

# SOUTH CAROLINA LOCAL GOVERNMENT RATE SURVEYS



## *An Analysis of Sanitation Services and Fees – 2006*

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## Introduction

The enactment of user fees is a subject municipal managers/administrators, department directors, and elected officials often contemplate. Specific questions involved in this policy and management discussion typically include:

- Should the city charge user fees, or use property tax revenue to cover the cost for service?
- Are the city's fees reasonable for the services provided?
- How do the city's fees compare to the fees of other municipalities?

A core purpose of the University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of state and local government management and leadership. In fulfilling this mission, the Institute has begun the South Carolina Local Government Rate Surveys. The purpose of these surveys is to collect relevant and timely information on local government fees and to serve as a repository of information. The ultimate goal of South Carolina Local Government Rate Surveys is to help inform the decision-making process for local government councils and staffs.

## Methodology

The University of South Carolina's Institute for Public Service and Policy Research developed the sanitation survey instrument based on staff's experience with the solid waste analysis of the South Carolina Municipal Benchmarking Project. A copy of the survey is located in the appendix. The survey was e-mailed to 67 South Carolina City and County Management Association municipal members in February 2006. A total of forty-nine surveys were returned, yielding a 73.1% response rate. Institute staff made follow-up contact with several respondents to obtain necessary information to standardize rates and collection information.

## Report Format

The body of this report contains an analysis of the sanitation rate survey results. This analysis does not include information on the costs associated with service delivery. The purpose is to show the sanitation rates charged by South Carolina cities and towns. Specific information on each type of sanitation collection service as reported by the municipalities can be found in the appendix. The survey responses have been grouped according to the following population categories: 5,000 or less; 5,001 – 10,000; 10,001 – 25,000; and 25,000 and above. Where applicable, the South Carolina results are compared to North Carolina information as gathered by the North Carolina League of Municipalities in the 2005 North Carolina League of Municipalities Solid Waste Practices and Finances Survey<sup>1</sup>. Due to rounding, some of the percentages displayed on the graphs may not total 100%.

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<sup>1</sup> Mandell, Lee M., Franklin, Owen and Mount, Benjamin. *What Are We Doing With Garbage – 2005? Results of the 2005 NCLM Solid Waste Practices and Finances Survey of North Carolina Municipalities*. Raleigh: North Carolina League of Municipalities (December 2005).

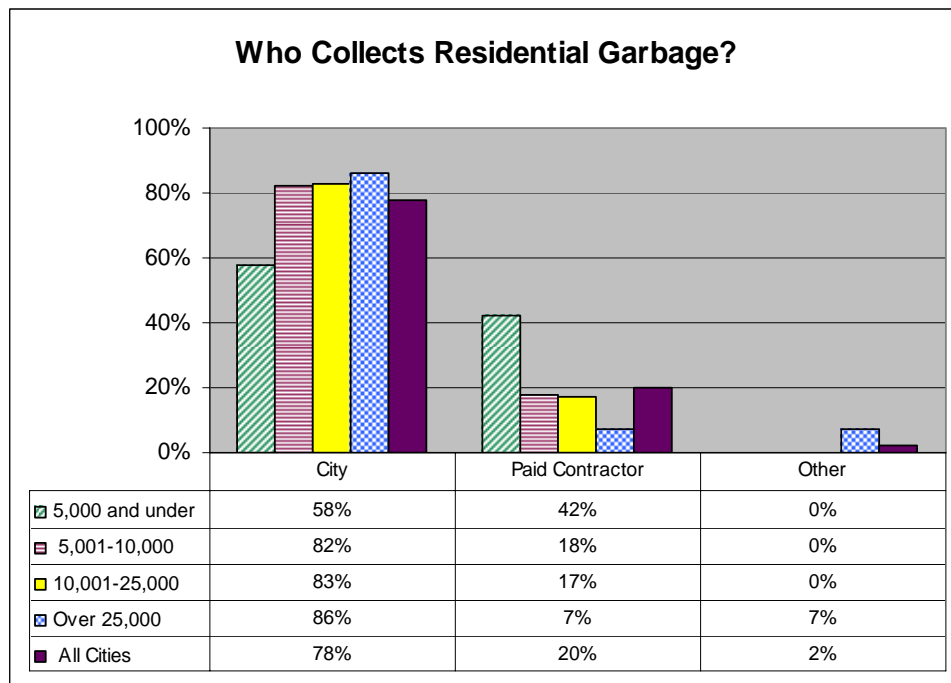
## Profile of Responding Cities

Population Groups	Number of Cities in Population Group	As a Percent of All Respondents	As a Percent of All Cities in SC in Population Category
Less than 5,000	12	24%	5.7%
5,001-10,000	11	23%	44.0%
10,001-25,000	12	24%	63.2%
25,001 and over	14	29%	93.3%

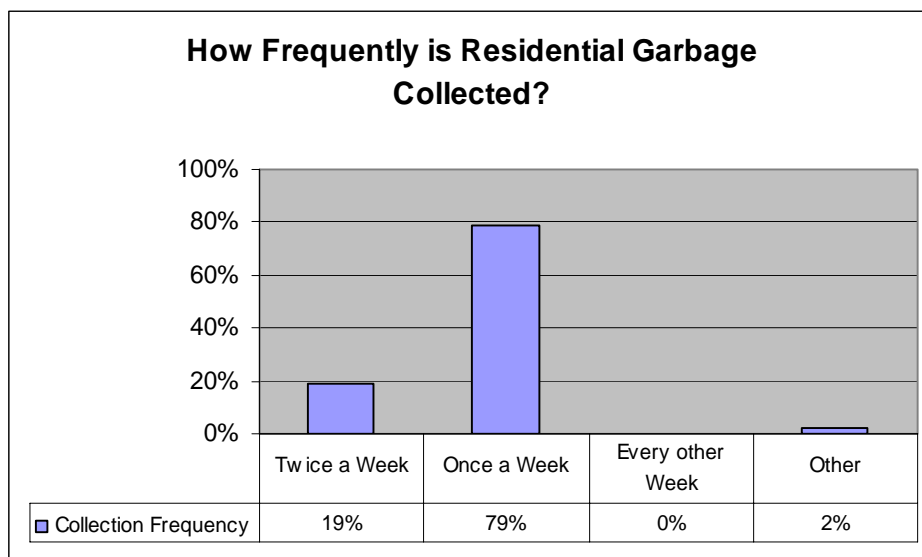
Many of the 210 municipalities with a population of 5,000 or less provide few or no municipal services and were not sent a survey. Of these 210 municipalities, 120 have a population less than a 1,000. Of the cities in this category that have a population over 1,000, 13.3% responded to the survey. The number of respondents may vary from one survey item to another depending on the services provided by a particular municipality. In cases where the number of respondents in a population group is less than in the information reported above, that number is included on the graph.

