

In 1999, The Waste System Authority of Eastern Montgomery County (“Authority”) split its Municipal Solid Waste (“MSW”) tipping fee into two components: (1) Waste Generation Fee (“WGF”) and (2) Market Based Tipping Fee (“MBTF”). The WGF is billed to some residential and most commercial property owners and is based on a bi-annual study of MSW generated by residential and commercial properties in eastern Montgomery County. The MBTF is billed directly to haulers that dispose of certain municipalities’ curbside residential MSW and nearly all commercial MSW in eastern Montgomery County. In 2014, for example, the Authority’s tipping fee is \$65/ton with the WGF component at \$10/ton and the MBTF component at \$55/ton.

Regarding residential MSW, there are eighteen (18) municipalities that collect and dispose of their residents’ curbside MSW, and, in one case, commercial MSW. These municipalities are billed by the Authority for their residential MSW disposal at the 2014 tipping fee of \$65/ton. For these participants, the WGF and MBTF do not apply.

In the remaining four (4) municipalities that do not collect their residents’ curbside MSW, the residential property owner is billed the WGF component (\$10/ton) and the hauler is billed the MBTF component (\$55/ton) of the Authority’s tipping fee.

In the case of commercial MSW, with the one municipal exception noted above, the commercial property owner is billed the WGF component (\$10/ton) and the hauler is billed MBTF component (\$55/ton) of the Authority’s tipping fee.

Depending on the preference of the participating municipality, the Authority either (1) bills the WGF directly to the property owner, or (2) bills the WGF through a municipal tax collector, who collects the fee and remits it to the Authority.

The WGF is a fee, not a tax, and is billed to tax-exempt properties including Federal, State, County, municipal authorities and local governments, churches, synagogues, school districts, colleges, private schools, charitable organizations, etc.

As defined in the bi-annual Waste Generation Study and in municipal waste hauling contracts in eastern Montgomery County, residential properties are four units or less. Buildings with five or more residential units are considered commercial properties.

Non-Residential Property owners (businesses and non-profit organizations) have been placed into one of the eleven Waste Generation Classes (WGC). The assigned Land Use is based upon the Land Use Codes contained in the Montgomery County Board of Assessments records.

The following chart should give you an idea of what the WGF would be like for our example of a 2,000 square foot property, which equals one Business Size Indicator, or BSI. The business groups descriptions in the center column are representative, but not inclusive. In addition, provisions have been made for small businesses to make them a fraction of a BSI, equal to either .13 BSI if between 0 and 499 square feet, or .38 BSI if between 500 and 999 square feet.

The WGF in the year 2014 is \$10.00 per/ton.

Class A or 0.887 Tons per BSI	Warehouse, Fitness Centers, Places of Worship, Office Buildings, Hospitals/Medical Facilities, Religious Community, Utilities/Authorities	\$9.00 per BSI
Class B or 1.472 Tons per BSI	Parking Lots/Garages, Hotel w/o Restaurant, Universities/Colleges, Malls, Fire Halls, Schools, Nursing Homes, Large Dept Stores, Parks/Rec/Swimming Pools, Other Retail, Small Stores and Multi-Use, Manufacturing, Auto Dealers w/o Repair Centers, Nursery/Preschool, Charities and Religious Organizations, Cemeteries	\$15.00 per BSI
Class C or 2.315 Tons per BSI	Hotel/Motel w/Restaurant, Skating Rinks/Bowling Alleys/Theaters, Banks, Truck Terminals, Shopping Center/Strip Stores, Post Offices, Convention Centers, Medical/Dental/Veterinary Centers	\$23.00 per BSI
Class D or 4.058 Tons per BSI	Auto Service Centers, Car Wash, Golf Courses, Nurseries, Home/Lumber Centers, Contractor Facilities	\$41.00 per BSI
Class E or 5.899 Tons per BSI	Gas Stations, Supermarkets, Dairy Stores/Major Food Shopping Centers	\$59.00 per BSI
Class F or 10.213 Tons per BSI	Restaurant/Small Hotel w/o Liquor License, Diners and Restaurants w/Liquor License	\$102.00 per BSI
Class G or 12.811 Tons per BSI	Bar, Hotel w/Bar, Convenience Stores/Mini Market	\$128.00 per BSI
Class H or 39.743 Tons per unit	Fast Food	\$397.00 per BSI
Class M or .822 Tons per unit	Apartments/Apartment-like Condos/Condos with separate entrances, Townhomes	\$8.00 per unit
Class N or .569 Tons per unit	High-Rise Apartments	\$6.00 per unit
Class S or 1.147	Single Family Homes (301A Municipalities)	\$11.00 per unit

Formula for WGF calculation: Tons per BSI (Class) x # of Units (BSI) x Per Ton Rate (\$10.00) = Amount (Round)