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Re: 2027 LCSWMA Pricing Adjustments

Dear Valued Municipal Partners,

Effective January 1, 2027, the Lancaster County Solid Waste Management Authority will implement a price adjustment for our services. We will finalize the estimated rate adjustments following approval by our Board of Directors in November and publication of applicable CPI rates.

These adjustments are necessary to cover rising operational costs, environmental and safety upgrades, and investments in sustainable practices.

What are the drivers behind LCSWMA's rate adjustments?

- **Our business is highly capital intensive**, with projected capital investment of $32M 2026 and $36M slated for 2027, which is far greater than previous 5-year averages.
- **Our business carries a high fixed cost burden,** with 85% of our annual expenses falling under fixed costs, which continue to compound each year with CPI.
- **Our business is highly regulated**, with continual demands to increase environmental performance, improve safety and reduce risk, and maintain insurability and compliance.

We understand that any price increase can be challenging, and we appreciate your understanding and continued support. We have included additional information to help you answer any questions you may receive from residents and/or customers.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your customer service representative, call our office at (717) 397-9968, or visit our website at www.LCSWMA.org. Thank you for being a valued part of our community.

Best Regards,

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2027 Proposed Rate Adjustments

LANCASTER COUNTY: TRANSFER STATION, WASTE-TO-ENERGY, LANDFILL

Type	Adjustment
Refuse / MSW	$100 to $105 per ton
Construction Demolition Waste (C/D)	$86 to $91 per ton
Transfer fee	$15 to $16 (for refuse and C/D delivered to the transfer station)

* All other rates and fees not listed in the adjustments above will remain consistent with the 2026 Rate Schedules.

What do rate adjustments mean to households in our community?

- **The average household generates approximately 0.8 tons of waste each year.** Translating that into the rate increases proposed for 2027 yields the following impact to households:
    - **Lancaster County:** An increase of +$5.00 on the refuse rate means each household in Lancaster County will realize approximately $4.00 of additional cost (full year impact) for LCSWMA's services in their waste bill in 2027.