The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM)
Providing our customers with exceptional waste collection, recycling and disposal services that protect, preserve and improve our environment and the quality of life in our community.

WHO WE ARE
The Audit and Compliance Section is responsible for enforcing Chapter 15 of the Miami-Dade County Code, as well as other internal and external functions of the department.

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What is the Disposal Facility Fee (DFF)?
The DFF is a fee imposed on Private Haulers operating in the Disposal Facility Fee Area (DFFA) who either collect, transport or deliver solid waste for disposal.

The Disposal Facility Fee Area (DFFA)
The unincorporated area of Miami-Dade County as it was geographically configured on February 16, 1996.

Please note: any area of Miami-Dade County that has either been incorporated and or annexed after the above-mentioned date remains part of the DFFA and is therefore subject to the DFF.

For your convenience, a DFF web application is available to assist in identifying service areas, at www.miamidade.gov/solidwaste.

Material Clarification/Covered Materials
Pursuant to Section 15-1(q) of the Miami-Dade County Code, the DFF applies to the collection, transport or delivery of solid waste (garbage and trash).

Garbage is defined in part as any accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable matter, that attends the preparation, use, or cooking and dealing in storage, etc.

Trash is defined in part as accumulations of paper, packing material, wooden or paper boxes, furniture, carpet, mattresses, containers, home repair materials, etc.

DFF Exemptions
The DFF excludes: construction and demolition roll-off service, recyclables collection and compactor leasing service.

For the purpose of reporting waste collection activities subject to the DFF, the three (3) exemptions stated above are further qualified by DSWM as follows:

(1) The construction and demolition roll-off service exemption refers to the temporary placement of a container(s) for the disposal of waste material from a construction or demolition project, including renovation and/or remodeling projects. A roll-off container used continuously or temporarily to dispose of commercial waste is not exempt from the DFF.

(2) The recyclable exemption refers to any material capable of being recycled and which, if not recycled, would be processed and disposed of as solid waste including but not limited to:

- glass, aluminum, steel, plastic containers, newspaper, mixed paper, cardboard and plastics, all of which are exempt from the DFF.

Note: recyclables must be source separated; if they are co-mingled with other forms of waste the entire amount will be considered subject to the DFF.

(3) The Compactor leasing service exemption refers to the installation, maintenance and repair of a waste compactor, the charge for which is exempt from the DFF. However, the waste collection and disposal portions of the service are subject to the DFF.

Reporting Requirements
By the 25th day of each month, all Private Haulers operating in the DFFA are responsible for submitting a completed DFF reporting form to include the monthly receipts for solid waste collection and disposal service for all accounts that are subject to the DFF for the preceding month.

For payments not received by the 25th of the month, an additional one-percent surcharge will be applied.

Penalties and Sanctions
Violations of this Chapter may include:
- Revocation of Private Haulers Permit
- Penalties and sanctions in accordance with the minimum fine schedule may include amounts up to $2,000 in addition to the above.