



Agenda

Meeting: Regional Waste Advisory Committee
 Date: Thursday, May 18, 2023
 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
 Place: Zoom virtual meeting
 Purpose: *The purpose of the Regional Waste Advisory Committee is to provide input on certain policies, programs, and projects that implement actions in the 2030 Regional Waste Plan, as well as to provide input on certain legislative and administrative actions that the Metro Council or Chief Operating Officer will consider related to the implementation of the 2030 Regional Waste Plan.*

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| 8:30 a.m. | Welcome | Marta McGuire
Metro |
| 8:35 a.m. | Public Comment Period | |
| 8:40 a.m. | State Clean-up Funds Update
<i>Purpose: Informational</i>
<i>Share updates on regional clean-up efforts including the RID Patrol program, the Regional Refresh Fund, and distribution of the State of Oregon clean-up funds.</i> | Jon Mayer,
Stephanie
Rawson, Cayla
Pruett, Lisa Clark
Metro |
| 9:25 a.m. | WPES Budget Update
<i>Purpose: Informational</i>
<i>Provide an update on the FY23-24 budget</i> | Marta McGuire
Metro |
| 10:15 a.m. | Consideration and approval of items* | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Adjourn | |

RWAC MONTHLY MEETING

* Material will be distributed at the meeting.

Upcoming RWAC Meeting: Thursday, July 20th, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

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Regional Waste Advisory Committee Schedule of Topics

Schedule of Topics | 2023-24

Date	Topic	Regional Waste Plan	Decision Type
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Community clean-up initiatives: RID, regional refresh sponsorships, state funding	Goals 2, 8, 10, 11	Informational
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">FY23-24 Budget Update		Informational
June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">NO MEETING		
July 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regional Garbage and Recycling System Facilities Plan	Goal 16	Consult/Advise
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">2025 Updates to Community Enhancement Program	Goal 13	Informational/Consult

The schedule is subject to change.

REGIONAL WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting Worksheet

PRESENTATION DATE: 5/18/2023 **LENGTH:** 45 min

PRESENTATION TITLE: Metro Special Funding

DECISION TYPE: N/A

RELATED REGIONAL WASTE PLAN GOALS: 11.4, 11.6, 10.4, 10.5

PRESENTER(S): JON MAYER, STEPHANIE RAWSON, CAYLA PRUETT, LISA CLARK

PURPOSE OF PRESENTATION

- Share updates on RID Patrol program, the Regional Refresh Fund program, and the regional cleanup efforts including \$10 million from the State of Oregon

ACTION REQUESTED

- Informational with call to action to share and promote availability of Regional Refresh Fund sponsorship program

BACKGROUND

- The emergence of the pandemic in 2020 significantly impacted Metro's capacity to provide community cleanup services and resources. As a result of the increased graffiti and litter across the region, Metro Council adopted a budget modification in April, 2021 totaling \$3.5 million to help address the increase in dumped garbage and to return RID Patrol to pre-pandemic service levels.
- On February 28, 2022, House Bill 5202 was approved by the State of Oregon Legislature and signed into law by Governor Kate Brown, sending \$10 million to the Metro region for cleanup of public spaces in the greater Portland area. Metro is responsible for the administration of these funds. Metro has allocated funding for expansion of existing internal programming as well as that of local jurisdictions, state agencies, nonprofits and other community based organizations engaged in cleanup efforts. In agreement with the State of Oregon, these funds will not be used for activities associated with camp site removal or to backfill existing funding. See attachment for Metro's funding strategy.
- This funding primarily supports goals 10 and 11 of the Regional Waste Plan by providing services to cleanup illegal dumps on public property and prioritizing communities with the greatest need, and by providing consistent regional and upstream services to mitigate the areas with the greatest barriers to disposal such as multifamily communities and lower-income households.
- Prior presentation and written update provide by the project team

QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- N/A

NEXT STEPS

- Share out results at next quarterly reporting

ATTACHMENTS

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WASTE PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Budget in brief FY 2023-24

Overview

Metro is responsible for ensuring that all solid waste generated in the region is managed in a manner that protects public health and safeguards the environment. As a part of this responsibility, Metro’s Waste Prevention and Environmental Services Department administers the 2030 Regional Waste Plan that serves as the region’s blueprint for investing in our garbage and recycling system, reducing the environmental and health impacts of materials that end up in this system, and advancing progress towards Metro’s racial equity goals. The plan is implemented collaboratively with local governments and partners in local communities.

