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MEMORANDUM

TO: Meridian's Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
FROM: Margaret Mingura, Finance Manager, Republic Services of Idaho
DATE: July 23, 2025
SUBJECT: Annual Rate Adjustment for Solid Waste Collection Services

Introduction

Annually, solid waste collection rates are adjusted in accordance with Section 21 of our contract with the City of Meridian with an effective date of October 1.

High-level Summary by Category:

- CPI Adjustment Methodology – 5.459% increase, 90% of CPI
- Disposal – 3.125% increase
- Household Hazardous Waste – removed from Republic reimbursement
- Recycling Service Charge – 5.863% increase
- Volumetric Excise Tax Credit (VETC) – \$0.02 increase to residential rates, (\$0.12) credit will carry over for FY2026

CPI Adjustment Methodology

Our contract allows non-disposal costs to be adjusted annually based upon Ninety (90) percent of the net percentage change for May in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Garbage Trash. This year's change in CPI (at 90%) is 5.459%. The average CPI adjustment is \$1.01 per household per month plus tax. The commercial and industrial impact varies and is based on container size and frequency of collection.

Disposal

Ada County Commissioners are expected to increase this rate by 3.125% (from \$32 to \$33 per ton) effective October 1st, 2025. The average disposal increase is \$0.22 per household per month. The commercial impact varies and is based on container size and frequency of collection.

Household Hazardous Waste

Effective FY 2026, Household Hazardous Waste will no longer be part of Republic Services' reimbursement formula. Program fees will instead be identified as a line item on residential utility bills.

Recycling Service Charge

The recycling processing fee increased 5.863% (from \$121.81 to \$128.95) per ton and reflects the current economic impact on the recycling sector (i.e., increased transportation and labor costs). Republic Services sustained unreimbursed recycling cost of \$441,706.55 for Meridian City's residential recycling program over the prior 12 months (May 2025 TTM). Republic Services requests to increase the per household per month rate for residential by \$0.07. These charges include related Meridian City



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franchise fees based on the total amount billed to customers and have been reviewed with the Meridian City staff.

Volumetric Excise Tax Credit (VETC) on CNG Powered Trucks

The Federal Government once again awarded the alternative fuel tax credit for compressed natural gas as an alternative fuel source. This tax credit is shared with Meridian City residents as a credit to the monthly rate. The credit for the Meridian contract was \$66,752. This amount is reflected in the residential rate sheet as a credit of \$0.12 for 95-gallon, 65-gallon, and 48-gallon cart service. VETC was extended through December 31, 2024.

Residential Impact Per Customer

The total proposed monthly increase for residential customers with 95-gallon carts is \$1.06 comprised of:

- CPI – increased \$1.11
- Disposal – increased \$0.11
- VETC – increased \$0.02
- HHW – decreased \$0.24
- Recycling processing fee pass through – increased \$0.07

Including HHW Fee

Proposed Residential Collection Rate Structure CHANGE - FY 2026

	48-gal	65-gal	95-gal
Service Cost	\$0.85	\$0.86	\$0.88
Ada County Disposal	\$0.04	\$0.07	\$0.11
Transfer Station	\$0.01	\$0.08	\$0.16
VETC	\$0.02	\$0.02	\$0.02
Carts	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07
Household Hazardous Waste	(\$0.24)	(\$0.24)	(\$0.24)
Recycling	\$0.07	\$0.07	\$0.07
Customer Rate	\$0.82	\$0.93	\$1.06

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Customer Rate	\$1.06	\$1.17	\$1.31