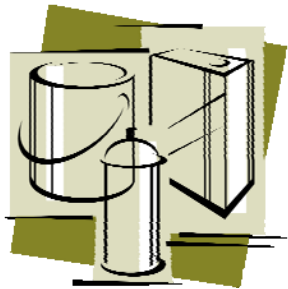


- ***The Household Hazardous Waste Program***

Clearwater County hosts a facility for a regional household hazardous waste collection and disposal program. This program was created to provide residents an appropriate disposal method for all the potentially hazardous household products that should not be incinerated or land filled. Items that may be brought to the facility include paints & stains, household chemicals and lawn & garden treatment compounds. The facility also includes a product exchange room where usable materials are displayed, and may be taken free of charge.

The household hazardous waste program is available to all residents of the county with no direct costs. Clearwater County's portion of the funding for this program makes up about 2% of the solid waste service fee.

Information regarding hours of operation and proper disposal methods for particular materials may be obtained by calling the facility at (218)-694-2090 or 1-800-637-2090.



For further information contact:

Clearwater County Environmental Services

213 Main Ave North
 Bagley, MN 56621
 (218)-694-6183

Clearwater County Solid Waste Service Fee



Who's Paying It? & What Are We Paying For?

Clearwater County Environmental Services

Why have a service fee anyway? The purpose of the service fee is to fund the management of the County's solid waste separately from other publicly funded services. The fee is applied to all properties in the County that contain a structure which is put to use during the course of the year. The structures are categorized depending on their type of use, which would indicate the approximate amount of waste generated and disposed of in the County.

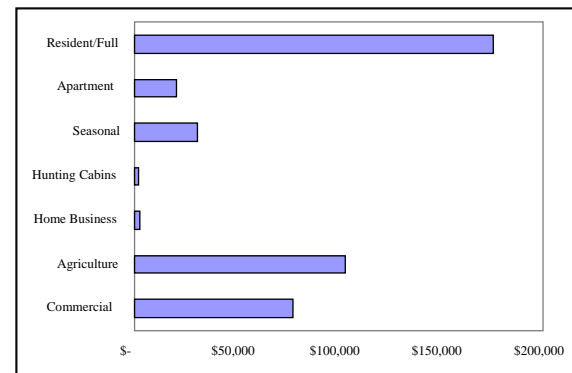
Residential Service Fee Categories:

Full-time residential: Is the largest category both in number of units and amount of revenue generated. The full residential fee of \$90.00 is given to all units that receive the homestead classification, as listed in the county assessor's records.

Apartment, or partial residential: This fee classification is directed at multiple dwelling units within a single building, such as apartment buildings, duplexes and other living units within residential buildings. The service fee for this category is \$75.00.

Seasonal: Applies to all cabins that are not inhabited full time, have electricity and are larger than required dimensions to be classified as a hunting shack. Seasonal cabins are charged \$54.00 for the solid waste fee.

Service Fee Revenue Generated



Hunting Cabins: These structures are less than 500 square feet, do not have electricity, and are not located on lakeshore property. Their primary use is for hunting or an occasional weekend, and is charged a service fee of \$18.00.

Additional Activity Fees:

In addition to the regular residential service fee, an extra fee of \$15.00 is placed on properties that host activities which generate additional amounts of solid waste. There are two categories which receive the supplementary fees.

Home Based Business: Pertains to all properties that receive the residential homestead classification and operate any business out of the home.

Agriculture: This applies to all farms in the county that receive both the homestead and agriculture classifications as listed with the County Assessor.

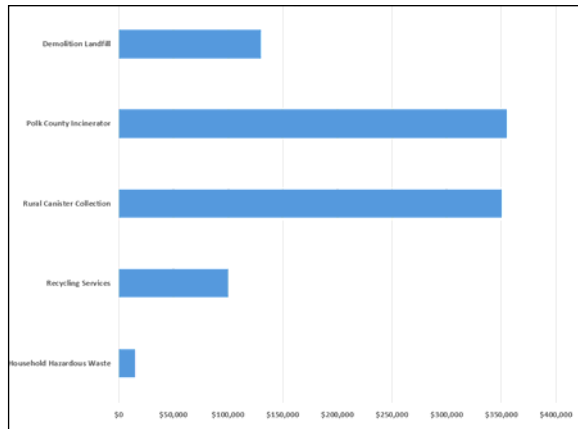
Commercial Business Service Fees:

Clearwater County has a relatively moderate sized commercial base, making up about 4.5% of the properties that service fees are collected from. This category includes all business ranging in size from small stores on up to industrial operations. Commercial fees are based directly on the amount of solid waste generated with a minimum fee of \$90.00.

