



October 20, 2021

RE: City of York Garbage & Landfill Rate Changes

Dear Residents and Customers,

November utility bills will soon arrive in mailboxes across the City. In addition to the quarterly newsletter, you may notice an increase in the Garbage and Landfill rates. We wanted to take a moment to explain the increases and why you're seeing them now.

To begin, City Council approved an increase in September 2020 to the City's Landfill rates. The rates were supposed to increase from \$6.77 to \$8.77 starting October 1, 2020 to address the rapidly increasing cost of waste disposal at the County Landfill. Unfortunately, the City's billing software was not updated with the new rates; an error caught this month. Staff have now updated the billing software to reflect the rate approved by City Council and all future utility bills will contain the correct landfill rate.

City Council also recently approved an increase in the monthly Garbage rate to address the rising cost of providing garbage and recycling services. The Garbage fee in your utility bill reflects the charges assessed for the weekly collection of your rollout cart, recycling bin, bulk pick-up, and yard waste. Beginning October 1, 2021, the Garbage fee was increased from \$9.69 to \$10.69 per month, or a \$1 increase (\$2 for Out-of-City customers). This increase will also be reflected in all future utility bills starting in November. A breakdown of the City's approved in-City and out-of-City rate structure is below.

	<u>In-City</u>	<u>Out-of-City</u>
Garbage Fee	\$10.69	\$16.69
Landfill Fee	\$8.77	\$8.77

We appreciate your understanding in this situation and apologize for the delay in incorporating the City's Landfill rate increase from October 2020. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact us at City Hall at 803-684-2341.

In kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seth Duncan", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Seth Duncan
City Manager