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Trash Fee Comparison Study Aim & Internal

Accelerate Indiana Municipalities conducted a trash fee study last year. 2/3's of cities and towns surveyed used private contractors for recycling and trash.

Trash Rates From Study:

- Highest- \$26.25
- Average for Contracted Service- \$16.08
- Not all cities and towns offer the same services so comparison of rates isn't the best metric.

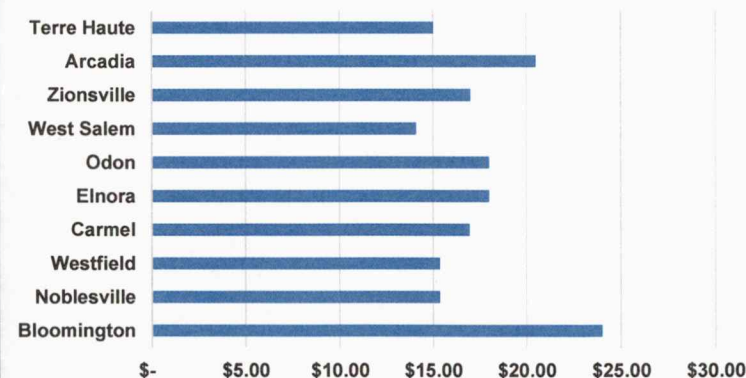
Large Item Pickup:

- All respondents reported that their trash service providers collect large items
- Many also have yard waste services.
- The most frequently these items are picked up is once per week with 4 respondents picking up every week
- The least frequently is once or twice per year
- Many reported this can also be done by request with the trash contractor for a small fee

Services:

- Many of these contracts do NOT include-weekly yard waste, leaves, weekly large item pick up, festivals, special events, street department drop off, AND municipal buildings

Trash Fee w/Proposed Increase





Proposed Trash Fee

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- 7/1/24- \$15.00
- 7/1/25- \$15.50 (3.33%)
- 7/1/26- \$16.00 (3.22%)

Proposed Changes

- **Disabled/Blind, Disabled Veteran/Spouse, or Seniors (65+) will be offered a 33% discount instead of 25%. (\$10, \$10.34, \$10.67)**
- **Recycling Credit changed from 25% to 50%**
- **We will publish information next week on how to receive the discount for seniors and veterans**

Why a trash fee increase?

Solid Waste Collection has been much lower the Trash Fee Contract. Our analysis shows our trash fee contract as one of the best in the state.

- 2023 Contract Delta from Solid Waste Payment- \$764K
- This is \$746,000 that could have been used for storm water or sewage improvements in our community.



QUESTIONS?