



Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Optional Service Enhancements

FINANCE COMMITTEE JULY 15, 2026

Background

- The City currently provides residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) services through an interlocal agreement with the City of Fort Worth.
- Household Hazardous Waste includes items such as paint, pesticides, automotive fluids, pool chemicals, aerosol cans, household chemicals, etc.
- Electronics includes items such as televisions, computer monitors, and desktop computer towers.
- Current services include one annual HHW collection event, a seasonal recycling event, and year-round access to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC).
- Resident feedback has identified challenges with the current model, including limited opportunities for collection, long wait times, event capacity constraints, and the need to transport household hazardous waste to Fort Worth for disposal.
- Council previously considered this optional service enhancement in early 2025 as part of broader solid waste program discussions. Staff is now bringing the proposal forward as an optional standalone service enhancement for Finance Committee consideration.
- Staff is seeking direction regarding whether this service enhancement should be explored further.

Current Service vs Optional Service Enhancement

Current Service	Optional Service
1 annual HHW collection event <i>(first-come, first served; capacity limited)</i>	Residents schedule curbside HHW and electronics collection at their convenience
Year-round access to the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC)	Up to one scheduled pickup per month
Residents transport HHW to the ECC during operating hours	Convenient curbside pickup eliminates the need to transport hazardous materials
City pays based on resident participation (per household visit)	Fixed monthly service available to all residential customers

Optional Service Details

PREPARING MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION

- Collection is by scheduled appointment only.
- Place chemicals in their original, labeled containers whenever possible.
- Ensure all containers have secure, leak-proof lids.
- Used motor oil and cooking oil must be in screw-top containers.
- Labels must be legible.
- Small containers should be placed in a sturdy box (maximum 20" × 14" × 14").
- Materials placed at the curb without a scheduled collection will not be serviced.

EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED ITEMS

- Used motor oil and cooking oil (screw-top containers)
- Household and rechargeable batteries
- Latex and oil-based paint
- Household cleaners
- Aerosol cans
- Automotive fluids and fuels
- Fertilizers, pesticides, and weed killers
- Pool chemicals
- Varnishes, stains, strippers, glues, and epoxies
- **Electronics:** televisions, computer monitors, and desktop computer towers

Historical ECC Spend

Historical Fort Worth ECC Activity					
	Uses		Cost		Spend
FY21	581	\$	50.00	\$	29,050.00
FY22	440	\$	50.00	\$	22,000.00
FY23	539	\$	50.00	\$	26,950.00
FY24	456	\$	95.00	\$	43,320.00
FY25	387	\$	95.00	\$	36,765.00

*Fort Worth has increased their rate to \$125 per use in FY 2026.

- Resident participation has generally ranged from 387 to 581 households annually. These figures represent combined participation in the Fort Worth Environmental Collection Center (ECC) program and the City's annual HHW collection event.
- The City has invested more than \$215,000 in Fort Worth's Environmental Collection Center (ECC) since FY2021.
- Fort Worth's per-household participation fee has increased by 150% (\$50 to \$125) over the same period.
- Annual expenditures fluctuate based on resident participation and Fort Worth's per-visit fee.

Cost Analysis

- Waste Connections proposes a residential HHW + Electronics Collection service at \$1.15 per residential account per month.
- The City currently budgets approximately \$40,000 annually for environmental disposal services, including Fort Worth ECC participation, paper shredding events, electronics recycling, and tire disposal following HHW events.
- **Applying those existing funds as a potential offset would reduce the estimated residential fee to approximately \$0.95 per month.**

Estimated Annual Program Cost	\$226,044
Less Existing Environmental Disposal Budget	(\$40,000)
Estimated Net Annual Cost	≈ \$186,000
Estimated Monthly Residential Fee	≈ \$0.95/month

Estimated using approximately 16,380 residential utility accounts. Actual program costs will vary as the number of accounts changes.

Residential Utility Accounts	
FY	Number of Accounts
2023	15,759
2024	15,986
2025	16,275
2026 (YTD)	16,380

HHW + Electronics Collection

Current Rate

N/A

Proposed Rate

\$.95 monthly

City	Fee
Burleson (Current)	\$0
Burleson (Proposed)	\$0.95
Midlothian	Purchase voucher: \$40 for residents inside city limits, \$125 outside limits
The Colony	NA
Grapevine	NA
Hurst	NA
Mansfield	NA
Cleburne	NA
Fort Worth	Monthly single family residential Environmental Protection fee of \$2.25
Arlington	NA
Coppell	NA
Grand Prairie	NA

Considerations

Ordinance Amendment Required

To implement the enhanced curbside Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Collection service, the City would need to amend **Section 82-89 of the Code of Ordinances**, which currently authorizes only brush and bulky item collection.

Proposed Next Steps

- Finance Committee provides recommendation on the optional HHW service enhancement.
- Should the committee recommend, staff prepares an ordinance amendment to authorize HHW and electronics collection.
- The ordinance amendment may be presented alongside the proposed FY2027 Fee Schedule for City Council consideration.
- If approved, staff would coordinate implementation with Waste Connections for January 1, 2027.

Council Guidance Request

Staff requests the Finance Committee's recommendation regarding the inclusion of a residential Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and Electronics Collection program and the associated fee in the proposed FY2027 Fee Schedule for City Council consideration.

If recommended, staff will incorporate the proposed rate into the FY2027 fee schedule and return to City Council with a formal recommendation.

Recommended changes to the FY2027 Fee Schedule will be presented to City Council on July 20, 2026.

The proposed fee schedule will be presented during the August 10, 2026, council meeting.

Questions / Comments

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