

## Base Monthly Charges for Weekly Curbside Trash and Recycling Services to Increase

Ridgway, CO – The Ridgway Town Council recently approved a two-year extension to the professional services agreement between the Town of Ridgway and Bruin Waste Management (Bruin). Bruin will continue to provide regular refuse and recycling collection for residents within the Town.



With the approval came the implementation of a Consumer Price Index escalation that will increase base monthly rates and the various extra service charges by the previous year's percentage increase in consumer prices for services as measured by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics' Consumer Price Index. For 2026, base monthly rates will increase by 3% and will be as follows:

- Waste: Multiple Residential Units utilizing a common 1 cubic yard animal-resistant dumpster – \$38.32
- Waste: Multiple Residential Units utilizing a common 2 cubic yard animal-resistant dumpster – \$65.92
- Waste: Multiple residential Units utilizing a common 3 cubic yard animal-resistant dumpster – \$97.98
- Waste: Each Single-Family Residential Unit–animal-resistant poly cart(s) up to 64 gallons – \$17.47
- Recycling: Each Single-Family Residential Unit–18-gallon recycle bin, weekly service – \$10.40

These changes to the base monthly rates will go into effect on January 1, 2026. Residents will see these new rates apply when they receive their water bill for the month of January in early February. To see a comprehensive listing of all service rates that will be in effect starting January 1, 2026, visit <https://townofridgway.colorado.gov/recycling-and-refuse-collection>.

Also with the approval of the professional services agreement extension came the implementation of a brand new voluntary residential compost collection service that is slated to begin on April 1, 2026. Town officials have made concerted efforts to encourage residential composting and expand community-wide composting solutions over the years. This new, voluntary service helps to advance that goal. After the first of the year, the Town will send out more information to residents about how to sign up for this residential composting service. Base monthly rates for this new service will be as follows:

- Compost: 5-gallon bucket/container for kitchen waste with collection at 1 time per week – \$15.58
- Compost: 30-gallon compostable paper bag for yard waste/grass clippings – \$15.58 per bag
- Compost: 65-gallon poly cart for kitchen waste and yard waste/grass clippings with collection at 1 time per week – \$65.00

Colorado's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law (HB22-1355) is rolling out to create a free, universal recycling system funded by packaging producers. The state is aiming for full implementation by the end of 2026, bringing no-cost recycling to more residents and businesses, expanding collection, and streamlining the system statewide. The Town of Ridgway intends to opt-in and register, meaning that Ridgway residents currently paying for recycling will eventually get it at no cost.

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