

# WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES



Dear Resident:

The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) provides you with waste services you can count on, every day. For single family residents, these services include garbage collection at the curb twice a week, curbside recycling collection every other week, unlimited use of our 13 Neighborhood Trash and Recycling Centers (TRCs), two bulky waste pickups, use of our Home Chemical Collection Centers, and code enforcement.

Enclosed with this letter is a "Notice of Proposed Non-Ad Valorem Assessment." State statute requires that we notify you of the proposed increase to the Residential Waste Collection Fee, which is needed in order to maintain critical waste collection services for our community. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the proposed fee at a public hearing scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on July 18, 2023.

Below, please find additional information on the proposed annual fee increase of \$36 and why it is crucial. We are dedicated to our mission of providing exceptional waste collection, recycling, and disposal services that protect and improve the quality of life in our community and preserve our environment. We look forward to continuing to provide the exceptional waste services you expect and deserve.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Fernandez  
Director

## PROPOSED WASTE FEE INCREASE

**To maintain the same quality service, Miami-Dade County solid waste fees may increase starting October 1, 2023.**

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- › For homeowners receiving full service, the \$36 increase translates to just \$3 more per month.
- › Non-full service customers will see increases ranging from \$9 to \$28 a year, depending on the level of service they receive.

### WHY IT'S NEEDED

- › Due to inflation resulting in increased operational and personnel costs associated with service delivery, the long-term effects of the pandemic, and a sharp global increase in the costs of recycling, a rate adjustment is needed to continue critical services to our community. The increase to the waste fee will allow the department to maintain current levels of service for our residents and to provide financial stability to the department's Waste Collection Operations Fund to ensure we can continue providing these essential services ongoing.



### WHAT YOU WILL RECEIVE

- › The same reliable services for full-service waste customers will be maintained: curbside garbage, recycling and bulky waste services, plus year-round access to Trash and Recycling Centers, code enforcement services and use of the Home Chemical Collection Drop-off Centers.
- › Dedicated resources to prevent illegal dumping and protect quality of life in our neighborhoods.
- › Cleaner neighborhoods and communities through department-sponsored programs such as "Let's Clean Things Up."

- › Greater than 96 percent satisfaction rate for garbage, recycling, and bulky waste pickup.

### IMPACTS ON SERVICE WITHOUT A FEE INCREASE

- › Transition from twice-per-week garbage collection to once-per-week garbage collection.
- › Closure of four of the 13 Trash and Recycling Centers (TRCs).
- › Reduction of operating days at the remaining nine TRCs.
- › Elimination of the Litter Collection and Community Service Programs.
- › Elimination of curbside Christmas tree collection and recycling.
- › Reduction in Code Enforcement services.
- › Elimination of four newly-approved illegal dumping crews.
- › Elimination of the curbside recycling program.

**We are committed to providing exceptional waste collection, recycling, and disposal services to all our residents. For more information, visit [miamidade.gov/wastefee](http://miamidade.gov/wastefee) or call 305-499-8738.**

To obtain this information in accessible format, please call 305-514-6646.