

# SOLID WASTE SERVICES

Providing safe, efficient, & innovative solid waste management for the Municipality of Anchorage.



SWS is a **self-funded utility** and does not receive tax dollars. Like many businesses across Alaska, rising operating costs are affecting the ability to maintain service levels. The SWS long-term rate schedule includes a 5% increase in 2026 to ensure continued delivery of the reliable service residents deserve. In addition, the Assembly approved a \$4 per small load surcharge and a \$4 per ton for large loads to support the cleanup of public spaces across the Municipality. This work is carried out by the Parks & Recreation Healthy Spaces crew.

## New Rates for 2026



**5% Rate Increase:** As part of the SWS long-term rate schedule, a 5% increase will take effect on January 1, 2026.

**\$4 Surcharge:** In September 2025, the Anchorage Assembly passed [Ordinance 2025-101 \(S\)](#), adding a \$4 surcharge for small loads and \$4 per ton for larger loads. Funds generated from the surcharge will support Parks and Recreation Healthy Spaces crew, equipment, waste disposal fees, and the ongoing maintenance and revitalization of public spaces.

### Surcharge Funds

Revenue from the surcharge will:

- Support Healthy Spaces cleanup crew and equipment
- Maintain and revitalize green spaces within the MOA

### Why It Matters

- **Stability:** Ensures Anchorage has a funding mechanism to pay for cleaning greenspaces within the MOA
- **Accountability:** Fees applied toward community cleanup

## Looking Forward

SWS is committed to advancing recycling and sustainability initiatives by increasing recovery of organics, cardboard and paper, aluminum cans, and plastic #1 and #2 bottles, while improving options that make recycling easier for the community. Beyond recycling, SWS is pursuing innovative sustainability projects, including expanding beneficial use of landfill gas and developing waste-to-energy solutions to reduce environmental impact and enhance energy resilience

Residents can help extend the life of the landfill by reducing, reusing, recycling materials, and donating items before being buried in the landfill, because most trash, is treasure!

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