



February 12, 2024

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 an increase to two of the tipping fees charged at the Ivy MUC. Based on our review of tipping fees in our area, we believe these tip fee changes to be reasonable and aligned with the local market. If requested by the Albemarle Board, we will include these tip fee changes in our proposed budget for FY 2025. The RSWA Board of Directors will review the proposed FY 2025 budget in March 2024, and conduct a public hearing with final consideration of the budget in May 2024. If approved, these changes would be effective on July 1, 2024.

This request is 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), which says 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 \$54 to \$58 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 in the fall of 2018 and were increased to \$54 per ton in July 2023. A \$4 charge increase will generate about \$256,000 in additional annual revenue, based on 64,000 tons of MSW and CDD anticipated in FY 2025.
2. Increase Vegetative/Yard Waste tipping fees from \$50 to \$54 per ton. This change is requested due to increased costs to dispose of the vegetative waste materials we receive. Even though we make mulch available to the public at no cost, we had to pay for removal of mulch last year to avoid potential fires. A \$4 charge increase will generate about \$36,000 in additional annual revenue, based on 9000 tons of vegetative debris anticipated in FY 2025.

The proposed tip fee changes are indicated by the attached rate schedule. These charges will adjust our charges closer to market costs and generate additional revenue of about \$290,000. If possible, we request a response by mid-March 2024 so these changes can be included in our FY 2025 budget.

Thank you for considering this request. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "W. I. Mawyer, Jr.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

Attachment

cc: Michael Gaffney, Chair, RSWA Board of Directors  
Ann Wall, Deputy County Executive, Albemarle County  
Lance Stewart, Director of Facilities and Environmental Services, Albemarle County  
Lonnie Wood, Director of Finance and Information Technology  
Phil McKalips, Director of Solid Waste

## Rate Schedule

### Tipping Fees (Per Ton):

Clean Fill Material	\$10.00
Clean Fill-Project > than 10,000 tons*	\$3.50
Vegetation/Yard Waste	<del>\$50.00</del> <b>\$34</b>
Domestic Waste(MSW)	<del>\$54.00</del> <b>\$38</b>
Construction Debris(CDD)	<del>\$54.00</del> <b>\$38</b>
Tires	\$190.00

### Tipping Fees (Per Item):

Freon Appliances	\$17.00
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-	
Compost, Sold (per ton)	\$75.00	Albemarle County Customers	\$1.00
Trash Stickers (each)	\$2.00	Other Customers	\$10.00
Ticket Request (per copy)	\$1.00	Credit Application Fee (each)	\$35.00

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