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**BY THE SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY OF A PUBLIC
HEARING ON THE AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE FOR FISCAL
YEAR 2026 (DECEMBER 1, 2025 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2026)**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that at **3:30 p.m. prevailing time on Wednesday, November 5, 2025**, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority located at the Administration Building (34 South Route 94, Lafayette, New Jersey). The Authority's Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed Rate Schedule for FY2026 for all services including the following:

WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

Upper Wallkill Facility

- A. Septage Waste Treatment
- B. Liquid Sludge Treatment
- C. Hauled Sewage Treatment
- D. Leachate Treatment
- E. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges
- F. Connection Fees
- G. Jet-Vac Rental

Hampton Commons Facility

- A. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges

Paulinskill Facility

- A. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges
- B. Connection Fees

General Wastewater

- A. Review Fees

SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

- A. Solid Waste Disposal Charges (Tipping Fees)
- B. Residents' Convenience Center – Type 10 Disposal Charges
- C. Non-hazardous Soil and Related (ID27 Series) Charges
- D. Vehicle Loading Charges
- E. Secure Disposal Charges
- F. Scale User Charges
- G. Leaves, Brush and Lawn Clippings (ID23) Charges
- H. Commercial/Municipal Hauled Class A Recyclables
- I. Car Bumpers – Recycling
- J. Boat Shrink Wrap
- K. Solar Panels
- L. Improper Disposal Charges
- M. Hazardous Waste Disposal Charges
- N. Covered Electronic Waste (E-Waste)
- O. Street Sweepings
- P. "Hot Load" Charges
- Q. Clean-up Charges
- R. SCMUA Staff Reviews/Inspections/Actions

S. Lost or Stolen Disposal Tag Charge

The Authority will provide evidence at the Hearing, showing that the proposed “FY2026 Rate Schedule” of charges is necessary and reasonable, and will provide the public an opportunity for cross-examination of those persons offering such evidence. A recording of the Hearing shall be made, and a copy thereof shall be made available upon request to any interested party at a fee which is in conformance with the Open Public Records Act.

The Authority hereby reserves the right to amend, revise and/or modify said proposed “FY2026 Rate Schedule” up through the time of adoption. It is anticipated the SCMUA Board of Commissioners will take action on the proposed “FY2026 Rate Schedule” at the scheduled **November 26, 2025** Regular Authority Meeting.

A copy of the “Proposed FY2026 Rate Schedule” shall be posted online at www.scmua.org. Hardcopies are available upon request by email (tkronski@scmua.org) or by calling (973) 579-6998 x 0 between 8:00am – 4:00pm).

By order of the Sussex County
Municipal Utilities Authority

Andrea Cocula, Secretary



SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

**PROPOSED RATE SCHEDULE
FISCAL YEAR 2026**

(December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026)

SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY
PROPOSED FY2026 SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES

I. UPPER WALLKILL TREATMENT FACILITIES

A. Septage Treatment

1. Proposed Rates during normal posted delivery hours shall be per 1,000 gallons of truck capacity. On a SCMUA fiscal year basis the following rates shall apply to individual haulers:
 - \$90 per 1,000 gals. delivered, up to 750,000 gals.
 - \$85 per 1,000 gals. delivered, from 750,001 gals. and over.
2. Rate for "Off-Hours" delivery shall be twice the normal tipping rate plus 1.5 times the licensed operator rate as listed in Section IV.A.3a for the duration of the time the facility is required to be open during "Off-Hours" (2-hours minimum).
3. Planned work that requires the Upper Wallkill Facility to be open "Off-Hours" shall be coordinated with the SCMUA Wastewater Superintendent a minimum of three (3) business days prior to said work.
4. Method of Payment
 - a. Haulers shall be billed monthly based on truck capacity. All trucks delivering septage to the Upper Wallkill Plant shall be considered to be full.
 - b. Payments shall be due within 30 days of issue of bill. Interest shall be charged on late payments (over 30 days) at a rate of 1½ % per month (18% per year).
 - c. Failure to provide payment within required 30-day period will result in hauler being placed on a "cash" basis, which shall consist of payment being provided with each delivery. If payment is not received, the company's disposal privileges will be immediately suspended.
5. Surcharge
 - a. SCMUA (at its discretion) shall assess a surcharge for septage, sewage, or sludge loads which have excessive amounts of prohibited materials, including grease, nocardia bacteria, grit, textiles, and/or debris.
 - b. First Offense: Written warning (unless prior written notification(s) exist).
 - c. Second Offense: \$0.25/gallon

