

April 7, 2023

Dear Resident:

Garbage collection has been a concern for the Mayor and City Council for quite some time. As the world seems to be in commotion and prices keep going up, we are being forced to look at our monthly garbage rates.

MONTHLY GARBAGE RATE INCREASE

With gas prices and the increased cost of equipment, we are having to pay more for the contract for garbage collection. In fact, it more than doubled. Beginning May 1, 2023, the monthly rate for garbage services will be **\$19.50 for the first can. Each additional can will be \$16.50.**

BLUE CAN HISTORY

A couple years ago, we had to discontinue the recycle program with our blue cans. In order to help keep the costs down, we implemented a yard waste program. The blue can was used strictly for green yard waste only and was taken to our landfill. Unfortunately, this did not work as some people were putting regular household garbage in the blue can. When they were emptied at the landfill, our employees were having to sort through the garbage and separate it. Along with many, many safety concerns for our employees, our landfill is not permitted to have household waste, only green waste. We were being put in the position of possibly losing our permit with the State to keep our green waste landfill. We didn't and do not want that to happen.

NEW RATES

So beginning May 1, 2023, the blue cans will become regular garbage cans and will be **\$19.50 per month for the first can. Each additional can will be \$16.50.**

HOW TO DISCONTINUE A BLACK OR BLUE CAN

If you would like to turn in any of your cans, you can call the city office at 801-731-4908, and we will schedule a time to have your can picked up. **Please note that it will need to be empty and rinsed out.**

There have been some questions about residential areas having their own dumpster. City Code requires each residential house to be billed the monthly garbage rate.

BLACK AND BLUE CANS ARE BOTH FOR GARBAGE

To reiterate, beginning May 1, 2023, black and blue cans will be billed **\$19.50 per month. Each additional can will be \$16.50.** It won't matter if you have a blue or black can. Both will be used for household garbage collection. If you choose to have any cans picked up, please contact the city office at 801-731-4908.

We apologize for the increase and deeply understand the effects that this causes. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any one of us.

Respectfully,

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