



Dear Summit County Property Owner:

Enclosed is your invoice for the 2017 solid waste management fee. If you paid a fee amount in response to a bill earlier this year, it was the 2016 fee. This fee was adopted by the County Council for all residential dwelling units in the County as part of the 2016 budget process and is assessed at an annual rate of \$36.00 which equates to \$3.00 a month. This annual bill assists in supplementing the rising costs of solid waste collection, disposal and diversion.

WHAT IS A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEE?

A solid waste management fee is used to off-set the rising cost of collecting, recycling, and diverting waste. It also assists with costs associated with opening, maintaining, and closing landfills. The current costs for these services have exceeded the County's ability to use traditional funding methods like property and sales tax. To address this shortfall, the County Council adopted an annual solid waste collection fee of \$36.00.

It is important to note the fee does not replace property taxes used to fund solid waste services. The fee is essential to supplement the already committed tax revenue and pay for the escalating costs of the solid waste collection program.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO PAY?

As property owners in Summit County, it is our duty to provide for the health and welfare of our community. This includes

the collection and disposal of trash and recycling.

I'M A PART-TIME RESIDENT.

Regardless of the length of time you occupy your residence in Summit County each year, you are assessed the fee by County Ordinance. As a primary or non-primary resident you have the opportunity to utilize this service.

I DON'T USE A GARBAGE CONTAINER.

The fee is for overall waste collection, disposal and diversion services. This may be in the form of a curbside bin or a shared dumpster. One of these two methods of solid waste collection is available to all residential development.

I OWN UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY OR A VACANT LOT.

Undeveloped properties or vacant lots are not subject to the new fee. If you are an undeveloped lot owner and received a bill, please contact our

Public Works Department at 435-336-3970 to have your property removed from the delinquent list.

WILL I RECEIVE A BILL FOR 2018 SERVICES?

Yes. You will be assessed this fee annually, normally arriving over the summer.

THE BILL CAME FROM REPUBLIC SERVICES, NOT THE COUNTY.

Summit County's research determined that partnering with Republic Services to handle the billing on the County's behalf was the most cost efficient means of collecting the necessary fees. No private information was provided to Republic other than the property owner names and addresses, which is public record.

WHAT IF I REFUSE TO PAY THE BILL?

All property owners with a dwelling are required to submit payment for this fee. Invoices not paid within 30 days are subject to late fees. If payment is not received by **September 15**, your trash and recycling bins are subject to removal and service will be suspended, and a reinstatement fee will be charged to the customer to reestablish trash and recycling services. If the bill remains unpaid, Republic Services on behalf of the County will begin collection action against the property owner through a third-party collection agency.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS BILL?

Please contact Summit County Public Works at 435-336-3970.

WHO CAN I CONTACT IF I HAVE AN ISSUE WITH MY TRASH/RECYCLING COLLECTION?

Contact Republic Services at 435-615-8311. If you are unable to reach them, please contact our Public Works Department at 435-336-3970.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT IF MY GARBAGE AND/OR RECYCLING WILL BE DELAYED?

Go to the County's website: www.summitcounty.org and opt-in for an alert. On the homepage of the website, click the "Notify Me" button. Next, select the alert "County Service Disruption." You can choose to receive this and other important alerts via text or email.

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT RECYCLING?

Go to: <http://recycle.summitcounty.org> for complete information about what you can place in your curbside bins, what you can take directly to Recycle Utah, and what can be sent to the landfill.

