



# Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority

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**Date: November 26, 2025**

## **FY2026 FINAL RATE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2025**

TO ALL SCMUA CUSTOMERS:

The Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority's FY2026 Rate Schedule was presented on November 5, 2025, and was duly adopted on November 26, 2025. The rates are effective as of **December 1, 2025**. A complete copy of the FY2026 Rate Schedule is available for viewing/printing at the Authority's website [WWW.SCMUA.ORG](http://WWW.SCMUA.ORG)

Highlights of the Adopted Rate Schedule include:

### *Wastewater*

- The septage treatment rate is proposed to remain the same at \$90 per 1,000 gallons (up to 750,000 gallons) and \$85 per 1,000 gallons (from 750,001 gallons and over).
- The liquid sludge treatment rate is proposed to remain the same at \$151 per 1,000 gallons (0.0% - 5.0%). Liquid sludge >5.0% solids is not accepted.
- The hauled sewage rate is proposed to increase and be set at \$17.83 per 1,000 gallons.
- Sewage treatment service charges for the Upper Wallkill, Hampton Commons & Paulinskill Facilities (see attached Proposed Rate Schedule or at [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)).
- Connection fees for the Upper Wallkill System are proposed to be set at \$8,803.00 per EDU for FY2026.
- Connection fees for the Paulinskill System are proposed to be set at \$3,787.00 per EDU for FY2026.
- Review fees for Treatment Works Approval Applications and/or Endorsements of WMP, WQMP and NJPDES-SIU, DGW, DSW Permits, etc. (See attached Proposed FY2026 Rate Schedule or at [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org)).

### *Solid Waste*

- The rate for ID10 is proposed to increase to \$110.00 per ton and the rate for ID13 shall remain at \$125.00 per ton. The charge for bulk tire disposal shall be 3 times the \$125.00 rate or \$375.00 per ton. Asbestos disposal shall be 2 times the \$125.00 per ton rate or \$250.00 per ton. For specific disposal rates review the attached proposed rate schedule. A minimum truck scale user charge of \$10.00 will remain for solid waste disposal.
- All refrigerators, air conditioners and dehumidifiers requiring removal of CFC's (Freon Gas) shall be surcharged \$10.00 per unit.

- **Residents' Convenience Center** (Bagged Garbage Area) Type 10 bag waste disposal charges shall remain at \$0.15 per pound, with a minimum \$0.50 charge. *Check/Cash Only* (if necessary, a Credit/Debit Card transaction can be made at the Main Scalehouse only, \$5 minimum charge).
- ID27N non-hazardous contaminated soil disposal charge shall remain at \$107 per ton (application required).
- ID23 leaves, brush and grass clippings disposal charge is proposed to remain at \$45 per ton with a minimum scale charge of \$5.00. (grass & loose leaf disposal must be separated from brush)
- Storage charges for solid waste containers and/or vehicles shall remain at \$100 per day.
- Proposed charges for loading of compost and mulch, and for Asbestos/Secure Disposal are detailed in the attached Proposed Rate Schedule.
- Disposal of clean commercial and municipal hauled Class A recyclables shall remain at \$65/ton with a \$10 minimum truck scale charge. Disposal of dirty commercial and municipal hauled Class A Recyclables shall remain at \$85 per ton. The maximum rate shall be posted at \$85 per ton.
- Plastic car bumpers and boat shrink wrap can be recycled free of charge.
- Charge for Sussex County generated municipal and County street sweepings shall remain at \$5.00/ton. The charge for Out-of-County public street sweepings shall remain at \$20.00/ton

A complete copy of the FY2026 Adopted Rate Schedule is posted on the Authority's website for reference at [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org) Administration > Public Notices Page If you have any questions regarding the FY2026 Adopted Rate Schedule please contact Tara Kronski at [tkronski@scmua.org](mailto:tkronski@scmua.org) or call (973) 579-6998 x 115.