## Residential Garbage Collection

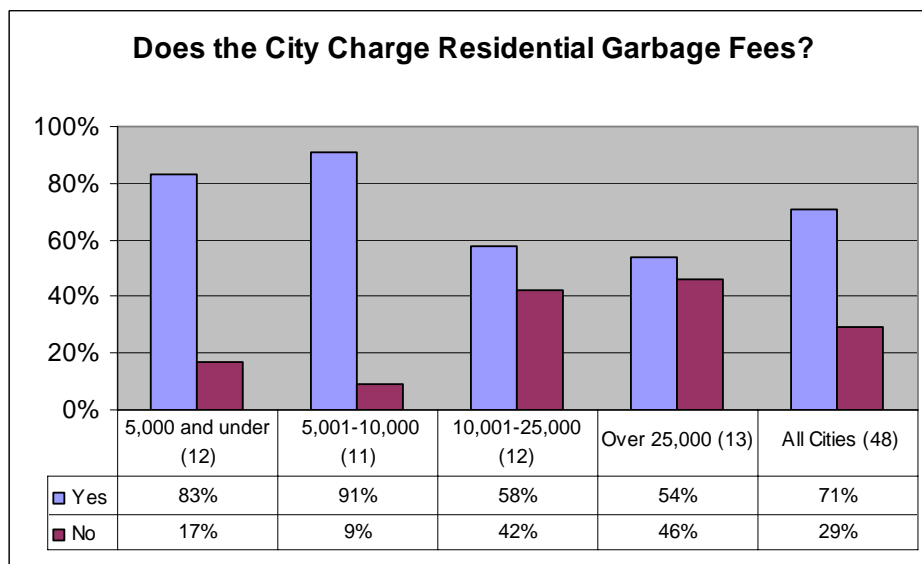
Residential garbage is the most common sanitation service provided by municipalities. Ninety-eight percent of the survey respondents provide this service to citizens either by city crews or city-paid contractors. The “Other” category on the following graph refers to cities where residents arrange for their own sanitation services.



In this survey, a higher percentage of cities in South Carolina (78%) use city crews to collect residential garbage than do cities in the North Carolina survey (41%).



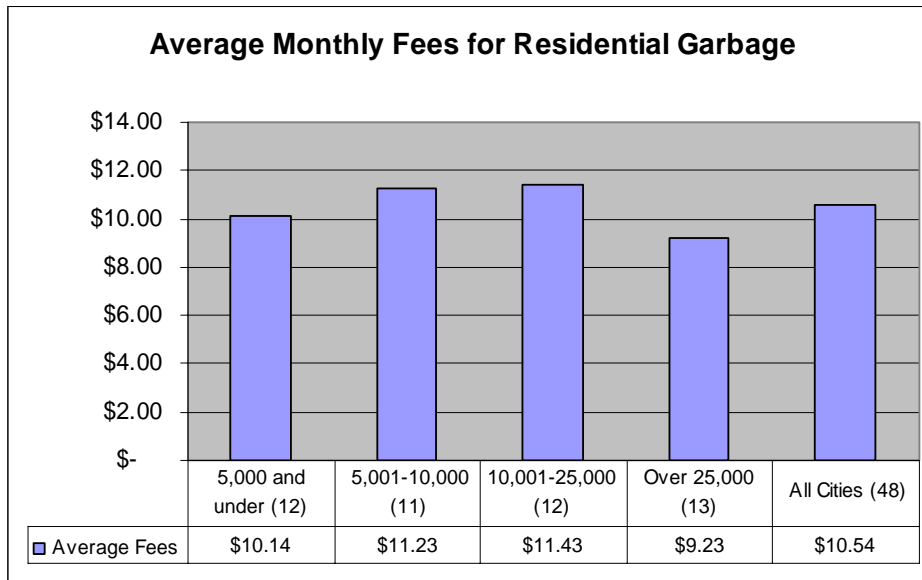
The most common collection frequency for residential garbage is weekly. These results are similar to the North Carolina results where 81% of responding cities collect weekly, 15% collect twice a week, and 4% collect on an “Other” basis. In South Carolina, residents in the one city that responded “Other” to collection frequency can choose how often garbage is collected, and the fees are based on the number of weekly pick-ups.



Sanitation fees are one of the most common user fees charged to residents by municipalities; 71% of the responding cities charge a fee for residential garbage collection<sup>2</sup>. Twenty-nine percent rely on property taxes or impact fees to fund this service. In North Carolina, 67% of the