- d. Third Offense: \$0.50/gallon
Fourth Offense: \$1.00/gallon and suspension of septage disposal privileges [length of suspension at discretion of the SCMUA].

B. Liquid Sludge Treatment

1. Rate during normal posted delivery hours (\$ per 1,000 gallons of truck capacity):

<u>% Solids</u>	<u>Rate Per 1,000 Gallons</u>
0.0% to 5.0%	\$151
Above 5.0%	NOT ACCEPTED

2. Rate for "Off-Hours" delivery shall be twice the normal tipping rate plus 1.5 times the licensed operator rate as listed in Section IV.A.3a for the duration of the time the facility is required to be open during "Off-Hours" (2-hours minimum).
3. Planned work that requires the Upper Wallkill Facility to be open "Off-Hours" shall be coordinated with the SCMUA Wastewater Superintendent a minimum of three (3) business days prior to said work.
4. Method of Payment
 - a. Haulers and Contract Customers shall be billed monthly based on truck capacity. All trucks delivering sludge to the Upper Wallkill Plant shall be considered to be full.
 - b. Payments shall be due within 30 days of issue of bill. Interest shall be charged on late payments (over 30 days) at a rate of 1½ % per month (18% per year).
 - c. Failure to provide payment within required 30-day period will result in hauler or customer being placed on a "cash" basis, which shall consist of payment being provided with each delivery. If payment is not received, the company's disposal privileges will be immediately suspended.
5. Sludge must have been specifically approved by NJDEP and Authority in order to be disposed of at the Upper Wallkill Plant.

C. Hauled Sewage Treatment

1. Rate during normal posted delivery hours, including Saturdays, shall be \$17.83 per 1,000 gallons.
2. Rate for "Off-Hours" delivery shall be twice the normal tipping rate plus 1.5 times the licensed operator rate as listed in Section IV.A.3a for the duration of the time the facility is required to be open during "Off-Hours" (2-hours minimum). If the customer is a system participant with associated allocation, the tipping rate is waived but the labor rate is still applicable.

3. Planned work that requires the Upper Wallkill Facility to be open "Off-Hours" shall be coordinated with the SCMUA Wastewater Superintendent a minimum of three (3) business days prior to said work.
4. Method of payment:
 - a. Haulers and contract customers shall be billed monthly based on truck capacity. All trucks delivering sewage to the Upper Wallkill Plant shall be considered to be full.
 - b. Payments shall be due within 30 days of issue of bill. Interest shall be charged on late payments (over 30 days) at a rate of 1 ½ % per month (18% per year).
 - c. Failure to provide payment within required 30-day period will result in hauler or customer being placed on a "cash" basis, which shall consist of payment being provided with each delivery. If payment is not received, the company's disposal privileges will be immediately suspended.

D. Landfill and Bulky Waste Processing Facility Leachate Treatment

1. SCMUA Landfill Leachate
 - a. Source of leachate shall be specifically approved by the Authority and NJDEP prior to acceptance.
 - b. Rate shall be a flat annual fee of \$500,000 to SCMUA Solid Waste Facility for Treatment at the Upper Wallkill Treatment Plant.
2. Wastewater Generators from Other Solid Waste Facilities
 - a. Leachate, condensate, washdown water, and/or wastewater related discharges from other solid waste and recycling facilities within Sussex County will be considered on a case by case basis. All solid waste and recycling facility customers must comply with the Upper Wallkill Wastewater Treatment Facilities' Rules and Regulations. Rates will be determined on a case by case basis as to wastewater discharge characteristics and volumes. All customers will be required to enter into a written agreement with the Authority prior to acceptance, disposal and treatment.

E. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges

1. Estimated Total Annual Charge to Sewerage System Users shall be \$8,120,700 allocable to the eight sewerage users (Hamburg Borough, Franklin Borough, Sussex Borough, Wallkill Sewer Company, Hardyston Township Municipal Utilities Authority, Wantage Township, Sparta Township, and Vernon Township) in accordance with the method contained in the applicable Service Agreements.

2. Estimated Annual Charge, by User (not including any adjustment to reflect FY2026 actual charges) are:

<u>Participant</u>	<u>FY2026 General Charge</u>	<u>FY2026 Operating Charge</u>	<u>Projected Total FY2026 Annual Charge</u>
Hamburg Borough	\$ 120,295	\$ 592,271	\$ 712,566
Franklin Borough	\$ 228,880	\$1,126,886	\$1,355,767
Wallkill Sewer Co.	\$ 50,034	\$ 246,343	\$ 296,377
HTMUA	\$ 139,990	\$ 809,786	\$ 949,775
Sussex Borough	\$ 166,071	\$ 817,648	\$ 983,719
Wantage Township	\$ 19,428	\$ 165,102	\$ 184,530
Sparta Township	\$ 109,117	\$ 550,340	\$ 659,457
Vernon Township	<u>\$1,770,381</u>	<u>\$1,208,127</u>	<u>\$2,978,508</u>
TOTAL	\$2,604,198	\$5,516,502	\$8,120,700

Note: Due to system calculations rounding error may occur.

3. A sewerage facility user who exceeds the allocation permitted in their respective service contract shall be charged twice the prevailing Upper Wallkill System rate for each 1,000 gallons, which exceeds the permitted allocation.

F. Connection Fees

1. Connection Fees for the Upper Wallkill System shall be \$8,803.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). Actual connection fee for any connection shall be based on the number of EDU's for that connection, said calculation to be carried out as per Table 1 attached.
2. Connection Fee payment is due at the time of connection and prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the construction official. Interest shall be charged at a rate of 1½ % per month for all late and/or partial payments (18% per year).

G. Jet-Vac Rental

1. Rental of the Authority's Jet-Vac sewer flushing unit shall be based on its availability, and subject to prior (48 hour minimum) notice and confirmed scheduling with SCMUA. The rate for use of said unit shall be \$500.00 per hour (including two Authority operators) during normal work hours (8:00 AM thru 3:00 PM) with a minimum four (4) hour call-out charge. Said rate shall increase to \$750.00 per hour during emergency off-hour usage, and/or for all non-scheduled work (four (4) hour minimum charge).

II. HAMPTON COMMONS FACILITY**A. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges**

Estimated Annual FY2026 User Charges for the Hampton Commons STP is calculated to be:

Hampton Commons Homeowners' Association	\$273,600
Township of Hampton (Lowe's Home Center)	<u>\$ 59,850</u>
Total	\$333,450

III. PAULINSKILL FACILITY**A. Sewage Waste Treatment Charges**

Estimated Annual FY2026 User Charges for the Paulinskill Basin Water Reclamation Facility is calculated to be:

Borough of Branchville	\$799,557
Township of Frankford	<u>\$ 78,943</u>
Total	\$878,500

B. Connection Fees

1. Connection Fees for the Paulinskill Facility System shall be \$3,787.00 per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU). Actual connection fee for any connection shall be based on the number of EDU's for that connection, said calculation to be carried out as per Table 2 attached.
2. Connection Fee payment is due at the time of connection and prior to issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy by the construction official. Interest shall be charged at a rate of 1½ % per month for all late payments (18% per year).