Sincerely,

*Joseph Sesto P.E.*

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Executive Director

RESOLUTION RE: ADOPTION OF SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUTHORITY'S SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES AND CHARGES  
FOR FY2026

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40:14B-1 et. seq. requires that every Authority shall prescribe and, from time to time when necessary, revise a schedule of all its service charges; and

WHEREAS, said Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges ("Schedule") may be revised after holding a public hearing on the proposed revisions, which shall be held by the Authority at least 20 days after notice of the proposed revision is given in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, the notice of proposed revision of the SCMUA Rates and Fees Schedule was published on October 12, 2025 in The Sunday New Jersey Herald and October 10, 2025 in The Daily Record; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to revise its Schedule, has provided proper notice in accordance with law, and has held a public hearing thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on the proposed rates on November 5, 2025 at which time public comment was provided for with respect thereto; and

WHEREAS, after review and consideration of the public comment as well as the report and recommendations of the Authority's staff, the Commissioners have determined that the proposed adjustments to the Authority's rates are necessary and reasonable.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the attached "Sussex County Municipal Utilities Authority's Adopted FY2026 Schedule of Rates, Fees and Charges" is hereby approved, and will serve as the Authority's Schedule of Charges beginning December 1, 2025 or as otherwise provided for, and shall remain in effect until modified in accordance with applicable State statutes and regulations.

Certified as a true copy of the Resolution  
adopted by the Authority at their Regular  
Meeting held on Wednesday, November 26, 2025.

  
Andrea Cocula, Secretary



## **SUSSEX COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY**

### **FINAL RATE SCHEDULE FISCAL YEAR 2026**

**(December 1, 2025 to November 30, 2026)**

***FY2026 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 below. These charges may be revised and/or reduced by SCMUA without prior notice, as based upon market conditions.

**SCMUA**

**SOLID WASTE**

<b><u>CLASSIFICATION</u></b>	<b><u>DESCRIPTION</u></b>	<b><u>FEE</u></b>
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 can be accepted by the Authority under an Emergency Redirection Order, shall be two (2) times the posted charge for Sussex County generated solid waste.
- c. If waste is of a biologically sensitive or chemically hazardous nature, said waste shall be charged ten (10) times the posted rate. A one (1) ton minimum shall apply.
  - a. In-County Example (ID13) - \$125/ton x 10 = \$1,250/ton
  - b. Out-of-County Example (ID13) - \$125/ton x 2 x 10 = \$2,500/ton
- d. 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

- d. 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.
- e. Payments shall be due within 30 days. Interest shall be charged on late payments at a rate of 1½ % per month (18% per year).
- f. Failure to remit payment within sixty (60) days of the invoice date shall result in the hauler being designated as "not in good standing." In the event that payment is not received within the prescribed timeframe, the company's disposal privileges at SCMUA facilities shall be subject to immediate suspension. Subsequent access to SCMUA facilities may be authorized solely on a "cash basis" or may require the posting of a letter of credit or the establishment of an escrow fund. Such financial assurances may be required from customers with a history of delinquent payment or from new customers seeking to establish credit.

3. Tire Disposal Charges

- a. The 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/solidwaste](http://www.scmua.org/solidwaste))
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 from public, governmental, commercial and/or industrial sites shall, at a minimum, be tested for full TCLP, Extractable Petroleum Hydrocarbons, PCBs, RCRA Characteristics, Percent Volatile Solids, and Grain Size. Contaminated Soils from residential sites shall, at a minimum, be tested for TCLP VOCs, Pesticides/Herbicides, and RCRA Characteristics.

2. Refer to [www.scmua.org](http://www.scmua.org) and proceed to forms link for application that outlines all additional requirements. Soils 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 as a fee based upon the volume of soil material and quantity of samples (performed by applicant), as follows:

<b>Volume Of Soil (Yd<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Sampling Frequency</b>	<b>Min. # of Samples***</b>	<b>SCMUA review Fees</b>
1 - 99	1 sample	1	\$200 *
100 - 499	1 sample per 100 yd <sup>3</sup>	1	\$350
500 - 4999	1 sample per 250 yd <sup>3</sup>	5	\$1,000 **
> 5000	1 sample per 500 yd <sup>3</sup>	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](http://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 as 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.

**K. Solar Panels**

1. The charge to dispose of solar panels is \$0.90/pound (Application must be approved [Waste Disposal Rates & Applications - SCMUA](#)).

L. 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 for 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.

M. 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.

4. 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.

N. 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](http://www.scmua.org)) for definition of Covered Electronic Devices.

O. 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.

P. 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.

Q. 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.

R. 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

S. 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.

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### 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).

Letter Size - \$0.05 per page

Legal Size - \$0.07 per page

- 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).