

REFUSE FUND

The Refuse Fund (an Enterprise Fund) tracks revenues and expenses for the City refuse and recycling program. There are approximately 2,458 units billed for refuse. This fund also accounts for recycling performance grant funds distributed by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Agency. The City is required to report tonnages of each category of recycling to the State as well as provide copies of customer education promoted every six months throughout each year to our residents. Advertising, pamphlets, and customer education are paid for by performance grant funds from the DEP.

The Refuse Fund reimburses the General Fund for salary and fringe benefits based on allocations for administration and employees that provide services within the fund. A new contract with Advanced Disposal was bid in 2016. Effective July 1, 2016 the City increased refuse fees from \$13.98 to \$18.00. The goal is to hold this amount for residents for up to 5 years. This is the first increase to refuse charges since July 1, 2008. The new contract includes annual leaf removal, tire, household hazardous, and electronics waste collections eliminating the need for residents to pay for this service separately.

In 2017, the city purchased the property next to the Water Works with the goal of eventually housing the city's yard waste recycling facility there. Public Works - West was quite a mess when purchased. City crews worked furiously to get the property cleared, looking great, and ready to go.

