

Solid Plan For Solid Waste



The Dirt on the Township's New Solid Waste Contract

What was the timeline for the new contract?

The Board approved the bid process on February 1, 2024, and approved the five-year contract with Vogel Disposal Services on March 28, 2024.

Were public bids received?

Yes. Vogel Disposal Services Inc. was the lowest bidder at \$23 million for the five-year contract. The next lowest bidder was 60% higher than Vogel's bid.

What is included in the contract?

The contract covers residential trash, yard waste and recycling collection, disposal, and processing. The contract also has extension options after five years. The agreement includes trucks operated with environmentally friendly compressed natural gas, GIS capability, separate downsized trucks for collections on narrow streets and alleys, a dedicated route supervisor, and pre-route driver training. The contract also allows the Township to better manage the service and advocate for residents with the provider.

What are the rates?

As of May 2024, rates were increased to:

- 35-gallon cart - \$27.50
- 64-gallon cart - \$28.85
- 96-gallon cart - \$29.75
- No cart/bag service only - \$20.62

Why is there an increase in rates?

The municipal waste industry has experienced much change since the COVID-19 pandemic. Municipalities throughout Pennsylvania have seen increases from 20-80% in their new contracts. Many of the previous contracts were awarded prior to the pandemic and are done multiple years at a time, locking in rates regardless of external factors. Now, rates and contracts are catching up. Industry officials cite increased worker compensation costs and wages, rising fuel costs, and the cost of automation.

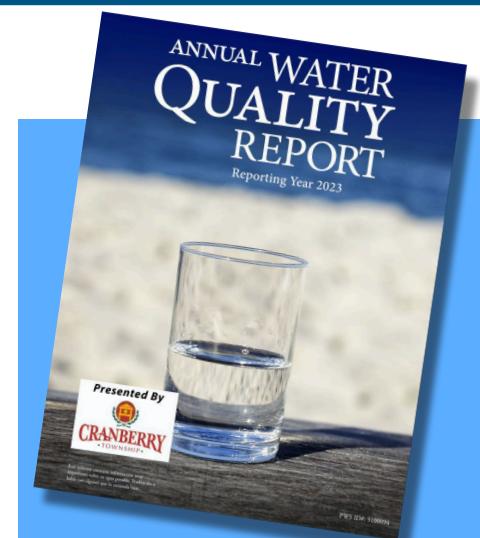
What can residents expect moving forward?

Additional increases are planned for November 2024. The five-year contract includes yearly increases from Vogel, with rates adjusted to reflect these increases.

New Fees Take Effect

The impact of the Township's recently approved municipal solid waste contract with Vogel Disposal Service Inc. is now being seen in utility bills.

As the new fee structure is rolled out, many questions may arise. Below are some of the most frequently asked questions and answers.



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Cranberry Township's commitment to ensuring clean water is as clear as the water itself.

In 2023 Cranberry continued efforts to provide the best quality water to residents and businesses, with state-mandated testing once again confirming those efforts have been a success. The Township's water meets state and federal standards. That has been and will be the goal as staff works to set the bar for the groundbreaking ways we distribute water to the community.

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