris	Ton	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$110.30	\$115.80	\$121.60	\$127.70	\$134.10	\$140.80	\$147.80	\$155.20	\$163.00

Proposed Commercial Hand Pickup Fees for 2026 to 2035

Commercial Hand Pick-Up (Roll-up) Fees	Service Frequency	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
(2) 95 Gallon	2 X Per Week	\$45.90	\$52.80	\$60.70	\$66.80	\$73.50	\$80.90	\$89.00	\$97.90	\$107.70	\$118.50	\$130.40
(3) 95 Gallon	2 X Per Week	\$63.00	\$72.50	\$83.40	\$91.70	\$100.90	\$111.00	\$122.10	\$134.30	\$147.70	\$162.50	\$178.80

Proposed Commercial Hand Pickup Recycling Fees for 2026 to 2035

Commercial Hand Pick-Up (Recycling) Fees	Service Period	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
1 roll-cart	Monthly	\$35.00	\$40.30	\$46.30	\$50.90	\$56.00	\$61.60	\$67.80	\$74.60	\$82.10	\$90.30	\$99.30
2 roll-carts	Monthly	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$52.90	\$58.20	\$64.00	\$70.40	\$77.40	\$85.10	\$93.60	\$103.00	\$113.30
3 roll-carts	Monthly	\$57.00	\$65.60	\$75.40	\$82.90	\$91.20	\$100.30	\$110.30	\$121.30	\$133.40	\$146.70	\$161.40
4 roll-carts	Monthly	\$64.00	\$73.60	\$84.60	\$93.10	\$102.40	\$112.60	\$123.90	\$136.30	\$149.90	\$164.90	\$181.40

Proposed Compactor Fees for 2026 to 2035

Compactor Fees	Service Period	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
25 yd Compactor	2 week service only (Per Pull)	\$405.00	\$465.80	\$535.70	\$589.30	\$648.20	\$713.00	\$784.30	\$862.70	\$949.00	\$1,043.90	\$1,148.30
30 yd Compactor		\$459.00	\$527.90	\$607.10	\$667.80	\$734.60	\$808.10	\$888.90	\$977.80	\$1,075.60	\$1,183.20	\$1,301.50
30 yd Compactor (Private)		\$540.00	\$621.00	\$714.20	\$785.60	\$864.20	\$950.60	\$1,045.70	\$1,150.30	\$1,265.30	\$1,391.80	\$1,531.00
40 yd Compactor		\$567.00	\$652.10	\$749.90	\$824.90	\$907.40	\$998.10	\$1,097.90	\$1,207.70	\$1,328.50	\$1,461.40	\$1,607.50

Proposed Animal Cremation Fee for 2026 to 2035

Proposed Animal Cremation Fee Per Animal:	Fee Unit	Current Fee	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035
Animal Crematorium	Per Animal	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$132.30	\$145.50	\$160.10	\$176.10	\$193.70	\$213.10	\$234.40	\$257.80	\$283.60
Animal Crematorium (DeKalb County Resident)	Per Animal	\$25.00	\$28.80	\$33.10	\$36.40	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$48.40	\$53.20	\$58.50	\$64.40	\$70.80