Annual budget process and timeline

Metro’s annual budget process incorporates strategic direction into a comprehensive policy and financial plan for all programs and services. Our budget is more than a technical document filled with numbers and data tables; it is focused on the concrete investments that move our region forward.

The annual budget process is designed to meet the needs and expectations of our communities and requirements of Oregon Budget Law. Each year, the process starts in September with preparation and analysis of Five Year Forecasts and ends in June with adoption of the budget by Metro Council. The Solid Waste Fee setting process runs parallel to the budget process, with fees typically adopted in March.

2022

Jul Aug Sept Oct

Budget preparation

- Capital improvement
- Project scoping
- Forecasts updated

2023

Nov Dec Jan

Department budget request

- Council retreat
- Budget direction

Jan Feb Mar

Budget proposal

- Meetings with COO
- Council presentations

Apr May Jun

Budget approval

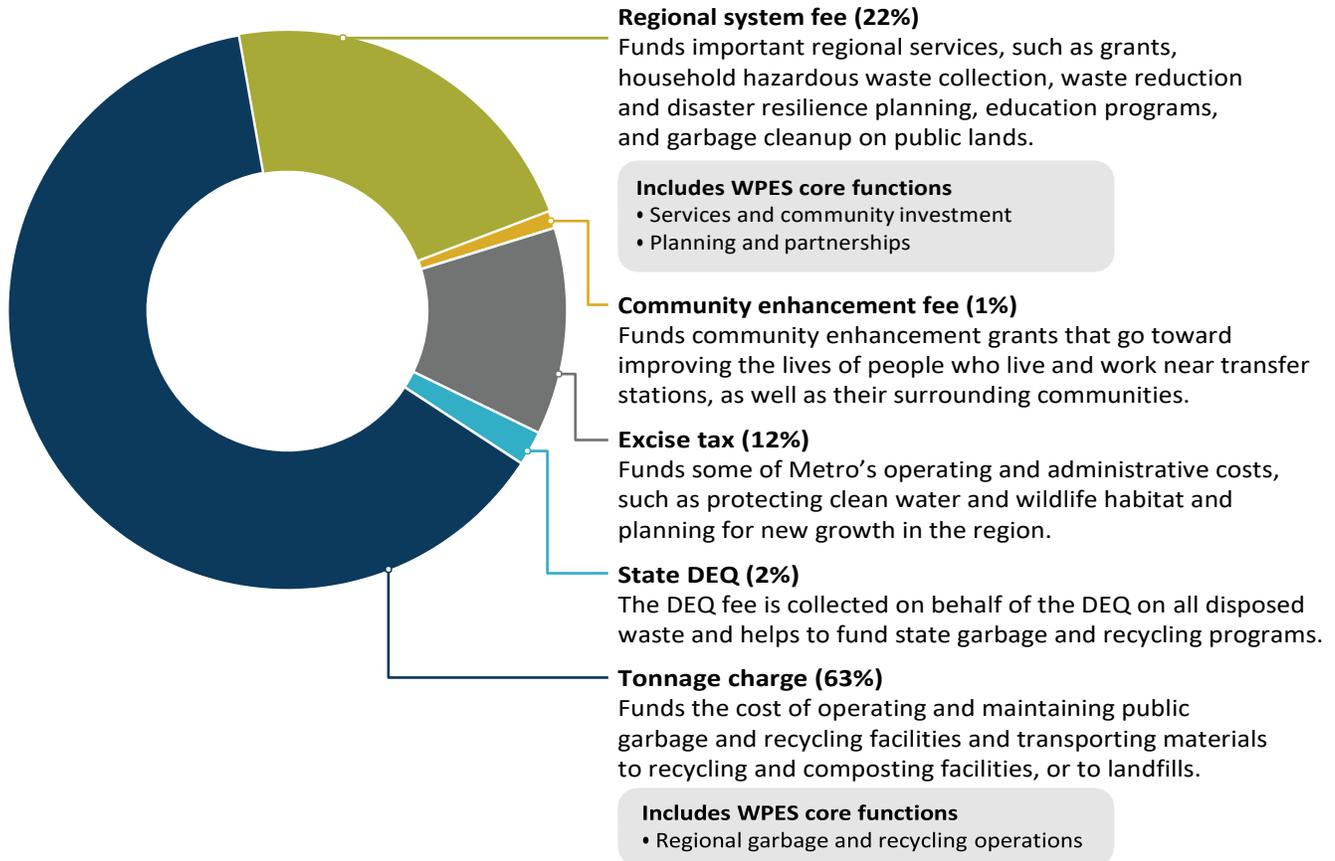
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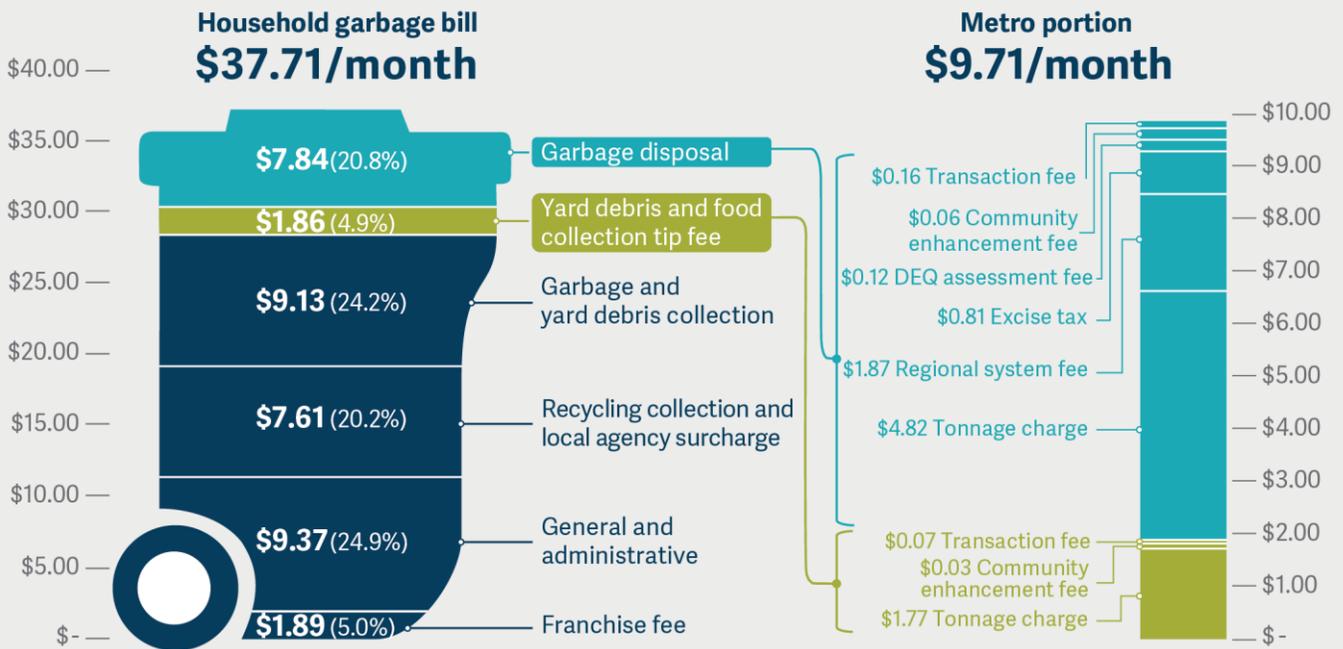
Budget adoption by Metro Council

