



Waste Management
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August 29, 2025

John Walsh
City Administrator
City of St. Helens
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Re: 2025 Inflation Adjustment

Please find the enclosed 2025 rate schedule for garbage drop box collection services provided by WM to the City of St. Helens.

These rates are based upon the published Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services, or successor index ("CPI"), July to July, as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. This year's index changes are described on the attached page. The annual change is an increase of 5.342%. Per our contract, WM is allowed 50% of this annual change not to exceed 1.5% which results in a 1.5% increase.

Please review this schedule and let me know of any discrepancies as WM will adjust our billing system to reflect these changes effective October 1, 2025.

WM looks forward to providing quality garbage drop box collection services to the City of St. Helens in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kelly Emerson'.

KELLY EMERSON
Contract Compliance Administrator
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Waste Management - Columbia County Operations
St. Helens - Rates for Drop Box Services
As of October 1, 2025

	CPI 1.50% 10/1/2024	CPI 1.50% 10/1/2025
10 Yard Drop Box Haul	\$ 142.22	\$ 144.35
20 Yard Drop Box Haul	\$ 149.32	\$ 151.55
30 Yard Drop Box Haul	\$ 157.19	\$ 159.54
40 Yard Drop Box Haul	\$ 157.19	\$ 159.54
Compactor Haul	\$ 299.41	\$ 303.90
Rental Per Day - All sizes	\$ 4.76	\$ 4.83
Rental Per Month - All sizes	\$ 95.79	\$ 97.22
Mileage - All sizes	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.88
Disposal Rate/Ton	\$ 109.94	\$ 112.36
Plus franchise fee added to total monthly charge:	7%	7%

Section 6. Franchise Fee. In consideration of the rights, privileges and franchise herein granted, Franchise Holder shall pay an annual franchise fee to the City equal to Seven percent (7%) of Franchise Holder's annual Gross Receipts. Franchise fees shall be paid on a quarterly basis and are due and payable within thirty (30) days of the end of each quarter. Annually, and no later than ninety (90) days following the close of Franchise Holder's fiscal year, Franchise Holder shall submit a written report to the City Administrator, that includes:

- a) a summary of Franchise Holder's previous year's customers, services provided, and new services, if any; and
- b) a calculation of Franchise Holder's Gross Receipts and the amount of franchise fees paid to the City during Franchise Holder's previous fiscal year.

Section 7. Rates. The rates to be charged for collection of Solid Waste under this Franchise are set forth at **Exhibit A** attached hereto, as the same shall be adjusted, during the term of this Franchise, in accordance with Sections 8 and 9 below.

Section 8. Annual Rate Adjustments. The rates shall be adjusted on October 1, 2021 and annually thereafter, by a percentage equal to one-half of the annual percent change in the average *Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers: Water and Sewer and Trash Collection Services*, or successor index ("CPI"), July to July, for West-C, all items (1982-84 = 100), (Series CUUR0000SEHG, CUUS0000SEHG), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, not seasonally adjusted, and not to exceed one and one-half percent (1.5%) (<http://www.bls.gov/cpi/home.htm>) for the 12-month period ending nearest, but at least SIXTY (60) days prior to, each annual adjustment date. Franchise Holder shall notify the City of any rate adjustments hereunder at least THIRTY (30) days in advance, provided however, that Franchise Holder's failure to notify the City of such rate adjustments prior to the annual adjustment date shall not waive Franchise Holder's right to adjust rates at any time thereafter. Adjustments to the rates shall be made in units of one cent (\$0.01). Fractions less than one cent (\$0.01) will not be considered in calculating adjustments. Annual CPI adjustments shall not be negative. If the CPI index series decreases year-on-year, no CPI adjustment will occur.

Section 9. Other Rate Adjustments. Franchise Holder may at any time request a rate revision whenever a significant change in revenue or expenses occurs or is anticipated, or in the event of Uncontrollable Circumstances (see Section 15). In the event Franchise Holder requests a rate revision, the City shall consider such request in good faith and shall act upon the request without undue delay, but in no case later than SIXTY (60) days from the date the request was made. In determining reasonable rates, the City Council shall consider all relevant factors, and the City and Franchise Holder shall work in good faith to develop and adjust the rates, as necessary, to allow Franchise Holder to earn a reasonable rate of return. The City agrees that it shall not unreasonably withhold its consent or unreasonably delay a rate review request submitted by Franchise Holder.

BLS Data Series

Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers
Original Data Value

Series Id: CUUR0000SEHG,CUUS0000SEHG

Not Seasonally

Series Title: Water and sewer and trash collection services in U.S. city average, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

Area: U.S. city average

Item: Water and sewer and trash collection services

Base Period: DECEMBER 1997=100

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	HALF1	HALF2	% of Change	0.50% of change	Not to exceed 1.5%
2011	175.754	177.194	177.694	178.033	178.521	178.640	179.820	180.762	181.569	181.916	182.254	182.758					
2012	183.984	185.499	186.280	187.473	187.788	188.489	189.750	191.927	191.833	192.370	192.921	193.237					
2013	194.553	195.505	195.981	196.319	196.727	196.989	198.173	198.736	198.804	199.759	200.004	200.203					
2014	201.169	202.149	202.657	203.084	203.124	203.396	205.022	206.171	206.363	207.633	208.562	209.414					
2015	210.243	211.397	211.738	212.153	212.542	212.863	213.873	215.844	216.173	216.380	217.004	217.386					
2016	218.370	219.036	219.649	220.506	221.360	221.396	221.358	222.554	223.111	223.420	224.399	224.745					
2017	226.411	227.277	227.553	228.133	228.396	228.599	229.008	229.772	230.142	230.614	231.522	231.842					
2018	232.977	233.858	234.215	235.141	235.878	236.493	237.186	238.439	238.512	238.936	241.774	242.204	234.760	239.509			
2019	241.606	242.011	242.611	243.49	243.774	244.322	244.943	245.549	245.903	246.741	247.364	247.567	242.969	246.345			
2020	248.846	249.751	250.359	250.673	250.921	251.435	252.401	253.974	254.266	254.781	255.65	256.456	250.331	254.588	3.045%	1.522%	1.500%
2021	257.722	258.763	259.204	259.581	259.542	260.4	261.706	262.81	263.747	264.278	264.58	265.365	259.202	263.748	3.687%	1.843%	1.500%
2022	268.128	269.521	269.621	270.419	270.844	271.925	273.097	274.984	276.759	276.892	277.824	278.464	270.076	276.337	4.353%	2.176%	1.500%
2023	281.461	283.663	284.166	285.052	286.322	287.457	289.005	290.975	291.279	291.683	292.694	292.915	284.687	291.425	5.825%	2.913%	1.500%
2024	297.079	298.751	299.183	300.178	299.987	300.652	302.106	303.311	305.117	306.336	308.015	308.234	299.305	305.52	4.533%	2.267%	1.500%
2025	310.239	313.344	313.925	314.82	315.585	316.851	318.244						314.127		5.342%	2.671%	1.500%