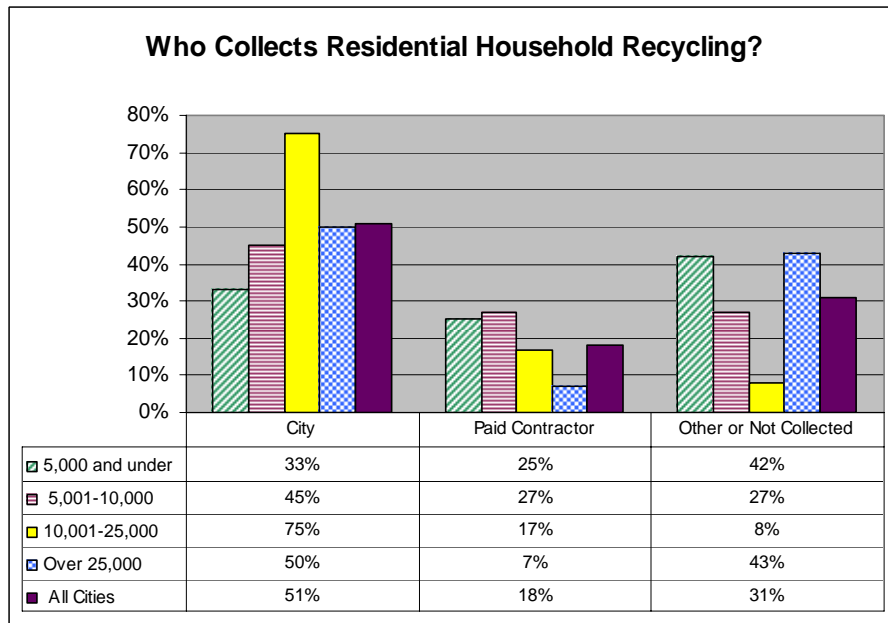
<sup>2</sup> The City of Goose Creek assesses an annual sanitation tax instead of a monthly sanitation fee. The City’s sanitation tax has been calculated as a monthly sanitation fee for this analysis.

responding cities charge a user fee. Cities under 10,000 are more likely to charge fees for residential garbage collection than larger cities.

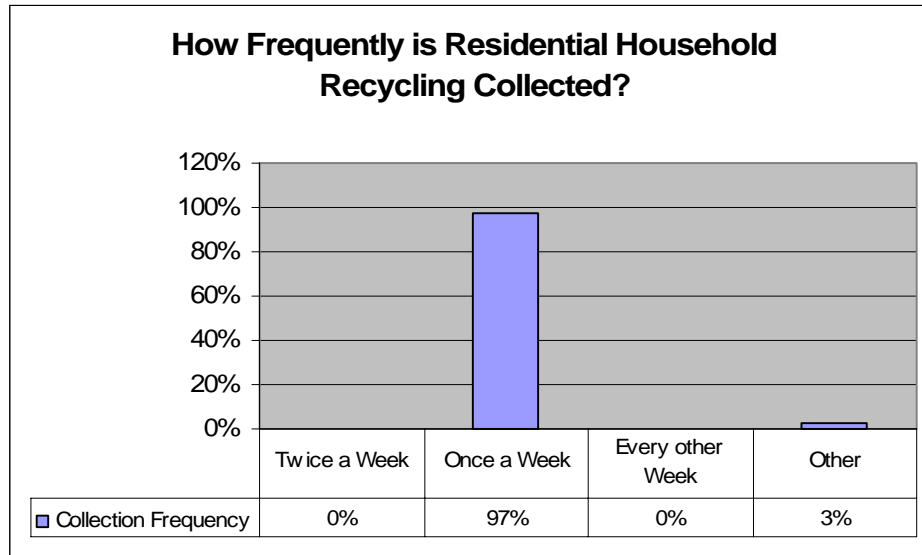


The average monthly fee for residential garbage collection for all respondents was \$10.54. This is similar to the North Carolina survey respondents where the average monthly fee was \$9.99. Some South Carolina cities charge a nominal fee to help offset disposal or other sanitation costs. These fees have been included in the averages, and therefore the average monthly fee reported is artificially low. The category of cities over 25,000 is most impacted by this practice. Fees in this category range from \$2.50 to \$16.47 per month. Please refer to the appendix for more details.

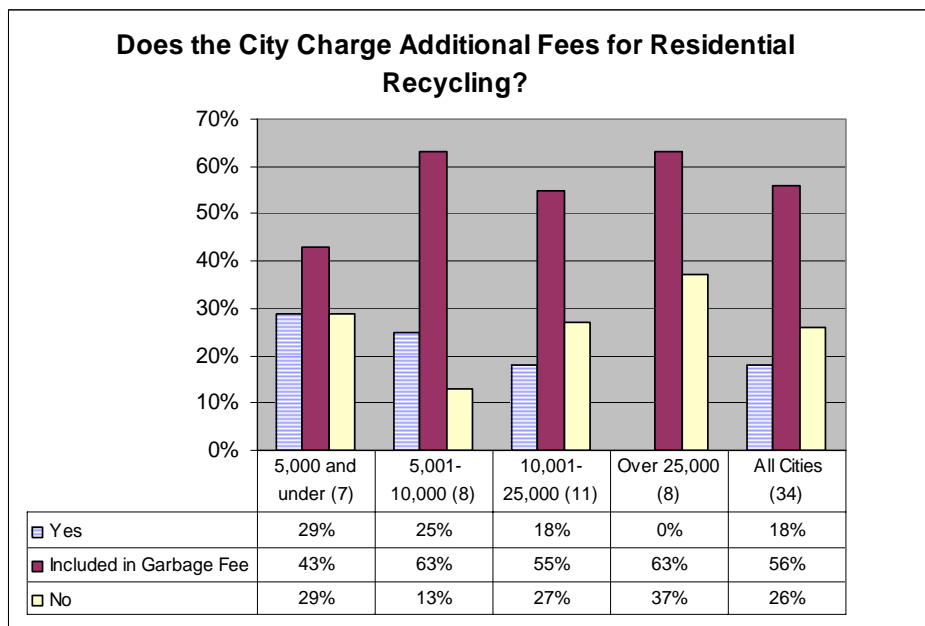
**Residential Recycling Collection**



The “Other or Not Collected” category includes cities in which residents make their own arrangements for collecting recyclables, another jurisdiction collects recyclables, residents take recyclables to a drop-off site, or recyclables are not collected. For cities that have a recycling program, smaller cities are more likely to contract out residential recycling collection than larger cities. These results are similar to those found in the North Carolina survey.



