

## Press Release – Waste Management Rate Increase

The current 5-year contract with Waste Management and the Village of Smithton expires December 31, 2023. This past month, the Village of Smithton solicited proposals from waste haulers to provide waste services to the residents.

Proposals for the collection of residential solid waste with optional recycling and yard waste were received November 6, 2023. Waste Management was the only company to submit a proposal. Republic Services declined to submit a proposal stating that Smithton was too far from their headquarters in Edwardsville. Reliable Sanitation Services declined to submit a proposal stating they did not have room for expansion at this time. Responses were not received from any other waste hauler companies.

Rates for waste hauling have increased substantially over the last few years compared to the rates that were locked in for village residents five years ago.

Starting January 1, 2024, the price for once per week trash pickup will be \$20.35 per month. For senior citizens (65 years and older), the price will be \$18.44 per month. This new price will be reflected on your Village of Smithton utility bill you will receive January 2024. If you are a senior citizen and need to sign up for the discount, please contact Village Hall.

Additional services: All additional services must be coordinated with Waste Management by calling 800-964-8988. Additional services will be billed directly from Waste Management. If you are currently receiving any of the optional services, you will continue to receive those services at the new monthly prices.

- Residents will be allowed to place one bulky item per month at no charge. Must call Waste Management to schedule pick-up. Additional items are allowed for a charge.
- An additional trash container is available for \$5.00 per month.
- Residents may sign up for optional recycling services. Price will be \$13.10 per month beginning January 1, 2024.
- Residents may sign up for optional yard waste services. Price will be \$15.00 per month beginning January 1, 2024.

The above pricing for trash pickup and optional services are for January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. Pricing will increase every January 1<sup>st</sup> during the term of the contract.