- Council approval of budget

Where the money comes from



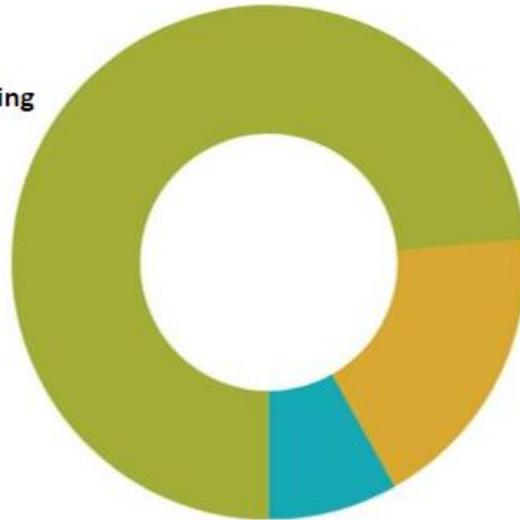
Spotlight: Metro sets the fees, local governments set rates



Notes: All costs and fees shown here are a composite developed from a sample of agencies within the Metro region (not including City of Portland) as of July 2022 (FY22-23). Assumes haulers have automated account which includes transaction fee per load.

Where the money goes

Regional Garbage & Recycling Operations: \$90.0M



Services & Community Investments: \$24.7M

Planning & Partnerships: \$9.2M

Regional Garbage & Recycling Operations

Planning & Partnerships

Services & Community Investments

Metro Central Operations: \$36.4M

Policy & Planning: \$3.4M

Paint recycling and production: \$6.6M

Household Hazardous Waste: \$10.0M
Environmental Compliance: \$1.5M

Compliance: \$2.1M

Clean-up: \$6.1M

Safety, asset mgmt., maintenance \$5.6M

Direct funding to local gov't: \$3.7M

Grants & Services: \$2.9M

Waste prevention education and leadership: \$8.9M

Metro South Operations: \$36.6M

Spotlight: Metro transfer stations, what do fees pay for?

Fees cover the costs of providing safe disposal and reclamation of materials and are adjusted every year. They pay for programs to reduce waste, promote recycling and clean up illegal dump sites. For every ton disposed, a \$1 fee funds community enhancements to benefit people who live or work near Metro transfer stations.

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Metro customers

Tonnage charges

2



All ratepayers (disposed tonnage)

Regional system fee
Excise tax
DEQ fees

3



All transfer station (incoming tons)

Enhancement (host) fees

What we get for the investment

Regional garbage and recycling operations

- Metro South Transfer Station
- Metro Central Transfer Station
- Household Hazardous Waste
- St. John's landfill
- Safety, environmental and ADA compliance
- Asset management and maintenance

Planning and partnerships

- Garbage and recycling service improvements
- Regulation of private facilities
- Grants to local governments
- Planning for new facilities and services
- Disaster debris planning

Services and community investments

- Youth leadership and waste prevention education programs
- Grant and sponsorship programs
- Neighborhood collection events
- Cleaning up dumped garbage
- Paint recycling and graffiti clean-up

FY 2023-24 Highlights

Additional funding provided for:

Regional garbage and recycling operations

- Operational expense increases

Planning and partnerships

- Staffing for facility authorizations and oversight
- Restore annual cost of living increase for local government Annual Waste Reduction Grant

Services and community investments

- Establish Regional Refresh as long-term program

Spotlight: \$10M in state funding helps Metro expand dumped garbage solutions

Metro's regional cleanup strategy focuses on spending the state cleanup funds in ways that will have immediate impact and serve communities most affected by illegal dumping and litter.

Learn more at oregonmetro.gov/greaterportlandcleanup



Arts and events
Garbage and recycling
Land and transportation
Oregon Zoo
Parks and nature

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WASTE PREVENTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Fee Setting 101

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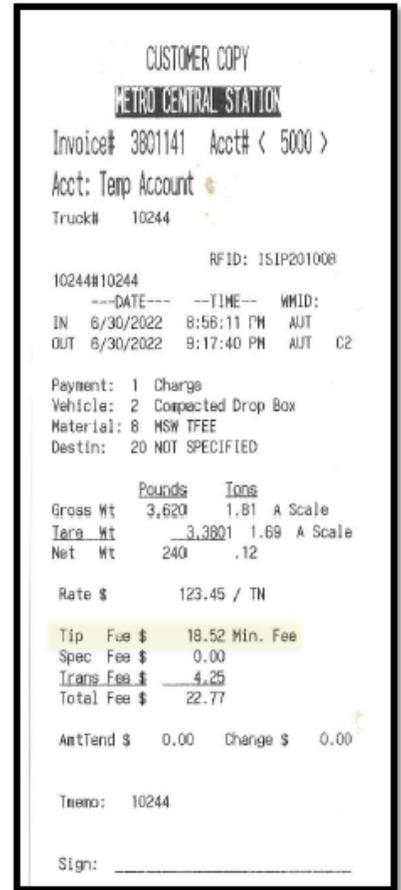
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What are the Solid Waste Fees?

The Solid Waste Fees set annually by Metro Council is divided between two categories – fees that are paid at Metro transfer stations and fees paid on the disposal of all solid waste in the region.