In those cities responding to the sanitation fee survey, a vast majority provide recyclable collection on a weekly basis. The North Carolina survey reports a weekly collection frequency of 67% for the cities collecting recyclables, while 28% of the cities collect every other week or twice a month.

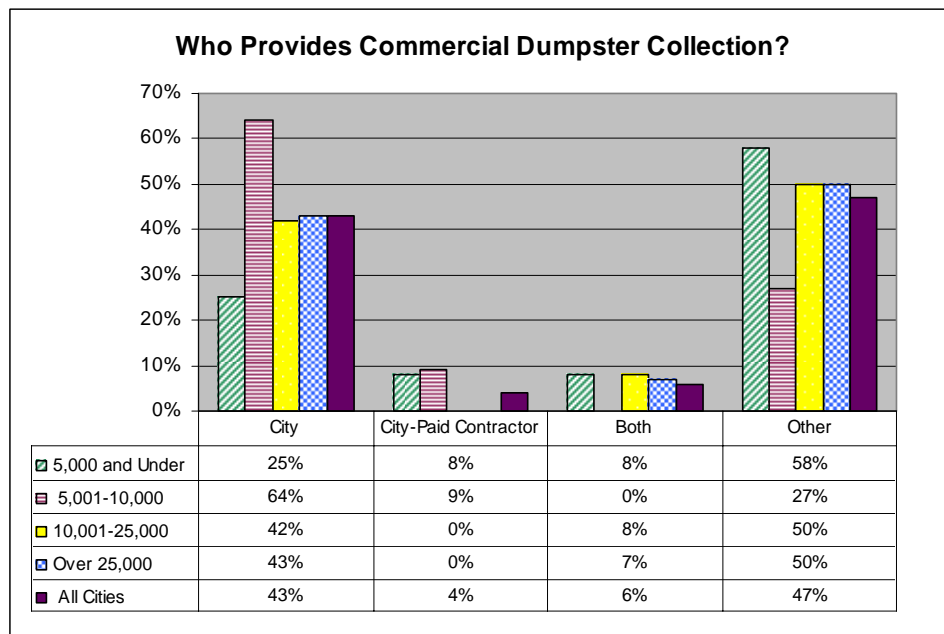




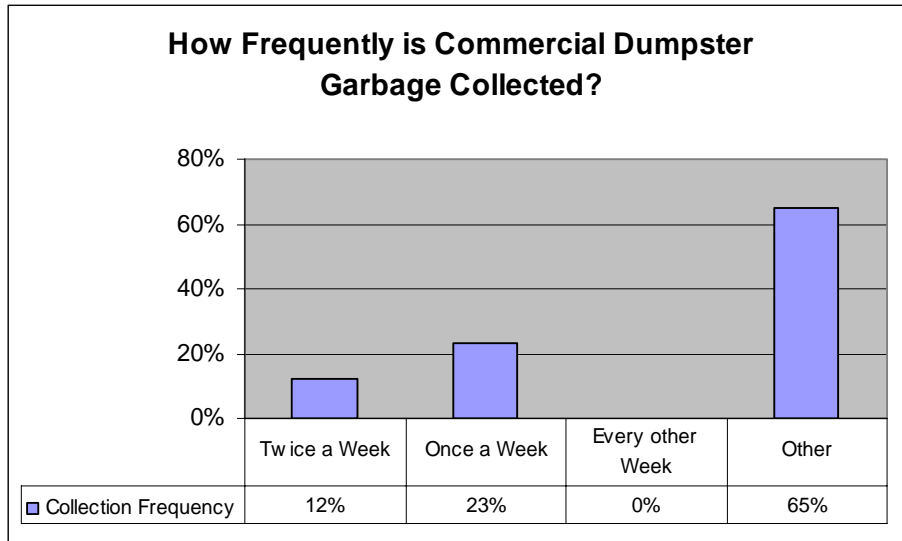
A majority of the responding South Carolina cities that have a recycling program include the service in the residential garbage fees, unlike North Carolina cities where 55% charge additional fees for recycling. For the South Carolina cities that do charge additional fees, the average fee is \$3.65 per month, compared to \$3.67 reported in the North Carolina survey report.

### Commercial Dumpster Collection

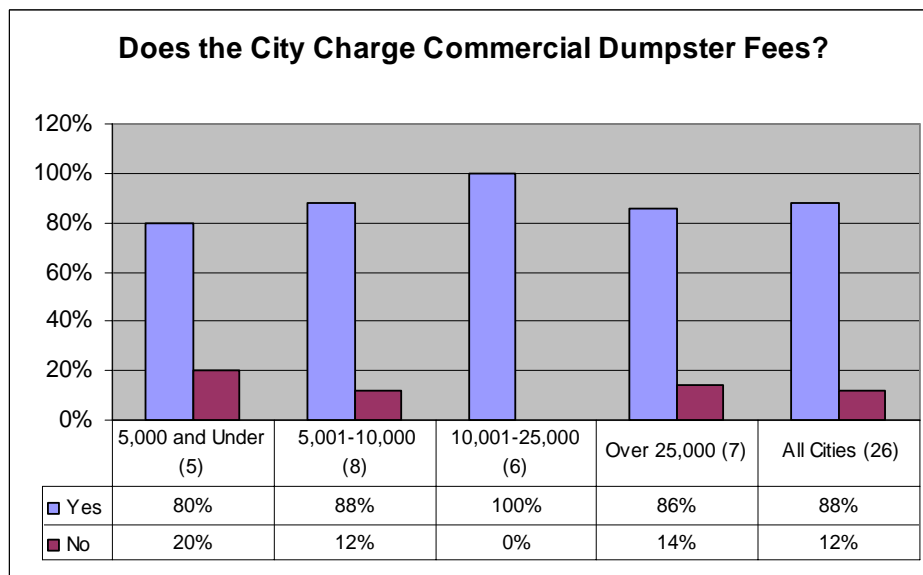
Of the collection services included in this sanitation fee survey, commercial sanitation varies the most in terms of frequency and collection method. Commercial collection is defined as garbage generated by businesses and collected from dumpsters. The cities that collect commercial garbage from roll carts are included in the “Other” category. Cities in which businesses arrange their own sanitation services with private contractors are also included in this category.



