Dear Resident:

The Department of Solid Waste Management (DSWM) provides its customers with a number of waste services you can count on, day in and day out. 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 every calendar year, 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. The Board of County Commissioners will consider the proposed fee at a public hearing scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on July 7, 2022.

Below you’ll find more information on the proposed fee increase of $25 and why it’s needed. We are dedicated to our mission of providing exceptional waste collection, recycling and disposal services that protect, preserve and improve our environment and the quality of life in our community. We look forward to continuing to provide the outstanding waste services you have come to expect.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Fernandez
Director

WASTE COLLECTION SERVICES

PROPOSED WASTE FEE INCREASE

To maintain the same quality service, Miami-Dade County solid waste fees may increase starting October 1, 2022.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

› For homeowners receiving full service, the $25 increase translates to just $2.08 more per month.
› Non-full service customers will see increases ranging from $6 to $19 a year, depending on the level of service they receive.

WHY IT’S NEEDED

› Due to increased operational and personnel costs associated with service delivery, a rate adjustment is needed. The increase to the waste fee will allow the department to maintain its current level of service and to provide financial stability to the department’s Waste Collection Operations Fund.

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
› Resources to address illegal dumping
› Greater than 96 percent satisfaction rate for garbage, recycling and bulky waste pickup

WITHOUT THE FEE INCREASE

› Transition from twice-per-week garbage collection to once-per-week garbage collection
› Closure of 4 of the 13 TRCs: Norwood, Golden Glades, Richmond Heights and Chapman Field
› Reduction of operating days at the remaining 9 TRCs from seven to four days a week
› Elimination of Litter Collection, Shopping Cart and Community Service Programs
› Elimination of curbside Christmas tree collection and recycling
› Reduction in Code Enforcement services

For more information, visit miamidade.gov/wastefee or call 305-499-8738.

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