

# The City of Ottawa has changed how each residential property is charged for it's Solid Waste Service.

In previous years, solid waste fees were billed through two separate charges – one was included in the citywide tax rate charged to all properties, and the other was a flat fee charged to each residential unit. This year, you will see everything is **billed as one flat fee, with the seven per cent budget increase applied**. Starting in 2025, all residential properties will pay one fixed annual fee per residential unit, regardless of their property assessment value, based on one of the collection types below.

#### **NEW 2025 Solid Waste Fee**



Curbside service fee per residential unit



Multi-residential containerized (bin) service fee per residential unit

### **Impact to Average Residential Property**

### 2024 Solid Waste Fee



\$145 Solid Waste Fee, included as Special Charge on FRONT of tax bill





\$56\* Waste Diversion levy, included in citywide tax levy, indentified on BACK of tax bill

\*2024 waste diversion levy for average residential property assessed at \$415,000

\$201 total for Solid Waste

## Policy and Budget Changes



**\$26** previously contributed by non-residential properties through the citywide tax rate



\$16 – 7% budget increase

\$42 total 2025 increase

### 2025 Solid Waste Fee



**\$243** Solid Waste Fee, included as Special Charge on FRONT of tax hill

\$243 total for Solid Waste

### Why the change?

- Ensures all residents contribute equally to solid waste services, regardless of housing type or assessment value.
- Policy changes to recover costs from only properties that benefit from solid waste services and exclude those that don't.

### What does the fee cover?

The flat fee funds a comprehensive range of services, including:

- Bi-Weekly garbage collection
- Weekly green bin collection
- Leaf and yard waste collection
- Waste diversion and processing at City facilities
- Continued investments in waste reduction initiatives

#### Impact on residents

This change is an integral part of Ottawa's long-term waste strategy, ensuring sustainable, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible waste management for all residents.

All properties will see a change to their solid waste fee. These fees will now be more transparent and provide consistency in billing for each property.

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