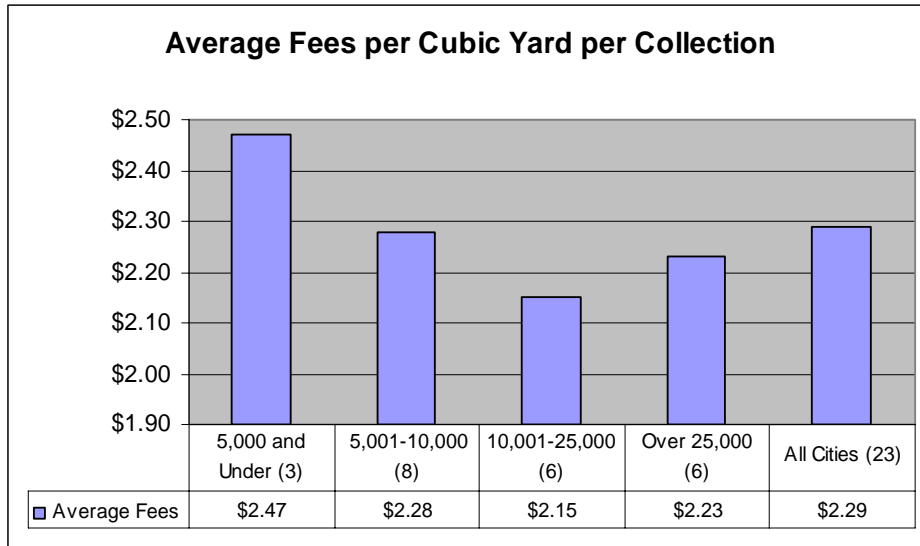
In several of the cities where both city crews and private contractors provide commercial dumpster collection, businesses have their choice of who provides the service.



For cities in the “Other” category, most businesses have their choice of collection frequency based on dumpster size and need.

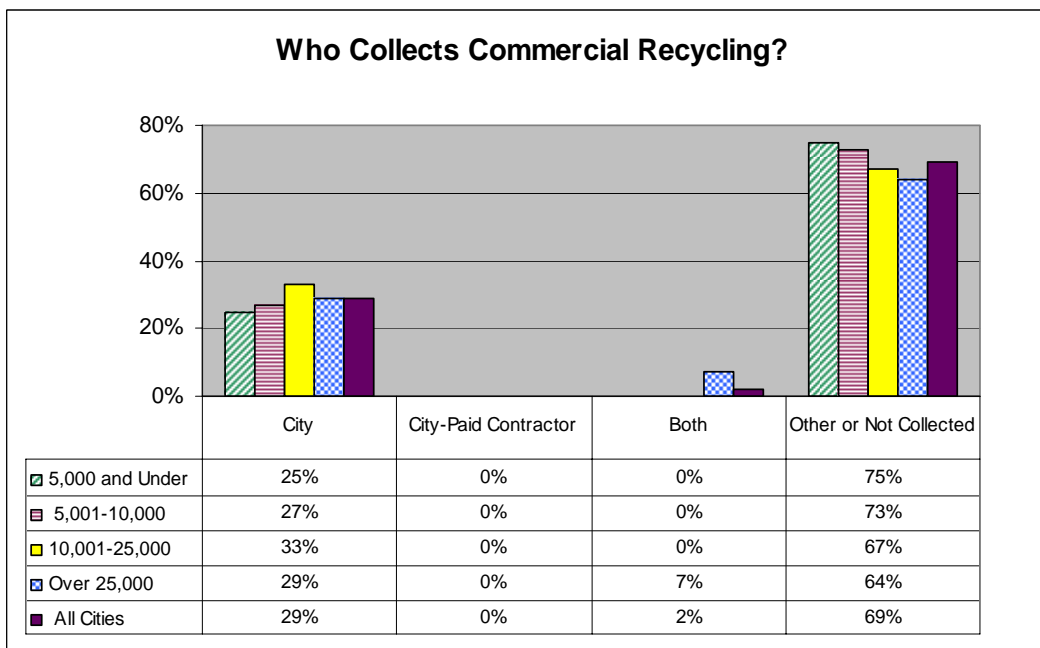


In cities that responded “No” to charging commercial dumpster fees, the service is funded through property taxes. Cities charge fees more often for commercial dumpster service than any other sanitation service.

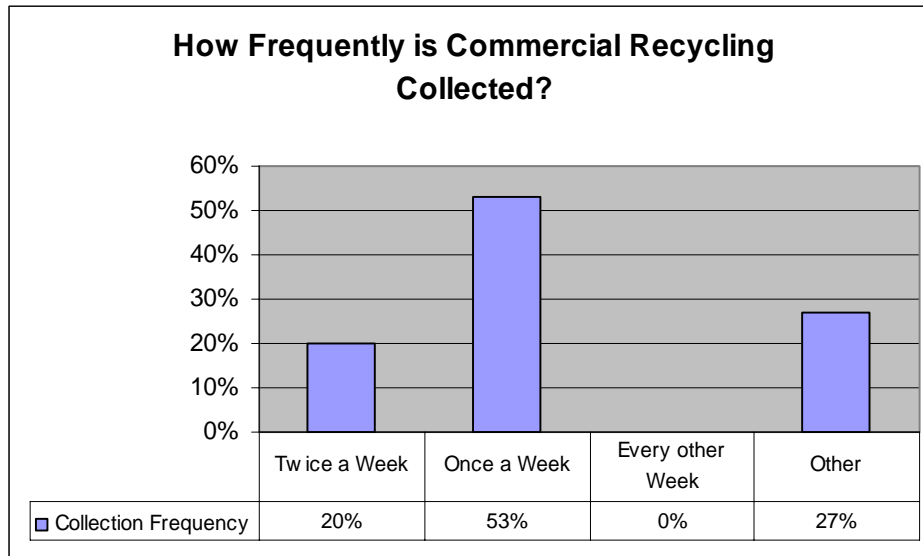


Survey respondents reported commercial garbage fees in various formats. In order to make fee comparisons easier, Institute staff standardized fees using the common denominator of “per cubic yard per collection.” Generally, a per cubic yard per collection charge is lower for more frequent collections and larger dumpsters. Columbia (\$.78) and Florence (\$1.24) charge nominal fees to help off-set commercial collection costs, in addition to using tax revenues to fund the service. These fees are included in the average. Fees in other cities range from \$1.35 to \$4.04 per cubic yard per collection. See the appendix for more details.