Service Fee Abatements:

The County has adopted a process under which a property owner who feels that they are being unjustly charged, or wish to be placed into another service fee category, may petition for abatement

Where The Service Fee Is Directed



What Are We Paying For Anyway?

Many residents of Clearwater County believe that the fees they are paying are way too much for just the collection and disposal of our garbage. Well there is much more to our solid waste management system than just collection and disposal. The chart above demonstrates where, in real dollars, your service fees are directed. The following identifies and describes each of the five major programs funded out of the solid waste account.



• *The Fosston Incinerator*

Clearwater County is in a regional agreement with the counties of Polk, Beltrami, Norman, and Mahnomen for the delivery and disposal of solid waste at the Incinerator located in Fosston. This facility is owned and operated by Polk County, and provides steam for three area businesses.

When the Incinerator was constructed, the tipping or disposal fee was \$45.00 per ton, however due to tighter pollution control constraints over the past years, additional monitoring equipment had been installed which increased the tipping fee to \$70.00 per ton. Today, the Incinerator is meeting the pollution requirements and has paid for the new monitoring equipment, dropping the tipping fee to the current \$65.00.

Our county collects and ships approximately 4,400 tons of solid waste to the Incinerator facility annually. Collecting, transporting and disposing of our trash consumes the “lion’s share” of the solid waste budget

In early 1996 construction of an up-front processing facility had begun at the Fosston Incinerator. This was completed and running by September of the same year. This facility aids in the removal of problem materials prior to incineration, which has reduced the amount of maintenance needed, extended the life of the Incinerator and helped reduce the tipping fee.



• *Rural Canister Collection*

Solid waste canisters are placed at fourteen strategically located positions around the county. These canisters are available for use by all residents of Clearwater County regardless of where in the county they live. The canisters however, may not be used by any commercial businesses, or non-county residents.

The canisters are serviced by two contracted haulers which have regularly scheduled pick-up times

for each site. At each site is a sign identifying it as a county solid waste collection point along with a list of the rules for use, and prohibited items that may not be disposed of there. On the sign is the phone number of the designated hauler who should be contacted if the site is in need of servicing. If the hauler cannot be contacted, notify the County Office of Environmental Services.

Each canister site costs, on average, about \$18,000 per year for the canister lease and the collection service. The overall canister collection system makes up approximately 35% of the service fee expenditures. Additional costs and burdens are placed on the county each time prohibited waste is left at the canister sites. The prohibited waste must be handled separately from the regular waste and is taken to the Demolition Landfill, the cost of which is placed on the residents of the county.



• *The Demolition Landfill*

The County Demolition Landfill is located on the west side of Co. road 24, approximately two miles north of the city of Bagley. The landfill is open to the public three days a week for the disposal of wastes resulting from the demolition or construction of buildings, roads and other man-made structures. The landfill also accepts old appliances, mattresses, tires, and other materials prohibited from disposal in the rural canister system.

In general, there is no disposal cost to Clearwater County residents for demolition debris, bypass materials, scrap metal, compost and brush. There is a charge for appliances and tires. However, the fee structure is different depending on the type of solid waste service fee associated with the property.

Demolition Landfill hours are:

Tuesdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

Thursdays 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am to Noon

• *The County Recycling Program*

Clearwater County has two recycling canister sites located in the county. In Bagley at the intersection of 7th St NE and Getchell Ave NE next to the Clearwater County Highway Department. The other site is located in Clearbrook at the intersection of Co. highways 4 and 5 next to the Highway Department's Clearbrook shop.

Canisters at each site are offered for collection of comingled recyclables including metal and plastic containers, office paper, newspaper, cardboard and magazines, and glass.