IV. GENERAL WASTEWATER CHARGES**A. Review Fees****1. Treatment Works Approval Application Review Fees:**

- a. Fees for Authority review of Treatment Works Approval Applications (TWA) and/or Endorsement for Approval of Wastewater Treatment, Conveyance and Disposal Facilities, and/or System Connections shall be as follows:

<u>Type Facility/Review</u>	<u>Amount of Fee</u>
Minimum Fee	\$1,500 per TWA/ Endorsement
Subsurface Disposal	\$1,500 per disposal system
Pipelines	\$1,500 per mile or part thereof

Pumping Stations	\$1,000 per pumping station (less than 8,000 gpd) \$2,500 per pumping station (8,000 gpd or more)
Treatment Plants	\$5,000 for first 100,000 GPD capacity, plus \$2,500 for each 100,000 GPD thereafter (or portion thereof)
Repeat/Concurrent Review	Repeat reviews of incomplete or substandard submittals/re-submittals, or work in progress concurrent reviews with endorsing agencies/municipalities may require the assessment of repeat or additional fees, at the discretion of the Authority based on additional review effort required.

2. Review Fees for Endorsement of Wastewater Management Plans (WMP) and Amendments, Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) Amendments, and NJPDES - SIU, DGW, DSW Permits:

- a. An initial minimum application fee in the amount of \$1,500 shall be required for review of the above prior to endorsement by the Authority. The initial minimum \$1,500 application fee shall be applied to the actual cost of review by the Authority's Engineers, Attorney, and Staff. All expenses in excess of \$1,500 shall be billed to the requesting party.

3. SCMUA Staff Reviews/Inspections/Actions:

- a. Any necessary reviews, inspections, and/or actions performed by SCMUA Staff above and beyond the scope of review fees per Sections A.1 and A.2., above, and directly relevant to a specific project, applicant, or escrow account may be billed in accordance with the following rates:

Engineer	= \$100/hour
Superintendent	= \$80/hour
Licensed Operator	= \$70/hour
Environmental Consultant	= contracted hourly rate

B. Groundwater Remediation

1. Groundwater remediation discharges into the Upper Wallkill System will be considered on a case by case basis. The applicant shall be required to pay a \$1,500 review fee to the SCMUA. If an Authorization to Discharge Permit is granted, the Hauled Sewage Rate shall apply. Approval for connection to the local sewage collection system are the responsibility of the applicant.

PROPOSED RATES
SOLID WASTE FACILITIES

A. Solid Waste Disposal Charges

1. Rates

- a. The posted maximum rate for solid waste generated within the boundaries of Sussex County, delivered during normal posted delivery hours at the SCMUA's Solid Waste Facilities in Lafayette Township, shall be as provided for below. These charges may be revised and/or reduced by SCMUA without prior notice, as based upon market conditions.

SCMUA

SOLID WASTE

CLASSIFICATION

DESCRIPTION

FEE

ID 10(102)	Bagged Household Waste Disposed at Residents' Convenience Center	\$0.15/lb.
ID 10	Municipal Waste (Household, Commercial, Institutional)	\$110/ton
ID 13	Bulky Waste/Construction Debris (landfill)	\$125/ton
ID 13CC	Bulky Waste (Convenience Center)	\$125/ton
ID 13C	Construction/Demolition Debris (landfill)	\$125/ton
ID 13R	C&D Residual Waste (landfill)	\$125/ton
ID 13X	Extra Bulky Waste	\$312.50/ton
ID 139	Tires (Bulk Disposal)	\$375/ton
ID 23	Leaves, Grass and Brush (Veg. Waste to Compost)	\$45/ton
ID 23A	Vegetative Waste to Landfill	\$107/ton
ID 23U	Stumps	\$125/ton
ID 702C	Clean Commingled Recyclables	\$65/ton*C
ID 702D	Dirty Commingled Recyclables (plus \$100 per load handling charge)	\$85/ton*C
ID 703	Fiber (Newspaper, Cardboard, Office Paper, etc.)	\$20/ton*C
ID 703D	Dirty Fiber	\$48/ton*C
ID 25	Animal and Food Processing Waste	\$125/ton
ID 27 & ID 272	Dry Industrial Waste and Grit	\$125/ton
ID 27A	Asbestos	\$250/ton
ID 27N	Non-Hazardous Contaminated Soil	\$107/ton
ID 27R	Residual Dry Industrial Waste	\$125/ton
ID 27S	Septic Disposal/Leaching Field Soil	\$107/ton
ID STS	Street Sweepings (In County)	\$5.00/ton
ID STSOC	Street Sweepings (Out-of-County)	\$20/ton