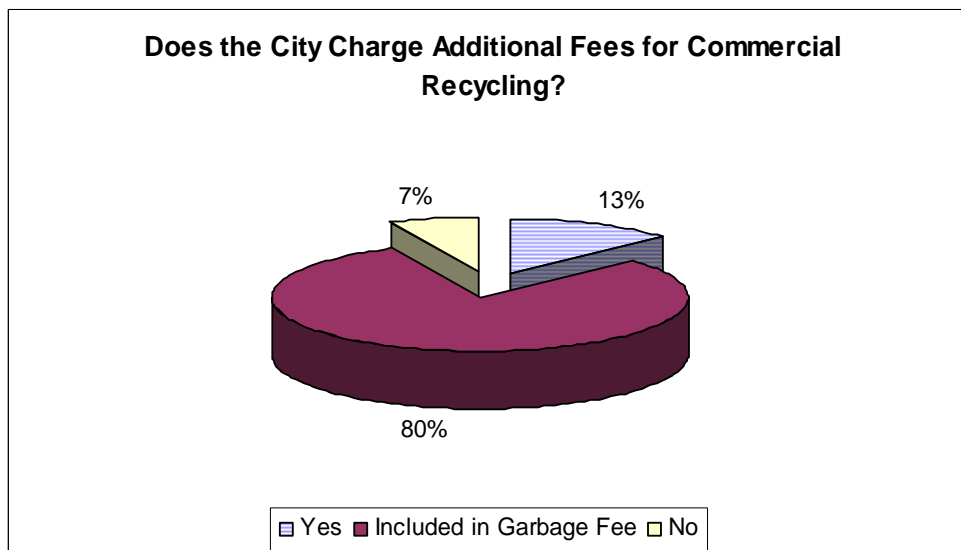
## Commercial Recycling Collection



Of the services included in the survey, commercial recycling is provided less often than any other service. Only 15 of the 49 respondents collect commercial recycling. In Rock Hill, where both city crews and private contractors provide commercial recycling collection, businesses have their choice of who provides the service.



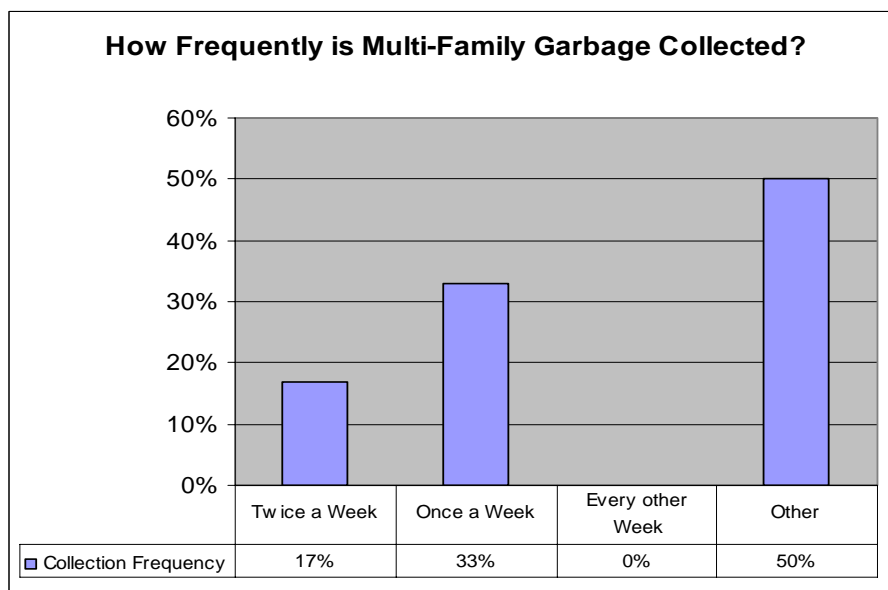
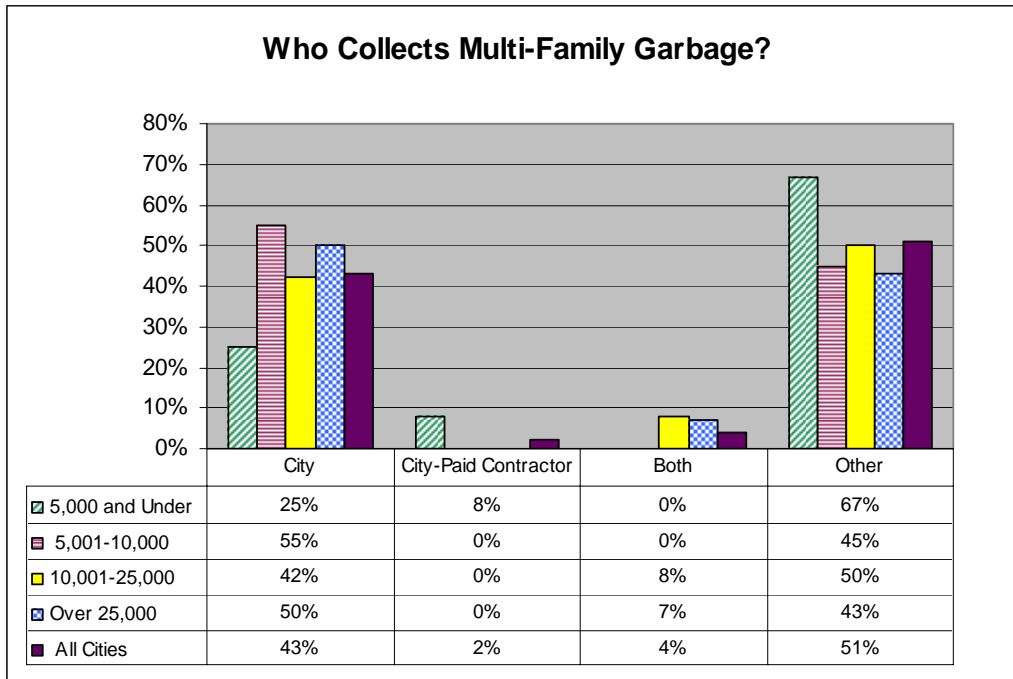
In the cities that provide commercial recycling collection, the majority collect weekly.

