

SHELBY COUNTY GARBAGE COLLECTION

Republic Services, the County’s current provider for garbage collection and recycling, notified the County that they would not renew their contract when it expires September 30th. This requires the County to solicit bids for contractors to perform this service. A request for bids was prepared that provided for the same garbage collection and recycling services as the current contract. We received a single bid that was almost three times the current cost of service to the customer with additional costs to the County. Discussions with potential contractors indicated that curbside recycling was a significant reason for receiving a single bid and for the rate increase. In an effort to obtain lower rates for customers, we revised the bid specifications and rebid the project. We received three bids with the low bidder, Waste Management, being over 40% less than the first bid. Beginning October 1, garbage collection services will be provided by Waste Management at the rates listed below.

Garbage Residential I	\$ 20.69	per Mo.	1-90 gallon cart-Collection 1x/week
Garbage Residential II	\$ 31.04	per Mo.	2-90 gallon carts-Collection 1x/week
Garbage Residential III	\$ 30.69	per Mo.	1-90 gallon; 2x/week (local covenant)
Yard Waste	\$ 137.51	per Mo.	Yard waste can be added to any residential package.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Why is my service changing from Republic Services to Waste Management?

A. Republic Services chose not to renew the existing contract. The contract was rebid and Waste Management was the low bidder.

Q. When will new rates and service begin?

A. Waste Management will take effect on October 1, 2022.

Q. Why is it more expensive?

A. Price increases in overhead such as fuel and labor have contributed to the increase.

Q. Will a new garbage collection cart be provided?

A. No, the existing company provided cart will be used for collection. Private cans will not be permitted.

Q. Will curbside recycling be provided?

A. Curbside recycling will not be provided, recycle carts will be collected. A recycle drop off location will be provided at Heardmont Park for cardboard and paper recycling.

Q. Will my pickup day change?

A. In the event the day is changed, the customer will be notified in advance.

Q. If I currently have backdoor service can I keep it?

A. Yes, customers with backdoor service will continue to have this service.

Q. Why do we not have curbside recycling?

A. The cost to each customer for curbside recycling was too expensive. Contractors had the option to bid curbside recycling but chose not to do so.

Q. Can I get additional carts?

A. Yes, additional garbage carts are available at a monthly cost of \$10.35 for each additional cart.