Minimum Scale Charges:

- \$10.00 minimum scale user charge for Commercially/Municipality hauled Class A Recyclables using Truck Scale System
- \$10.00 minimum scale user charge for Solid Waste customers using Truck Scale System
- \$5.00 minimum scale user charge for Vegetative Waste (ID23) customers using Truck Scale System
- \$0.50 minimum scale user charge for use of Residents' Convenience Center Scale - ID10 (102)
- \$5.00 charge for Credit/Debit Card transactions from Residents' Convenience Center Scale

*C-NOTE: Charges apply to commercial vehicles only.

- b. Rate for solid waste generated outside of Sussex County, which may be requested and/or mandated by the State of New Jersey to be accepted by the Authority under an Emergency Redirection Order, shall be two times the posted ID13 charge for Sussex County generated solid waste or \$250.00/ton. If said out of County waste is of a biologically sensitive or chemically hazardous nature, said waste shall be charged ten (10) times the maximum (\$250) per ton charge or \$2,500.00/ton. A one (1) ton minimum shall apply.
- c. Rate for emergency "off-hours" disposal shall be twice the prevailing rates listed above plus 1.5 times the Supervisor Solid Waste Utilities as listed in Section IV.O.1 for the duration of the time the facility is required to be open during "Off-Hours" (2-hours minimum). Off hours shall be defined as any hour the Solid Waste Facility is not normally scheduled to be open.

2. Method of Payment

- a. Haulers, municipalities, and other customers with SCMUA contracts shall be billed on the basis which is outlined in the appropriate Hauler Agreement or Service Contract between the Authority and customer.
- b. Payments shall be due within 30 days. Interest shall be charged on late payments at a rate of 1½ % per month (18% per year).
- c. The Authority reserves the right to place any credit customer on a "cash" basis, or to require a "letter of credit" to be posted by any customer or an escrow fund to be established as a result of poor payment records, or for new credit customers.

3. Tire Disposal Charges

- a. The Proposed charge for bulk tire disposal shall be three (3) times the \$125.00 maximum rate or \$375.00 per ton. Bulk tire disposal shall be defined as more than four (4) tires per transaction.
- b. **NOTE: All oversized tires (over 12R 24.5 size) shall be charged a flat rate of \$100 per tire.**

4. Surcharges shall be charged on tires contained in mixed loads of solid waste as follows:

- a. Automobile Tires (with/without rims) : \$4.50 each.
- b. Truck Tires without rims (sizes from 9R 22.5 to 12R 24.5) : \$11.00 each.
- c. Truck Tires with rims (sizes from 9R 22.5 to 12R 24.5) : \$21.00 each.

5. The charge for bulk tire disposal shall be three (3) times the \$125 maximum rate or \$375.00 per ton. Bulk tire disposal shall be defined as more than four (4) tires per transaction.
6. The charge for asbestos disposal shall be two times the \$125.00 maximum rate or \$250.00 per ton. Appointment & Application required (Asbestos Disposal Application online @ www.scmua.org/forms)
7. The charge for “Extra Bulky” waste ID13 such as mattresses, box springs, foam rubber, etc. shall be two and one half (2 1/2) times the \$125 maximum rate or \$312.50 per ton. Extra Bulky waste rate shall apply when the majority of the load contains “Extra Bulky” waste.
8. Freon containing appliances (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, A/C units and dehumidifiers) shall be surcharged \$10 per unit for freon handling/removal. This charge shall be in addition to the weight charge.
9. Mixed loads of solid waste delivered to the facility shall be charged the highest rate (example: ID13 and ID10 are in a mixed load, the ID 13 rate shall be charged for the entire load). Additional surcharges for tires, and Freon, etc. will also be applied for loads with these materials.

