


Village of Oak Park  
Department of Public Works  
Administration  
**MEMORANDUM**

October 20, 2020

TO: Cara Pavlicek, Village Manager

FROM: John P. Wielebnicki, Public Works Director 

CC: Steve Drazner, Chief Financial Officer  
Cameron Hendricks, Environmental Services Manager

RE: Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Refuse Rates

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Please find below an overview of the proposed Fiscal Year 2021 Refuse Rates. The rates have been adjusted based on annual contractual increases for collection, disposal rate increases and Village costs. The first reading of the Ordinance amending Village Code, Chapter 20 ("Public Health"), Article 7 ("Garbage, Wees and Littering") is proposed to be presented at the November 2, 2020 Village Board meeting.

Refuse Cart	2020 rate/mo.	2021 rate/mo.	% increase
96g trash	\$28.35	\$29.06	2.50%
64g trash	\$25.75	\$26.39	2.49%
Compost	\$15.30	\$15.68	2.48%
Yard waste stickers	\$3.10	\$3.10	0.00%
Refuse stickers	\$3.10	\$3.10	0.00%

Notes:

1. The 2021 rates for Waste Management's waste hauling services increased by 2.5% per contract. See attached notice.
2. The Disposal rates per the agreement with the Regional Disposal Project are projected to increase by 2.5%.
3. Refuse cart rates for the 96 and 64 gallon trash carts are proposed to increase by 2.50% to \$29.06/month and \$26.39/month respectively, to keep up with Waste Management's fees, disposal costs and Village administrative costs.
4. The Compost cart rate is proposed to increase by 2.48% to \$15.68/month. To incentivize participation in the compost program it is recommended to keep the same incentive which provides the "first three months free" for first time users when agreeing to 12 months of service. The 2021 fee charged by Waste Management is \$15.92/month.

The Village would subsidize compost participants by \$0.24 or 1.5% per unit per month. Total 2021 subsidy using the current number of compost cart participants (2,200) equates to \$6,336.00. Based on an estimated 300 new compost participants for 2021, a subsidy of approximately \$15,192.00 would be provided for new participants. In an effort to encourage composting the Village is subsidizing this service.

- Both Yard Waste and Refuse stickers are proposed to remain flat at \$3.10 per sticker. Approximately 45,000 yard waste and 30,000 refuse stickers are sold annually.

	Yard Waste Sticker	Refuse Sticker
Refuse Collection (2.5% increase)	\$2.76	\$1.54
Disposal Cost		\$1.50
Actual 2021 Village cost	\$2.76	\$3.04

The monthly refuse rate includes charges for:

- Refuse Collection
- Disposal Cost (a separate cost from Waste Management's collection fees)
- Villages Administrative costs
- Leaf Collection program
- Alley improvement fee

Below is a summary of the estimated actual cost to the Village for each service cart.

Village Cost - 2021		96-GALLON	64-GALLON
Refuse Collection (2.5% increase, Waste Management fee)		\$15.50	\$15.50
Disposal Cost (2.5% increase, Regional Disposal Project tipping fees)		\$4.36	\$2.90
Admin Fee (The cost per cart for the support of the Environmental Services budget not including refuse collection, disposal costs and the Leaf p/u program)		\$3.09	\$3.09
Leaf p/u (Cost per cart for the Village Leaf pick up program)		\$2.36	\$2.36
Alley Improvement Fee (\$2.50)		\$2.50	\$2.50
Compost: \$15.68 per month (2.5% increase), actual cost \$15.92			
Actual 2021 Village cost		\$27.81	\$26.35

Note: The actual cost versus the rate charged is higher for the 96 gallon toter than the 64 gallon toter. The higher cost encourages residents to use the smaller 64 gallon toter, resulting in less landfill waste.