

### Why is there a “Recycling fee” on my utility bill?

The City of Fredericksburg collects single-stream curbside recyclables from customers throughout the City. In the past, the Rappahannock Regional Solid Waste Management Board (the “R-Board”), operator of the landfill on Eskimo Hill Road in Stafford, which the City operates in a joint partnership with Stafford County, received revenue from processors for the recycling that was collected. Unfortunately, the cost of recycling solid waste has increased dramatically over the past several years. In January 2018, China sharply curtailed the amount of recycled waste it accepts from around the world, which reduced global demand for recycled materials. As a result, the R-Board now has to pay processors to accept the materials. As of July 2020, the R-Board began to charge the City a fee of \$50 per ton for recycling to offset the costs that the R-Board pays to handle the material. This change has added approximately \$54,000 per year to its cost for the recycling program. The total budgeted cost of the program in FY 2022, including the recycling tipping fees and the costs of collection, is \$200,474.

### How much is the recycling fee?

The fee is \$3.00 each billing cycle for customers that reside in areas that are eligible for City garbage and/or recycling services.

### When was the recycling fee approved?

City Council adopted the ordinance (21-12) which approved the fee on May 11, 2021. This fee was approved for implementation starting on July 1, 2021.

### Why I am I being charged the fee if I do not recycle?

This fee helps defray the costs of the R-Board charges along with the costs to the City to collect the recycling and deliver it to the R-Board. This charge will apply to all customers that reside in areas that are eligible for City garbage and/or recycling services, as the entire community benefits from the recycling program and the extension of the useful life of the landfill facility.

### How will the charge show on my bill and when will I see it added to my bill?

 <b>CITY OF FREDERICKSBURG</b> BRENDA A. WOOD, TREASURER PO BOX 967 FREDERICKSBURG VA 22404-0967 (540)372-1001		<b>UTILITY BILL</b> <b>CUSTOMER COPY</b> Keep this copy for your records							
Customer Name				Service Address					
Bill Number	Bill Date	Account Number		Customer Number		Current Billing Due Date			
	06/28/2021					07/26/2021			
Charge Description	Meter Number	Previous Read Date	Current Read Date	Previous Reading	Current Reading	Read Code	Usage (x100 gals.)	Charge Amount	
GARBAGE								44.99	
<b>RECYCLING FEE</b>								<b>3.00</b>	
SEWER CHARGE								21.33	
WATER CHARGE		04/01/2021	06/28/2021	4682	4682	A	0	13.59	

The fee will be added beginning with the August 27th, 2021 billing cycle.

### What if I’m not currently recycling?

Eligible customers who are not currently recycling can request one black recycling bin if they would like to begin recycling and have it picked up by the City. Recycling needs to be clean and appropriate or it cannot be collected. Crews assess each load for contaminated items and one simple non-recyclable bottle or plastic bag can contaminate an entire load. Find out what can and cannot be recycled as well as information on how to prepare recyclables for collection on the City Department of Public Works webpage.