B. Residents’ Convenience Center Type 10 Solid Waste Disposal Charge

1. The charge for the direct delivery and weighing of Type 10 municipal waste by residents at the Residents' Convenience Center shall be \$0.15 per pound. A minimum charge of \$0.50 will be imposed on each transaction.

C. Non-Hazardous Soil and Related (ID27 Series) Charges

1. Rate for non-hazardous soil, classified (or pending classification) by the NJDEP as ID27N Solid Waste (see N.J.A.C. 7:26), delivered during normal working hours at the Authority's Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Lafayette Township, shall be \$107.00 per ton. In accordance with the SCMUA Analytical Requirements for Acceptance of ID-27 Contaminated Soils form, at a minimum, the soil must be tested for full TCLP, Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons, PCBs, RCRA Characteristics, Percent Volatile Solids, and Grain Size. Refer to www.scmua.org and proceed to forms link for application that outlines all additional requirements. Soils from public, governmental, commercial and/or industrial sites shall be considered to be potential ID27 soil unless/until it is sampled and analyzed per protocol and certified as clean. Requests and/or applications to evaluate the utilization of existing or potential ID27N soils for use as landfill cover or for non-hazardous landfill disposal shall be assessed a fee based upon the volume of soil material and quantity of samples (performed by applicant), as follows:

Volume Of Soil (Yd³)	Sampling Frequency	Min. # of Samples***	SCMUA review Fees
1 - 99	1 sample	1	\$200 *
100 - 499	1 sample per 100 yd ³	1	\$350
500 - 4999	1 sample per 250 yd ³	5	\$1,000 **
> 5000	1 sample per 500 yd ³	20	\$2,000 **

* No fee for residential applicants.

** Quantities over 500 cubic yards may require a site visit by the SCMUA soils consultant.

*** The soil classification analysis must be certified by the Generator to be representative of the material being delivered to SCMUA. The soil classification analysis sampling shall be performed within one year of the date of the ID-27 Soil Application. Soil must be transported to SCMUA within one month of Application approval.

2. Rate for Residual Dry Industrial Waste and/or Dry Industrial Waste and Grit classification (or pending classification) by the NJDEP as ID27R and/or ID27 Solid Waste (see N.J.A.C. 7:26), delivered during normal working hours at the Authority's Solid Waste Disposal Facility in Lafayette Township, shall remain at \$125.00 per ton. Sampling for ID27R and/or ID27 material shall be required similarly in accordance with the SCMUA Analytical Requirements for Acceptance of ID-27 Contaminated Soils form, at a minimum, the ID27R and/or ID27 material must be tested for full TCLP, Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons, PCBs, RCRA Characteristics, Percent Volatile Solids, and Grain Size. Refer to www.scmua.org and proceed to forms link for application that outlines all additional requirements. Requests and/or applications to evaluate the acceptance of ID27R and/or ID27 materials for non-hazardous landfill disposal shall be assessed an application fee as outlined above.

D. Vehicle Loading Charges

1. Charges for loading of materials onto commercial and private trucks and trailers shall be as follows:
 - Mulch \$ 5 per Cubic Yard
 - Mulch Colorized \$20 per Cubic Yard
 - Compost \$ 5 per Cubic Yard
 - Compost Screened \$20 per Cubic Yard
2. Charge for reloading of materials onto a customer's vehicle (solid waste or recyclables) shall be \$100.00 per occurrence.

E. Secure Disposal Charges

1. Customers requesting Secure Disposal shall be charged the same rate as Asbestos (ID27A) Disposal; appointment required.

F. Scale User Charges

1. Individuals requesting use of truck scales for weighing of vehicles and equipment shall be charged \$10.00. The Truck Scale User Charge shall also be applied as a minimum charge for solid waste customers using the truck scale system. Minimum truck scale user charge shall be waived for active duty U.S. Military Personnel. The minimum scale charge at the Residents' Convenience Center shall be \$0.50.

