



Solid Waste Department

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FAQs FOR MSW CHARGE

- 1. I contract with a City permitted waste hauler. Why do I have to pay this charge?** Since 2001, MSW charges have been assessed on all solid waste generated within the City limits. In the past, the MSW charge was remitted by your waste hauler, and the cost was passed on to you and included in the hauling and disposal services that you paid. Now that your MSW charge has been collected at Development Services, be sure to notify your waste hauler when they are hauling materials from a permitted project where the MSW charge has been applied. Provide your hauler with the project permit number and job site address to ensure that you are not charged again for the MSW charge.
- 2. I do not utilize a City of Corpus Christi landfill to dispose of waste. Why do I have to pay this charge?** The MSW charge applies to all waste generated from inside City limits (ICL) projects subject to the charge, regardless of the landfill used.
- 3. What permit applications are subject to the MSW charge?** Permit applications subject to the charge include: Demolition, Roofing, New Construction, Addition, Accessory, Remodel, Tenant Finish Out and Shell Building permits.
- 4. Under what circumstances will homeowner permits be subject to the MSW charge?** Homeowner permits will be subject to: Demolition, Roofing, New Construction, Addition, Accessory, and Remodel permits.
- 5. How are the volume calculations determined?** Calculations are based on the area size indicated in the permit application and the square footage of the project.
- 6. We utilize green building and recycling techniques and do not generate the volume of waste on which the calculations are based. Why do we have to pay this charge?** Should you have a project subject to green building and recycling techniques and, at the end of the project, you must properly declare the green building and recycling project by submitting proof of qualifying for such a project, Solid Waste Operations will evaluate the MSW charge previously paid upon request and submission of documentation. Once this is done, then, proper credit/refund may be issued.
- 7. What if I generate more waste for my project than the volume calculated?** The MSW charge is calculated and based on building industry averages for the volume of waste most commonly generated by each type of project. At this time, additional waste generated in excess of the permit fees previously paid will not result in additional MSW charges due.
- 8. If the volume of waste disposed is less than the calculated volume, will I get a refund?** The MSW charge is calculated and based on building industry averages for the volume of waste commonly generated by each type of project. Depending on the type of materials disposed, some loads may be heavier or lighter than the actual charge paid. At this time, waste produced less than reported will not result in a credit/refund of the MSW charge paid.

9. **How is Solid Waste going to track the volume of waste disposed at City of Corpus Christi landfills?** Permitted haulers as well as companies/persons issued building permits will declare at the time of disposal their prepaid MSW charges by permit, and the hauler/permittee will present a copy of the issued permit (which will have all necessary information that will be needed by landfill personnel) to track the volume of waste that was disposed.
10. **What documentation is required at a landfill for disposal?** At the time of disposal, the permitted hauler or permittee must present proof of the issued building permit by having a photocopy or photo of the permit.
11. **What types of construction waste can I dispose of at a landfill?** Construction/demolition waste resulting from construction or demolition projects, to include all materials directly or indirectly the by-products of construction or demolition of buildings and other structures, including, but not limited to, paper, cartons, gypsum board, wood, rubber, and plastics.
12. **What types of construction waste is not accepted for disposal at a landfill?** Hazardous waste identified or listed as a hazardous waste by the EPA; industrial solid waste resulting from or incidental to any process of industry, manufacturing, mining, or agricultural operations; liquid waste that is determined to contain free liquids as defined by EPA Method 9095 paint filter test; treated and untreated medical waste and special waste from health care related facilities; and RACM (regulated asbestos-containing material) as defined in 40 CFR 61 cannot be disposed of at a landfill.
13. **When does the MSW charge not apply?** The MSW charge does not apply to permits issued for projects within the extraterritorial jurisdiction of the City, on naval base property, or in the Industrial Districts.
14. **Does the MSW charge apply to foundation flat work repairs?** No. The MSW charge applies to construction and repairs above the foundation.
15. **Can the MSW charge be waived?** No, City law does not allow for the charge to be waived.
16. **Is the disposal fee (or “tip” fee) separate from the MSW charge?** Yes. The disposal fee covers the cost for burying the waste and ensuring that all landfill regulations are followed to protect the environment. The MSW charge covers costs incurred by the City as a result of waste generated within the City, for street use and repairs, landfill availability, litter control, illegal dumping enforcement, and other costs. The MSW charge and the disposal fee are itemized separately on City landfill bills and receipts.

MSW Charge base numbers

- Roof = .0441 square foot**
- Demo = .240 square foot**
- New Residential = .0604 square foot**
- New Commercial = .0538 square foot**
- Remodel = .0947 square foot**

- Other fees applied at the landfill:**
- Disposal/Tip Fee**

Example:
 For a 2,000-square foot new construction home, MSW charge would be \$120.80