

GARBAGE/SANITATION RATES



The city of Brandon currently charges \$10.65 per month for garbage collection and sanitation. The two main components of expenses are Waste Management for curbside garbage pick-up and city conducted sanitation services which includes litter pick-up. Waste Management bases their charges on two key pieces of information: tons of garbage going over the scales and into the landfill and the number of houses in the city.

The city has received notices from Waste Management over the years about fuel adjustments or cost increases that were not passed along to citizens. We just received notice that fuel charges are going up 3% for the next year.

A few years ago, the city of Brandon had placed a part of your property taxes or a half mil (0.5) into the sanitation fund as well as your monthly \$10.65 per month rate. The city determined that the half mil be removed to ensure that the sanitation fund was supported with rates and not ad valorem funds.

Citizens should know that we have also looked at ways to save the sanitation fund money. We have not renewed our street sweeping contract and will begin conducting that program in-house. We have also had to end the limb pick-up program and will have Waste Management collect those items which are already outlined in their contract. The cost of a new leaf machine is around \$60,000 and our existing equipment is aging and expensive to maintain. For these reasons, as of October 1st the city of Brandon will charge \$13.75 for garbage collection.

Sanitation Fund Revenue		Sanitation Fund Budget	
FY 2014-2015	\$1,038,199.66	FY 2014-2015	\$1,505,169.00
FY 2015-2016	\$1,038,199.66	FY 2015-2016	\$1,587,925.00
FY 2016-2017	\$1,038,199.66	FY 2016-2017	\$1,355,032.00
FY 2017-2018	\$1,307,232.00	FY 2017-2018	\$1,305,906.00