



## ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

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To: Residential Customers of Garbage Haulers located in Olmsted County  
Date: January 1, 2023  
From: Tony Hill, Director of Environmental Resources  
Subject: Olmsted County Environmental Service Charge

Olmsted County requires licensed garbage haulers to collect and remit a county solid waste management fee called "Olmsted County Environmental Service Charge" which is itemized on a separate line on your garbage bill from your hauler.

This county Service Charge that is billed directly to you on your garbage bill, plus the \$84.00 per ton disposal fee charged to licensed garbage haulers for the disposal of your garbage, funds the County's integrated solid waste management program of:

- Waste reduction education
- Recycling
- Yard waste composting
- Hazardous waste management
- Environmentally friendly solid waste disposal County owned and operated facilities:
  - Olmsted Waste-to Energy Facility
  - Olmsted County Landfill in Kalmar Township

Our system assures the garbage generated in our County is processed here and is not shipped to another county or state for disposal. By keeping your wastes within the county borders and converting our non-recyclable wastes into energy, we are managing your environmental liabilities and protecting your water.

This service charge is 29% of your total pre-tax garbage bill and itemized on your bill as "Olmsted County Environmental Service Charge". The licensed garbage haulers remit this entire amount to the County.

No property tax money is used to fund the solid waste programs; rather, Olmsted County relies on tipping fees (the amount charged for garbage disposal at our facilities), the Olmsted County Environmental Service Charge, and revenues from energy sales to fund all solid waste programs.

For more information, call the Olmsted County Environmental Resources Department at 507-328-7070 or go to [www.olmstedwaste.com](http://www.olmstedwaste.com).