

## **CITY OF GRINNELL SOLID WASTE VOLUME BASE RATE PROGRAM**

**Volume-based charging are charges according to the amount of solid waste that the customer contributes to the landfill. “Solid waste” is the material you place at the curb, which ends up in the landfill.**

**“Recyclables” are the material you place at the curb in your red bin, which are then sold by the city to companies, which re-use the materials, keeping it out of the landfill. The Iowa legislature is seeking to decrease solid waste and increase recyclables. The easiest way to achieve this goal is to “Buy Wise!”. This means that when you purchase items, check whether the container is recyclable or not. Then, when it comes time to put out your garbage, you have already changed the balance of material from solid waste to recycling in your own home.**

Here is a more specific statement of how this program works:

1. The monthly charge on your city utility bill for solid waste/recycling is \$9.75 per month. This charge is applied to the cost of labor, equipment, fuel and other expenses associated with the once per week collection of solid waste/recycling.
2. Persons wishing to dispose of solid waste will need to purchase specially marked yellow trash bags at a cost of \$1.25 per bag, which is used to pay for the landfill fees to dispose of all solid waste. Bags are sold in packages of 5. **(Contents of the bag shall not exceed 40 pounds unless used inside a trash receptacle.)**
3. The \$1.25 stickers may be used rather than the yellow bags, if you choose to use your own bags. You may place your trash in a container (no larger than 32 gallon) as long as the weight of the contents of that container does **not exceed 60 pounds**, then you may simply place a sticker on the top item in the can. **(Do not place the sticker on the can, or the lid. It must be on the top item in the can so it can easily be disposed of with the trash).**
4. There are special \$15.00 stickers for the disposal of appliances and/or bulky items over 60 pounds, such as.: **Refrigerators, freezers, stoves, air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, water heaters, commercial coolers, furnaces, thermostats, washers/dryers, dishwashers, microwave ovens, recliners, couches, dressers, etc.** Use of the \$15.00 sticker also requires scheduling a special pick-up with the Public Service Department at 236-2632.

5. All solid waste/recycling must be placed within 4 foot of the curb and sat out by 7am on your scheduled pick up day.

6. If violations of the rules are committed, a fluorescent green Non-Collection Notice sticker will be attached to your bag and/or can explaining the reason your solid waste and/or recyclables were not picked up.

\$1.25 Stickers and bags are available at the following locations:

**Fareway--Hy Vee--McNally's--Paul's Ace Hardware**

**Public Service Office--Wal-Mart--Theisen's--City Office**

Persons with questions about this program should call 236-2632 for more information.