

**CHANGES TO HILLIARD SOLID WASTE CONTRACT
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2013**

Residents will pay 100% of the cost of solid waste collection and disposal contract services. This change was necessitated due to a reduction in revenues enacted by the State of Ohio. The loss of Local Government Funds and elimination of Estate Taxes have and will result in the loss of approximately \$1.2 million in local revenue to the City of Hilliard by the end of 2013.

Residents will now be billed quarterly at the rate established in the table below. The City offers a savings of 10% of the base contract amount if the annual bill amount is paid in full within 30 days of receipt of the bill. The table below provides the 2012-13 monthly, quarterly and annual rates. It also provides the same 10% savings for those residents eligible for the senior discount. To be eligible for the senior rate the occupant or occupant's spouse must be 65 years of age on or before June 30, 2012. To download a senior discount form you may go to the City's website at www.hilliardohio.gov and click on the icon on the site's homepage. Forms are also available at City Hall, 3800 Municipal Way, Hilliard, Ohio.

SOLID WASTE RATE TABLE

Resident Rate	Senior Resident Rate	Rate Factors
\$ 14.81	\$ 13.33	Bid base rate effective July 1, 2012
\$ 1.77	\$ 1.77	Billing rate, landfill fees and fuels surcharges per month
<u>\$ 16.58</u>	<u>\$ 15.10</u>	Monthly solid waste rate for 2012-13
\$ 49.74	\$ 45.30	Quarterly solid waste rate for 2012-13
\$ 198.96	\$ 181.20	Annual solid waste rate for 2012-13
\$ 181.19	\$ 165.20	Annual discounted rate (includes a 10% reduction in the base bid amount). This amount must be paid in full within 30 days of receipt of the bill.

SOLID WASTE CONTRACT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- **Why was the 50/50 cost sharing removed?**

The City has experienced revenue reductions since the state began to reduce and eliminate the Local Government Fund and Estate Taxes that local government's received from the State of Ohio that will amount to \$1.2 million in lost revenues annually.

- **What discounts are available?**

Seniors get a 10% discount but must submit verification of age to confirm eligibility. You or your spouse must be 65 on or before June 30, 2012.

A 10% discount is also available if the bill is paid in full within 30 days of receipt of the bill.

A financial hardship discount may be available but must meet certain criteria. These discounts will be considered on a case by case basis. Contact the Public Service Director at (614) 334-2442 to see if you qualify.

- **Do I have to participate?**

All single family residents are required to participate. This provides for the best rate for all Hilliard residents. It also assures collection and minimizes the number of refuse trucks in our neighborhood, preserving public safety and convenience.

- **What happens if I do not pay for this service?** *In consideration of the health and sanitary conditions the City does not allow the service to be interrupted for non-payment. If the bill remains unpaid at the end of the contract year a certified letter will be sent and a final due date provided for payment. If the bill remains unpaid by that date all delinquent accounts will be assessed as a lien to the property.*

- **Is this a competitive rate?** *This contract was competitively bid and our rates compare favorably with other communities with similar services:*

- Dublin - \$15.89 base rate plus landfill tipping fees and fuel surcharge. Seniors receive a 10% discount.
- Grove City - \$13.86 base rate plus landfill tipping fees and fuel surcharge. Seniors receive a 10% discount.
- Norwich Township residents - \$14.44 basic rate plus landfill tipping fees and fuel surcharge adjustments. Seniors receive a 10% discount.
- Marble Cliff - \$22.91 per household per month (this is a backdoor service).
- Westerville - \$15.89 base rate plus landfill tipping fees and fuel surcharge. Seniors receive a 10% discount
- Bexley - \$15.89 base rate plus landfill tipping fees and fuel surcharges. There are additional surcharge for other administrative fees and services that are provided including a backdoor service option.