

December 2, 2022

Mr. Jeff Richardson  
County Executive  
County of Albemarle  
401 McIntire Road  
Charlottesville, VA 22902

Re: Changes to Tipping Fees  
Ivy Material Utilization Center

Dear Mr. Richardson,

I am writing to request consideration by the Board of Supervisors for changes to several of the tipping fees charged at the Ivy MUC. Based on our review of tipping fees in our region, we believe these tip fee changes to be reasonable, especially in view of current inflation and supply chain challenges. If requested by the Albemarle Board, we will include these tip fee changes in our proposed budget for FY 2024, to be reviewed by the RSWA Board of Directors initially in March 2023, followed by a public hearing and final consideration by the Board in May 2023. If approved, these changes would be effective on July 1, 2023.

In accordance with Section 3 of the Amended and Restated Ivy Material Utilization Center Programs Agreement Between the County of Albemarle and the Rivanna Solid Waste Authority (2016), the RSWA shall "consult with the County prior to proposing any change to the tipping fees or other charges for the Ivy MUC and shall ... propose any changes to tipping fees and other charges for use of the Ivy MUC for adoption by the Authority's Board of Directors as requested by majority vote of the County's Board of Supervisors." The proposed tip fee changes include:

1. Increase Domestic Waste (Municipal Solid Waste/MSW) and Construction & Demolition Debris (CDD) tipping fees from \$52 to \$54 per ton. This increase is requested after evaluation of local market conditions and inflationary cost increases impacting the hauling and disposal costs to process MSW and CDD through the Transfer Station and transport it to a disposal landfill in Henrico County. These tipping fees were reduced from \$66 to \$52 per ton in January 2019 after completion of the new Transfer Station, and have remained unchanged since that time. A \$2 charge increase will generate about \$96,000 in additional annual revenue, based on 48,000 tons of MSW and CDD anticipated in FY 2023.
2. Increase Vegetative/Yard Waste tipping fees from \$48 to \$50 per ton. This change is being requested due to increased costs in grinding and processing the vegetative waste materials we receive. A \$2 charge increase will generate about \$15,000 in additional annual revenue, based on 7500 tons of vegetive debris anticipated in FY 2023.
3. Eliminate the Non-Freon Appliance tipping fees of \$9 per item and \$105 per ton. It is more accurate to charge for disposal of these materials through their scaled weight at

the MSW tip fee. Eliminating these charges will result in a net annual revenue reduction of about \$8000.

4. Eliminate the Compostable Waste (Commercial Only) tipping fee of \$178 per ton. This fee was established as part of an agreement in which RSWA would act as an intermediary between UVA and its disposal contractor, Black Bear Composting. The UVA program has evolved, and assistance from RSWA is no longer needed to support its composting efforts. This change will not affect the disposal of residential compostable food waste that is available at the Ivy Convenience Center and the McIntire Recycling Center at no charge. Eliminating these charges will result in a net annual revenue reduction of about \$5000.
5. Eliminate the Mulch Sold tipping fee of \$30 per ton. Over the last several years, we have been receiving increasing volumes of vegetative waste. Through our grinding program, the amount of mulch we produce has significantly increased. Each year, it has become more difficult to sell the inventory of mulch so that we can clear space and continue to receive vegetative material. Mulch that is stored for long periods of time greatly increases the risk for mulch fires. To help manage this, we have begun holding mulch "give away" programs several times per year to dispose of large quantities of mulch. Going forward, we propose to offer the mulch at no charge to residents and businesses. We will reserve some of the free mulch to maintain a supply for residents. Eliminating this charge will result in a net annual revenue reduction of about \$8000.

The proposed tip fee changes are indicated by the attached rate schedule. Collectively, they will adjust our charges closer to market costs, provide practical adjustments to our services, and generate additional revenue of about \$90,000. If possible, we request a response by the end of February 2023 so these changes can be included in our FY 2024 budget.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the proposed changes.

Sincerely,



William I. Mawyer, Jr., P.E.  
Executive Director  
Rivanna Solid Waste Authority

Attachment

cc: Michael Gaffney, Chair, RSWA Board of Directors  
Lance Stewart, Director of Facilities and Environmental Services, Albemarle County

## Rate Schedule

### Tipping Fees (Per Ton):

Clean Fill Material	\$10.00	
Clean Fill-Project > than 10,000 tons*	\$3.50	
Vegetation/Yard Waste	<del>\$48.00</del>	<b>\$50</b>
<del>Non-Freon Appliances</del>	<del>\$105.00</del>	
Domestic Waste(MSW)	<del>\$52.00</del>	<b>\$54</b>
Construction Debris(CDD)	<del>\$52.00</del>	<b>\$54</b>
<del>Compostable Waste (Commercial Only)</del>	<del>\$178.00</del>	
Tires	\$190.00	

### Tipping Fees (Per Item):

Freon Appliances	\$17.00
<del>Non-Freon Appliances</del>	<del>\$9.00</del>
Passenger Veh. Tire, Off Rim	\$6.00
Passenger Veh. Tire, With Rim	\$13.00
large Truck Tire, Off Rim	\$17.00
Large Truck Tire, With Rim	\$33.00

### Other Charges

Minimum Charge Per Load	\$6.00	Service Fee Per Ticket-	
<del>Mulch, Sold (per ton)</del>	<del>\$30.00</del>	Albemarle County Customers	\$1.00
Compost, Sold (per ton)	\$75.00	Other Customers	\$10.00
Trash Stickers (each)	\$2.00	Credit Application Fee (each)	\$35.00
Ticket Request (per copy)	\$1.00		

\* Project requires advanced approval by RSWA and agreement to special terms and conditions