



Recycling-Refuse User Charge

DESCRIPTION: Residential property owners receive recycling and refuse services. Currently all property owners, residential and commercial, are contributing to the service based upon their assessed value and payment of property taxes. Providing a line-item recycling-refuse user charge of approximately \$150 on the tax bill for residential properties (1, 2, 3 unit parcels) that use the services allocates the expense directly to those who benefit from the service. The Village currently subsidizes composting for approximately 350 residential property owners by contributing \$1.20 per pickup. This subsidy results in \$6,300 annually for composting service that reduces property owners' individual charges from the composting provider. Transitioning to a recycling-refuse user charge would remove the subsidy and provide the property owner the availability to continue service with the composting provider paying the full cost for their household.

SCHEDULE: Implementation January 1, 2025.

PRO:

- \$550,000 additional revenue to fund other expenses.
- Allocates the expense to those who benefit from the service.

CON:

- An additional charge to each parcel owner.
- Not tax deductible pursuant to tax regulations, as it is not included within the tax levy.