



# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING RATE PROCESS

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# Portland's Garbage, Recycling & Compost Collection System

## “Commercial”

(Businesses and multifamily properties  $\geq 5$  units)

- Customers choose their hauler
- City administers rules, assists businesses
- City receives per-ton fee

## “Residential curbside”

(single house up to four-plex)

- Haulers serve geographic territories through franchise system
- City sets rates, administers rules, assists residents
- City receives franchise fee (percent of revenue)



# Current Residential Rates

Service level	Current monthly rate	Customers subscribed
32/35 gallons every four weeks	\$21.75	8%
20-gallon service	\$24.75	9%
32-gallon can	\$28.55	15%
35-gallon cart	\$29.35	42%
60-gallon cart	\$35.65	18%
90-gallon cart	\$42.05	3%



# Rate Review Process

- On-going monitoring
- Annual CPA review of hauler financial reports
- Calculation of rates



# Key Cost Factors

- Labor and fuel costs as adjusted for inflation
- Garbage disposal costs (can weights and tip fees)
- Yard debris/food scraps tip fees
- Recyclable material sales revenue
- Ratemaking policy



# Annual Rate Review Timeline

Mid March	Share initial rate factors with PSC and haulers
Late April	Review draft cost-of-service rates with PSC and haulers
Early May	PSC recommends proposed rates
Late May	First reading of rate ordinance at City Council



# Rate Review Process

- Questions?
- Next Steps