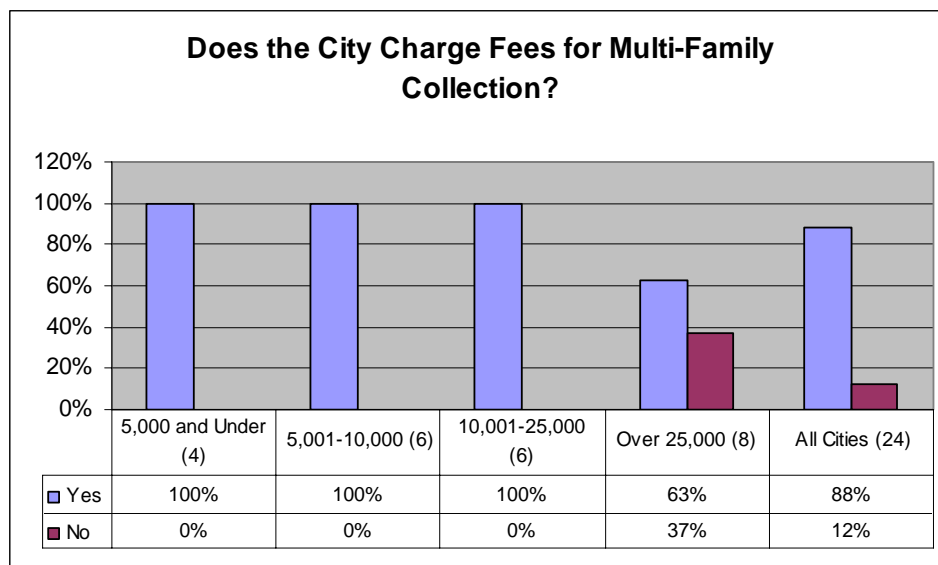


Two of the cities collecting commercial recycling charge additional fees for that service. Aiken charges \$.73 per cubic yard and Rock Hill charges \$30.00 per month.

## Multi-Family Collection

In some cities, multi-family locations (condominiums, apartments, mobile home parks) use dumpsters and are considered commercial accounts, while in other cities residential roll carts are used and are emptied as part of the residential garbage routes. More than half of the multi-family locations in the responding cities make their own arrangements for sanitation services. In North Myrtle Beach and Rock Hill, where both city crews and private contractors provide multi-family collection, each location has its choice of who provides the service.





Cities that do charge fees for multi-family collection do so in one of two ways: per cubic yard for dumpster collection, or per month for roll cart collection. For the cities charging per cubic yard, the average fee is \$2.24. The average fee is \$13.63 in the cities that charge per month. Please see the appendix for additional fee information.

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**SURVEY OF SANITATION FEES**

The Institute for Public Service and Policy Research at the University of South Carolina is gathering information on residential and commercial garbage collection fees charged by municipalities. If your organization does not charge user fees, please check the box on the second page of this survey and provide a brief description of your funding method(s) for these services. Please return your completed survey **by March 1<sup>st</sup>** to Anna Berger via e-mail at [aberger@sc.edu](mailto:aberger@sc.edu) or by fax at (803) 777-0298. You will receive a copy of the compiled results by the end of March. Please contact Anna Berger at (803) 777-3455, if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your participation.

City Name:		Number of Residential Collection Points/Customers:	
City Population:		Number of Commercial Dumpster Collection Points/Customers:	
		Number of Multi-Family Dumpster Collection Points/Customers:	

Sanitation Service	Collection Provided by:	Customer Collection Frequency	Fees
Residential Garbage Collection*	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____
Residential Recycling Collection**	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____
Commercial Dumpster Collection	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____
Multi-Family Dumpster Collection (Apartments, etc.)	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____
Commercial Recycling	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____
Other	City Crews Private Contractor	Twice a week Weekly Every other week Other _____	\$_____ per _____

\*Residential garbage refers to household generated waste.  
 \*\*Residential recycling refers to household generated recyclables.

City does not charge garbage fees. Please provide a brief description of your funding method below.

Please provide any additional explanatory information regarding your responses below.

Who may we contact if we have additional questions?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION!**



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## APPENDIX

### *RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION –*

City	City Population (as reported by city)	Number of Residential Collection Points	Who Collects?	Collection Frequency	Does the City charge garbage fees?	Fees	Additional Information/Explanation
Abbeville	6,000	3,420	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$8.50 per month	
Aiken	29,000	10,000	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$12.50 per month	The \$12.50 user fee does not completely fund the solid waste operation. The difference is made up from the general fund. Break even would be approximately \$16.00/month. This service also includes yard trash collection in addition to garbage and recycling.
Anderson	25,715	10,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		General funds collected from taxes.
Andrews	3,129	920	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$10 per month	Residential Garbage Collection is \$15 per month outside the town. Of the 920 collection points, 57 are outside of the city limits.
Beaufort	12,950	4,700	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$10 per month	The City of Beaufort has curbside garbage collection which is \$10.00 a month. Residents are required to place household garbage in plastic bags out at the front curbside for pick up. The City also offers a backyard garbage collection service which is \$20.00 a month. Residents are allowed a 32 gallon can in the backyard of the home.
Bennettsville	9,425	3,311	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$12 per month	
Bluffton	4,875	2,737	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		Property Taxes
Camden	6,686	2,806	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$17 per month	
Cayce	12,150	4,500	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$6 per month	
Central	4,500	1,488	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$7 per month	

