



# SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING RESIDENTIAL RATES

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# Overview

- Annual residential rate review process
- Proposed rate increase
- Reasons for rate increase
- Next steps



# 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)



## Residential garbage, recycling, and composting monthly rates for 35 gallon roll cart



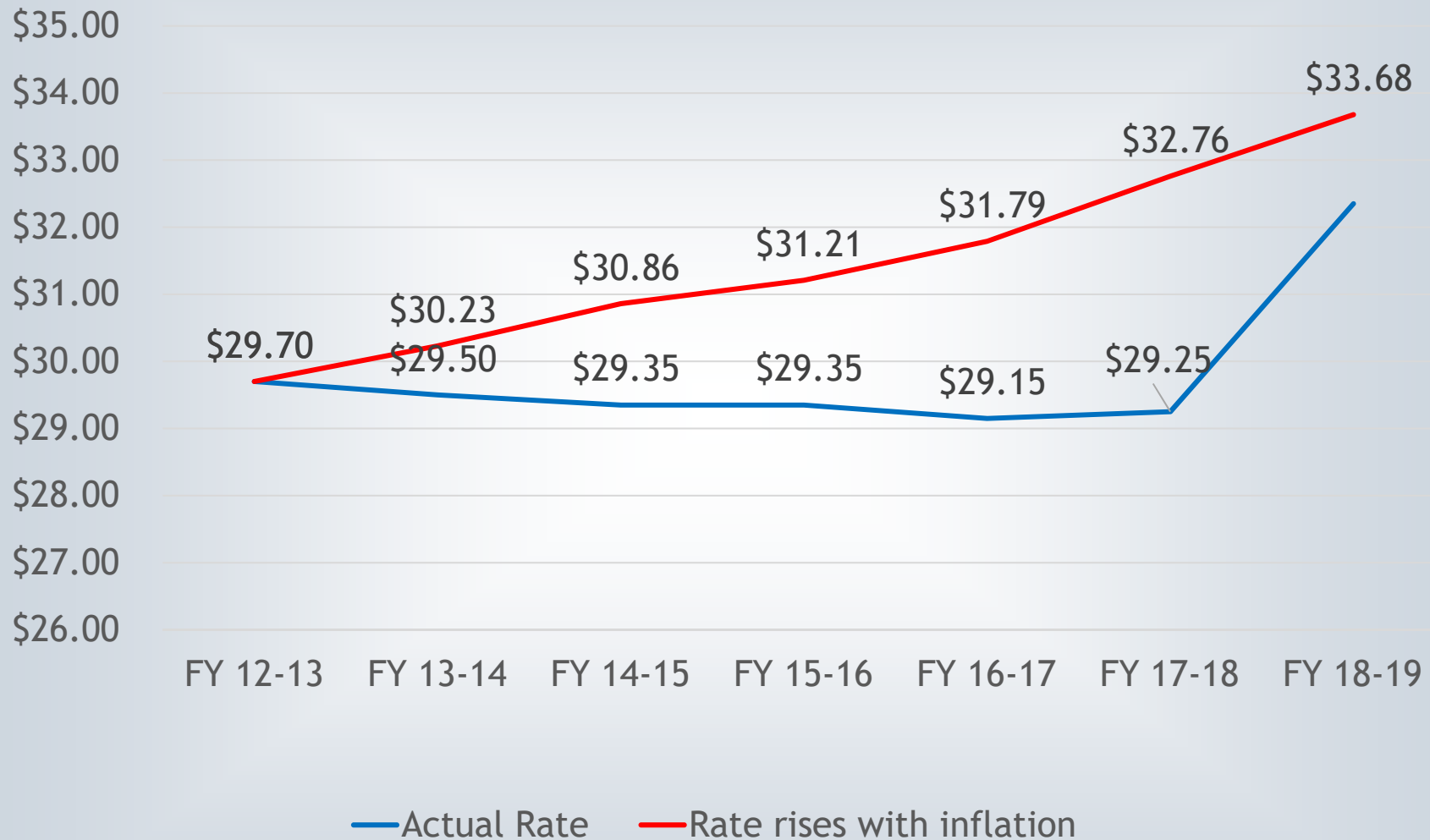




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## Residential rates for 35 gallon roll cart compared to inflation







Visit a detailed list at [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/carts)

## GARBAGE

every other week or every four weeks



**INCLUDE** Paper plates, coffee cups, freezer boxes, takeout containers, wrappers, facial tissue, plastic bags, plastic containers labeled "compostable," rigid clamshells, painted or stained wood, plywood, incandescent light bulbs



**MUST BE BAGGED** Pet waste, cat litter, diapers, feminine hygiene products, ashes, sawdust, packaging peanuts, broken glass



**PLACE IN SEALED CONTAINER** Kitchen fats, cooking oil, grease



**NO:** Computers, monitors, TVs, compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), hazardous waste, chemicals, motor oil (place oil in a leak-proof, clear plastic container with lid and do not mix other liquids).

## COMPOST

every week



**FOOD SCRAPS** Meat, poultry, seafood, bones, cheese, eggshells, bread, pasta, grains, beans, nuts, fruits, vegetables, coffee grounds, spoiled food



**YARD DEBRIS** Weeds, leaves, vines, grass, small branches, flowers, house plants, plant clippings



**OTHER** Paper napkins, paper towels, coffee filters, tea bags, pizza delivery boxes



**NO:** "Compostable" or "Biodegradable" containers, household garbage, caps/lids, pet waste, diapers, plastic bags, lumber, dirt, ashes, rocks, branches larger than 4" thick and 36" long.

## RECYCLE & GLASS

every week



**PLASTIC** Bottles with a neck (5 oz. or larger), tubs (5 oz. or larger), plant pots (4" or larger), buckets (5 gal. or smaller)



**METAL** Aluminum, tin and steel food cans, empty dry metal paint cans, empty aerosol cans, aluminum foil, scrap metal (smaller than 30" and less than 30 lbs.)



**PAPER** Newspapers, magazines, catalogs, phone books, flattened cardboard boxes, scrap paper, cartons (milk, juice, soup), shredded paper (in paper bag)



**GLASS BOTTLES & JARS ONLY** Place in yellow bin or other plastic container with a "glass only" sticker



PLACE MOTOR OIL IN A CLEAR JUG NEXT TO BIN

**NO:** Plastic bags, caps/lids, diapers, coffee cups/lids/pods, propane cylinders, plastic clamshells, plastic containers under 6 oz.

Light bulbs, drinking glasses, vases, broken glass, ceramics.



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# Summary

- Proposed rate increase set for May 1<sup>st</sup>
- Due primarily to recycling market conditions
- Next Steps
  - April 10 PSC Hearing
  - April 18 City Council