G. Leaves, Brush, Lawn Clippings (ID 23) Charges

1. The charge for drop-off of brush, grass clippings and leaves shall remain the same at \$45.00 per ton. Minimum charge shall be \$5.00 per load. Passenger type vehicles (i.e. automobiles, minivans, SUV's) shall not be charged for de minimis amounts of ID23. Any such vehicles with two (2) or less barrels/bags of leaves, brush or lawn clippings shall be determined as de minimis amounts and shall not be charged. Anything over said de minimis amount, customer must pay for the entire load. Brush shall be separated from grass clippings and loose leaves, (and vice versa) and, subject to Improper Disposal charge (Item I., herein) if not properly separated.

H. Commercial/Municipal Hauled Class A Recyclables

1. The maximum charge for commercially/municipality hauled Class A recyclables [(commingled metal cans, glass and plastic containers) and/or (Fiber – cardboard, newsprint, mixed magazines and shredded fiber)] brought to the SCMUA Facility shall be a maximum \$65 per ton. Existing letter agreements, if applicable, will remain in effect until expiration. A \$10.00 minimum scale user charge for Commercially/Municipality hauled Class A Recyclables using Truck Scale System.

I. Car Bumpers – Recyclable

1. Plastic car bumpers can be recycled free of charge.

J. Boat Shrink Wrap – Recyclable

1. Boat shrink wrap can be recycled free of charge if it is properly prepared as follows:
 - a. Clean and dry
 - b. Wood, zippers, vents, rope, tape, etc. are removed.
 - c. Bundled and tied.

L. Solar Panels

1. The charge to dispose of solar panels is \$0.90/pound. (acceptance to begin 1/1/25).

M. Improper Disposal Charges

1. The minimum charge for disposal without a valid SCMUA Disposal Ticket and/or payment shall be \$50.00 for passenger vehicles/SUV's; \$100.00 for pickup trucks; and \$250.00 for all other vehicles, including trailers, vans, box trucks, etc. The

referenced charges may also be applicable to the disposal of any and all prohibited materials. Further fees, penalties and/or surcharges may be applicable.

2. The minimum charge for disposal without weighing out and paying shall be \$50.00 for passenger vehicles/SUV's; \$100.00 for pick up trucks; and \$250.00 for all other vehicles, including trailers, vans, box trucks, etc. Continued non-payment of assessed fees shall result in the assessment of additional administrative fee(s) of \$25.00 per occurrence. Repeat violators regarding improper disposal (after SCMUA prior notification and enforcement) may be subject to double the minimum rates herein.
3. The minimum charge for disposal of brush, leaves and grass without proper separation and/or failure to follow direction by an SCMUA employee regarding such disposal shall be \$50.00 for passenger vehicles/SUV's; \$100.00 for pick up trucks; and \$250.00 for all other vehicles, including trailers, vans, box trucks, etc.

N. Hazardous Waste Disposal

1. The SCMUA Solid Waste Facilities accepts Household Type Hazardous Waste (HHW) twice annually through a contract with a NJDEP licensed contractor. Disposal charges for small quantities (less than 100 pounds or up to 10 gallons of liquid waste) are waived during our HHW day event. Residents may bring Household Type Hazardous Waste in larger quantities during these events, however, they will be charged at the prevailing per pound rate equal to the contractual price paid by the SCMUA for disposal.
2. The charge for improper disposal of any type of Hazardous Material at the SCMUA including Biological, Chemical or Radioactive Material shall, in addition to the tip fee (or improper disposal charge), consist of a surcharge of \$750.00, plus all costs for testing, remediation, proper disposal, investigative staff and professional fees. These fees shall be separate and distinct from any charges imposed by the NJDEP, USEPA, and/or law enforcement agency, or fines or penalties imposed by judicial action.
3. Requests for the NJDEP classification of potentially hazardous materials (hazard classification) and SCMUA acceptance of same (as based upon non-hazardous classification) shall be assessed a minimum application fee of \$2,000.00. The actual cost shall be based upon the time and expenses (including laboratory testing, if any) of the SCMUA Engineers and/or Superintendent.
3. Fluorescent light bulbs are accepted from residents on any business day including HHW Days, however any more than 10 bulbs will be charged at a rate of \$1.32 per pound. Schools, towns or small businesses must schedule an appointment and will be charged a rate of \$1.32 per pound.

