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Fees to Dispose Garbage at Territory's Landfills Set to Increase on Jan. 1, 2023

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The V.I. Waste Management Authority announced Monday an increase of the commercial tipping fee to \$3.75/cubic yard beginning January 1, 2023. This means if you have a 20-yard bin, the cost for this bin will $\$3.50 \times 20$, which is \$75.

WMA Executive Director said in December last year that tipping fees allows haulers to better charge customers. "In that way the haulers and other waste management providers will be able to tell what the fee will be upfront," he explained during a town hall meeting which was attended by members of the community, including haulers.

Tipping fees started in January 2022 and will increase for five consecutive years through 2026 by \$1.25 each year.

Solid Waste tipping fees are mandated by the V.I. Public Services Commission and are assessed at solid waste facilities around the world to recover the cost of managing solid waste processing and disposal sites, Waste Management said.

The WMA tipping fees are used to help pay for the cost of waste disposal (i.e., operations, equipment purchases, environmental monitoring costs, etc.), according to Waste Management.

Tipping fees are assessed at three of the authority's disposal facilities: the Anguilla Landfill on St. Croix, the Bovoni Landfill on St. Thomas, and the Susannaberg Transfer Station on St. John.

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