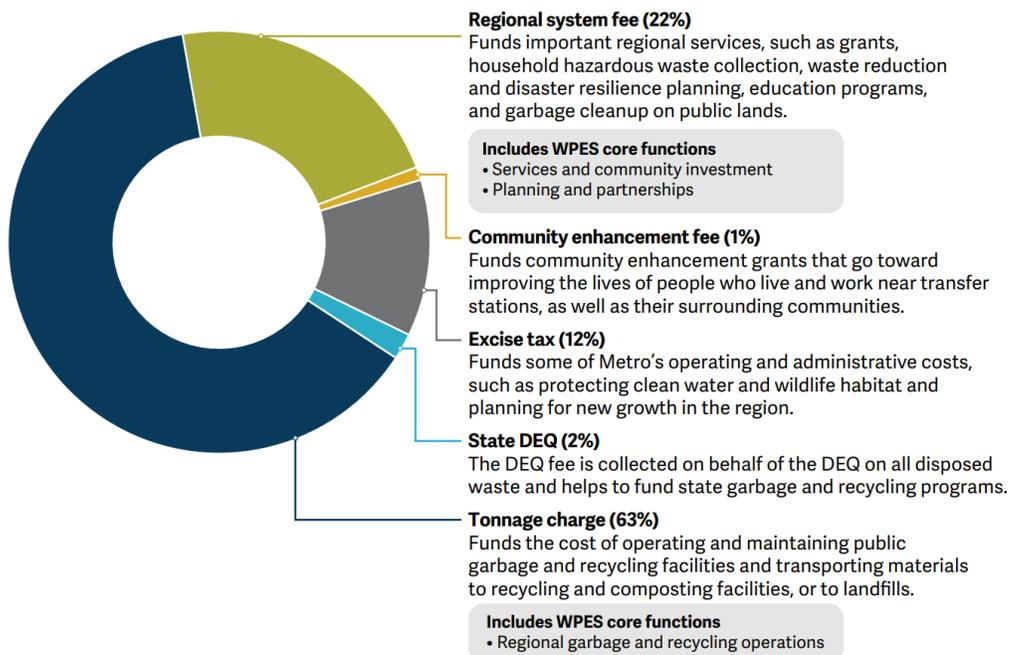


The “**Tip Fee**” is the total fee that commercial haulers and the public pay for disposing of waste at a Metro transfer station by the ton. In the example to the right, the customer was charged the minimum fee for mixed solid waste and the transaction fee. The tip fee is made up of four different fees and an excise tax.



What does Metro’s Mixed Solid Waste Tip Fee support?

The collected fees fund Metro services, including transfer station operations, waste reduction programs and cleanup of dumped garbage on public lands. The image below shows the breakdown of what solid waste fees support.



Solid Waste Fee Details

- **Fees paid at Metro Transfer Stations (Central and South)**
 - Tonnage fees – The fee for each ton of solid waste received at a Metro transfer station. Individual fee amounts are set for the following types of materials: Mixed solid waste, clean wood, yard debris, residentially generated organic waste, and commercially generated organic waste.
 - Transaction fees – Added to each transaction at a Metro transfer station. Individual fee amounts are set for staffed versus automatic scales.
 - Minimum charges – Metro charges a minimum tonnage fee on up to 300 pounds for all types of materials.
- **Fees paid on disposal of all solid waste**
 - Regional system fee – Funds important regional services such as grants, household hazardous waste collection, waste reduction and disaster resilience planning, education programs, and garbage clean up on public lands.
 - Community enhancement fee – Funds community enhancement grants that go toward improving the lives of people who live and work near transfer stations, as well as their surrounding communities.

How are the Solid Waste Fees set?



Financial Policies

Financial policies provide the foundation for the fee setting process. Fee Setting Criteria help achieve Metro's priorities and adopted policies. They fall under three specific headings: Fiscal Responsibility, Accountability and Public Benefit. These criteria cannot be reached at 100% on each item but balancing each criterion helps to establish equitable fees.

Revenue Requirement

This step identifies the total annual financial obligations of the system. The annual revenue requirement includes operating expenses, annual debt service, use/funding of financial reserves, etc. This is where the Metro disposal, regional program and administrative costs are summed up.

Cost of Service

The purpose of a cost of service analysis is to provide a basis for distributing the full costs of each service to each class of customers in proportion to the demands they place on the system. Expenses are allocated to the systems functional areas of disposal and recovery, regional programs, compliance and administration.

Fee Design

The principal objective of fee design is to work with Metro Council to implement rate structures that collect the appropriate level of revenue, are reasonably aligned with cost of service, and support desired policy outcomes.

How are the Solid Waste Fees Reviewed?

Metro’s contractor provides an independent review of the methodology for calculating proposed solid waste fees annually. As part of this process, the Excel Rate Model and associated fees are reviewed for accuracy, adequacy, reasonableness and compliance with industry practices. [View past results](#)

Once adopted, who Pays the Solid Waste Fees?

For Mixed Solid Waste:



How do solid waste fees relate to rates set by local government for curbside collection?