O. Covered Electronic Waste (E-Waste)

1. SCMUA shall accept source separated “Covered Electronic Devices” (CEDs) at no charge. CEDs in mixed loads over the Main Scale will receive a weight credit as follows:
 - a. CED Screens (Mixed TV’s, CRT monitors, flat panel monitors): -44 lbs./unit
 - b. CED Other (Laptops, Computers, Desktop printers/fax machines): -18 lbs./unit
2. SCMUA will accept other non-covered electronic waste for recycling for the following fees:
 - a. Residents Convenience Area: \$0.15/lb.
 - b. Mixed loads over Main Scale: \$125/ton

NOTE: See SCMUA Website (www.scmua.org) for definition of Covered Electronic Devices.

P. Street Sweepings

1. Public street sweepings shall be accepted pursuant to NJDEP criteria and as based upon SCMUA prior approval, for use as alternative daily cover. Street sweepings shall be free of debris and/or contaminants, and may be required to be screened before acceptance by the SCMUA. Charge for Sussex County generated municipal and County street sweepings shall be \$5.00/ton. Charge for Out-of-County public street sweepings shall be \$20.00/ton.

Q. Hot Load Charges

1. Delivery of any commercial or private hauled solid waste or recyclables load which is smoking, smoldering or flaming; or any load which is proven to cause smoking, smoldering, flaming or fire at the SCMUA Solid Waste Facility, including landfill, property and/or infrastructure shall be assessed a minimum surcharge of \$500.00 in addition to normal disposal charges. The surcharge is imposed for additional cleanup expenses related to SCMUA Labor, Equipment and Materials usage.

R. Clean-up Charges

1. Container clean-outs (frozen boxes/other containers) requested by customers can be provided by SCMUA for a charge of \$25.00 per box/container.
2. Emergency clean-up provided by SCMUA for spills, dropped loads, or other for a charge of \$100.00 per clean-up event.

S. SCMUA Staff Reviews/Inspections/Actions

1. Any necessary reviews, inspections, and/or actions performed by SCMUA Senior Project Engineer, Chief Engineer, Superintendent, including but not limited to the scope of work delineated in the above Sections directly relevant to a specific project, the applicant/escrow account may be billed in accordance with the following rates:

Engineer	=	\$100/hour
Superintendent	=	\$80/hour
Supervisor Solid Waste Utilities	=	\$70/hour
Administration Assistant	=	\$50/hour
Environmental Consultant	=	contracted hourly rate
Landfill Gas Monitoring Technician	=	contracted hourly rate

T. Lost or Stolen Disposal Tag Charge

1. The charge for failure to return a SCMUA disposal tag shall be \$40, in addition to Improper Disposal Fee as applicable.

OTHER GENERAL CHARGES

- A. Photocopying - The charge for photocopies shall be in accordance with the Open Public Records Act (OPRA). These charges may be amended by the SCMUA Board of Commissioners without the need for a Public Hearing to conform with OPRA requirements (N.J.S.A. 47:1A-5.b).

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- B. Reproductions of Meeting Recordings - The charge for reproductions of meeting recordings shall be actual material and any labor cost incurred by the Authority.
- C. Non-Payment Fees - A charge of \$35 will be required for each check returned for insufficient funds. Failure to pay any rate fees or charges in a timely fashion will subject the debtor to additional expenses/charges for reasonable investigative/collection/prosecution costs borne by the SCMUA and/or the Sussex County Sheriff's Office, including legal costs.
- D. Storage Charges - Storage charges for the storage of solid waste containers and/or vehicles at the Solid Waste Complex shall be \$100 per day plus any additional costs incurred by the Authority.
- E. Late Payment Fees - SCMUA billed charges are due 30 days from invoice. Late payments over 30 days, interest shall be charged at a rate of 1½ % per month (18% per year).