SOLID WASTE SERVICES
REFUSE COLLECTIONS UTILITY AND
DISPOSAL UTILITY
The Solid Waste Services (SWS) Enterprise is a self-funding entity—using equity balance, the net income from the prior year is utilized to budget future years.
Solid Waste Services (SWS) performed their first stand-alone audit and Financial Statements in 2021.

$109 million Bond funding enabled SWS to fund construction of the new Central Transfer Station (CTS). AA Bond Rating, higher than expected.
FUNDING

CUSTOMERS

SWS is supported by a customer-base which is comprised of Refuse Collections, Pickup Service, and Disposal at the Central Transfer Station (CTS) and Landfill drop-off services.

Annual earned net revenue is used to fund future operations of the utility. This makes SWS a self-sustaining utility.
VALUES

MUST ANSWER TO ALL ANCHORAGE RESIDENTS

SWS works diligently to make sure all SWS programs represent Anchorage residents as equitably as possible.
OPERATIONS: DISPOSAL UTILITY

Anchorage Regional Landfill

Girdwood Transfer Station

Central Transfer Station
OPERATIONS: COLLECTIONS UTILITY

Garbage
Recycling
Composting
SPRING CLEAN UP PROGRAMS

ANCHORAGE CITYWIDE CLEANUP: ORANGE BAGS
This is the 55th year, partnering with the Chamber of Commerce Citywide Cleanup and ASD Super Sweepers - SWS accepts orange bag disposal free of charge. Estimated $14,000 foregone revenue.

OTHER CLEAN UP PROGRAMS: YELLOW BAGS
Adopt-A Highway, Creek Cleanup. SWS accepts yellow bags free of charge through the individual cleanup activities. Estimated $3,000 in foregone revenue.
MOBILE HOME PROGRAM: Forty-two letters were issued to mobile park property owners authorizing free dumping for a limited time for all residents for an estimated $85,000 foregone revenue.

ONLINE FREE PASS PROGRAM: Five thousand passes were downloaded and used in 2023, estimated $100,000 foregone revenue.

In 2022, about 10,000 passes were downloaded and approximately 4,200 passes were utilized.

CITIES AND COMMUNITIES: Thirty-eight hauler letters authorized free disposal for a single use. $8,600 foregone revenue.

Spring Cleanup Activities Operational Expense Estimated $120,000.
Property Tax Annual Free Pass Mailing:
Estimated 14,000 free passes will be used for a total of $220,000 foregone revenue
*Note 50,558 coupons were printed for a total value of $1,011,160 potential foregone revenue

Other Programs:
• Ft. Richardson military vehicles and construction free disposal estimated $55,000 foregone revenue
• Elmendorf Air Force personnel free disposal estimated $26,000 foregone revenue
• 50% recycling residual disposal AO 26.80.055 estimated $366,000 foregone revenue *New policy in progress
• Wood lot at Anchorage Regional Landfill free to residents Fridays and Saturdays we shred material at regional landfill- labor and operational costs estimated $25,000 operated Monday- Saturday
• C Street wood lot free dump chipped wood by vendor issued by AFD for alternative daily cover- (not operational in 2023)
NO CHARGE LOADS

• Alternate Cover Programs through Central Recycling Services

• Eagle River Parks and (CEBRRSA) Chugiak Eagle River Road Board Association

• Roadkill

• Community Composting at Central Transfer Station free disposal
DISCOUNTED LOADS

• Organics Pilot Program for Landscapers ½ price tipping fee for green waste

• Commercial Demolition shredded- new Department policy

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

• Youth Litter Patrol
• Christmas Tree Recycling
• Alaska Plastic Recovery
• Anchor Gardens
DIVERSION PROGRAMS
EXTENDING THE LIFE OF THE LANDFILL

- Wood Lot
- Curbside Composting
- Community Composting
- Workplace Composting
- Curbside Recycling
- WestRock Anchorage
- Alternate Cover
- MOA Recycling Service
- Recycling Trailers-ASD

If we continue this path, the Regional Landfill will be full in 40 years.
Total Solid Waste Services Community Investment Estimated >$1.5 million
It is vitally important that SWS have final authority for all programs encumbering (committing) our budget to include revenue.

In 2023, over $1.5 million will be invested in Anchorage. SWS prioritizes their investment in the community.