

City-wide Curbside Recycling

Frequently Asked Questions

Why did I receive a new yellow-lidded recycle cart this week?

In May 2017, the City renegotiated its trash and recycling contract Honey Creek Disposal Services and, as part of that renegotiation, the City Commission approved city-wide curbside recycling. The recycling containers were delivered the week of December 11th in preparation for the start of city-wide recycling service.

How will service be impacted?

Your 2018 regular rate will include your weekly curbside trash pickup and, now, biweekly curbside recycling pickup.

Honey Creek will continue to offer the following services to Eudora residents as part of your regular rate, at no additional charge:

- Bulky item curbside pickup (your first trash day of the month)
- Yard waste curbside pickup
 - Bagged yard waste
 - Must be placed in compostable craft paper bags specifically designed for yard waste; available at most grocery stores or hardware/lawn stores
 - Up to 12 bags of yard waste may be set out on each trash day
 - Bundled hedge and tree trimmings
 - Bundles must be no more than 18 in. around, 4 ft. long, or 45 lbs.
- Public roll-off recycling bins located at:
 1. Eudora Public Works Facility, 107 W. 5th Street
 2. Eudora Middle School, 2635 Church Street

I am already a curbside recycling customer; how will I be affected?

Your services will continue uninterrupted.

Can I upgrade my 65 gallon recycle cart to a 95 gallon recycle cart?

Yes, please call City Hall at 785-542-2153, option 3 to request the larger size. There is no additional charge for upgrading to a 95-gallon cart.

When will recycling be picked up?

Recycling will be collected every other week on your regular trash day. As a courtesy service to Eudora residents, Honey Creek will begin collecting curbside recycling immediately, although they aren't contractually obligated to do so until January 2018. You will effectively receive one free pick-up if you put out your recycling cart on your regular trash day the week of December 25th. The additional pick-up week will occur one day later than normal due to the Christmas holiday. Recycling calendars are available at City Hall for your convenience and on the Honey Creek website in January.

Will I be charged more?

Honey Creek Disposal's operational cost to provide service has steadily increased over the years, yet they have kept their fee for service to Eudora residents flat since 2008 (the year of our last rate increase). During 2017 contract negotiations, Honey Creek and the City knew that rates would need to increase to cover Honey Creek's rising capital and operational expenses. As part of the negotiation, Honey Creek agreed to reduce the amount charged for curbside recycling if the City implemented city-wide (versus individually elective) curbside recycling. The City Commission decided this was the right time to provide curbside recycling to all Eudora residents, which improves Honey Creek's operational efficiency and diverts more waste from the landfill.

The rate adjustment is reflected in the chart on page two.

If you have questions regarding: what can be picked up or missed pickups, contact Honey Creek Disposal at (913) 369-8999. For questions regarding additional carts or billing, contact Eudora City Hall at (785) 542-2153 or come by at 4 E. 7th Street.

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Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

Curbside Recycling Rates

	2017 (2008 Rates)				2018				Difference
	Trash	Recycling	Admin Fee (City)	Total	Trash	Recycling	Admin Fee (City)	Total	
Regular Customer, no recycling	\$12.50	N/A	\$1.75	\$14.25	\$13.00	\$4.50	\$2.00	\$19.50	\$5.25
Senior Customer, no recycling*	\$11.25	N/A	\$1.00	\$12.25	\$10.50	\$4.50	\$2.00	\$17.00	\$4.75
Regular Customer, with recycling	\$12.50	\$5.00	\$1.75	\$19.25	\$13.00	\$4.50	\$2.00	\$19.50	\$0.25
Senior Customer, with recycling*	\$11.25	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$17.25	\$10.50	\$4.50	\$2.00	\$17.00	\$0.25

***Seniors (age 65+) must contact City Hall to request a reduced rate. Call (785) 542-2153, option 3.**

When will the increased rate show up on my bill?

The adjusted rate will be reflected on your first utility bill mailed in January, due by February 10, 2018.

Can I opt out?

If you prefer not to participate in curbside recycling, you may return your cart to Honey Creek by calling City Hall at 785-542-2153, option 3. However, you will still see the increased rate reflected on your monthly bill; there is no option to opt out of the rate adjustment.

Why didn't I get to vote on this?

The City of Eudora operates under a Commission-Manager form of government where the City Commission is elected at-large by all registered voters in Eudora who participate in local elections. The City Commission is elected by Eudora residents to represent the voices and opinions of all residents in directing the City Manager and City staff in policy decisions such as those regarding disposal services. Contract negotiation is a regular part of City business and operations and therefore is handled at the City Commission level and does not involve a vote.

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