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Charleston	110,423	39,911	City Crews	Weekly	No		All operating expenses associated with garbage collection are provided for by the City's general fund. The City does not charge a per household fee for garbage collection. Revenues for operating expenses are generated from various sources such as property taxes, business license fees, etc.
Cheraw	6,000	2,269	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$9.88 per month	
Chesnee	1,100	467	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$12 per month	
Chesterfield	1,374	650	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$14 per month	
Clemson	11,939	4,239	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$8 per month	Residential Garbage - \$8 month includes: recycling, leaf, brush, and junk pickup
Clinton	8,545	4,000	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$9.50 per month	
Columbia	118,000	35,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		100% Tax Base
Conway	14,500	600	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$18 per month	
Easley	17,500	8,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Florence	32,000	12,000	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$2.90 per roll cart	Fees charged are only a pass through cost equal to the City's cost for garbage disposal (tipping fees). Collection costs are funded by general fund taxes.
Forest Acres	10,500	4,800	City Crews	Weekly	No		The City of Forest Acres collects revenue to fund sanitation services through property tax millage.
Fort Mill	9,000	3,000	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$9.75 per month	
Georgetown	8,950	3,100	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$17.50 per month	

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Goose Creek	29,063	8,807	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$6.25 per month	The City of Goose Creek assesses each home owner a \$75 annual sanitation tax.
Greenville	56,002	17,000	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$2.5 per month	The City's trash fee is collected through the Greenville Water System's quarterly water bill. The Trash Fee is \$2.50 per month which generates approximately \$500,000 per year in revenue. The remainder of the solid waste budget is funded through property taxes in the general fund.
Greer	19,989	7,600	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		The contractor charges the City \$7.35 per month for the service.
Hanahan	12,937	4,925	City Crews	Weekly	No		The City of Hanahan includes the cost of operation the garbage collection system in their annual budget process. The cost of operating the department is considered like all other departments, i.e. Administration, Recreation, Fire, and Police. Revenues for operation for overall budget come from property taxes, as well as other sources of income.
Hilton Head Island	38,000						
Irmo	12,000	4,000	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$11 per month	Garbage Fees are included on the annual tax bills for residential property owners. The contractor charges \$11 per month.
Kiawah Island	1,200	2,023	Private Contractor	Other	Yes	\$7.94 per month	The Town charges property owners a fee for services. However, the fees do not cover the contract costs. For the last few years, the Town has subsidized to costs of the solid waste collection program from the General Fund. The Town also offers yard debris collection services, weekly, at a contract cost of \$6.50/mo for improved properties and \$3.25/mo for unimproved properties, i.e. vacant lots.

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Mount Pleasant	59,104	24,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		The Town of Mount Pleasant does not charge a garbage user fee and the cost is funded from General Fund monies. We do however charge a one time impact assessment fee which is used for the purchase of capital equipment required to service new growth and that amount is \$114 per single family dwelling. We do take our garbage to Charleston County for disposal and Charleston County does assess all residence \$89 annual fee, which is added to the County property tax bill.
Myrtle Beach	80,000	8,600	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$17 per month	
North Augusta	18,600	7,600	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$15 per month	Residential collection also includes yard trash, scrap metal and bulk-waste collection. Sanitation fees also fund Animal Control and Street Sweeping. The City offers yard waste roll carts as an optional service.
North Charleston	82,000	29,600	City Crews	Weekly	No		Services provided through taxes collected.
North Myrtle Beach	14,000	10,000	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$12 per month	All services included in one monthly fee. Residential bag service 2/week for \$12/month. Residential cart service 1/week for \$15/month. Other includes yard waste, white goods, furniture, etc.
Pageland	2,521	1,096	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$12 per month	
Pickens	3,000	1,098	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$4 per month	
Port Royal	3,950	1,400	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$12.50 per month	
Rock Hill	60,000	1600 residential and 336 commercial using carts	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$16.47 per month	

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Springdale	2,877	1,000	City Crews	Twice a week	No		Financed through property tax revenues.
Summerville	35,000	12,600	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$7 per month	
Sumter	40,399	13,849	City Crews	Weekly	No		All residential services are funded from the City of Sumter general funds.
Surfside Beach	4,725	2,926	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$12 per month	
Tega Cay	6,000	3,000	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		Garbage Fees are paid through property taxes, no additional user fees are charged.
West Columbia	14,000	6,500	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Woodruff	4,229	1,650	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$10 per month	
York	7,500	2,800	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$12.14 per month	

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### *RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION –*

City	City Population (as reported by city)	Number of Residential Collection Points	Who Collects?	Collection Frequency	Additional Fees Charged for this Service?	Fees	Additional Information/ Explanation
Abbeville	6,000	3,420	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$8.50 per month	
Aiken	29,000	10,000	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		The \$12.50 residential garbage fee includes yard trash collection in addition to garbage and recycling.
Anderson	25,715	10,000	City Crews	Other	No		General funds collected from taxes.
Andrews	3,129	920					
Beaufort	12,950	4,700	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$2.50 per month	
Bennettsville	9,425	3,311					The City has 2 unmanned recycling drop-off sites for residents wishing to recycle. The material from the sites is removed daily and the cost of this service is included as part of the \$12 per month Public Works fee.
Bluffton	4,875	2,737	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		Funded through property taxes
Camden	6,686	2,806	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included in \$17 per month residential garbage fee.
Cayce	12,150	4,500	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Central	4,500	1,488	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Charleston	110,423	39,911					Residential and Commercial recycling programs are operated by Charleston County.
Cheraw	6,000	2,269	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$3.02 per month	
Chesnee	1,100	467					
Chesterfield	1,374	650					



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Clemson	11,939	4,239	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Residential Garbage - \$8 month includes: recycling, leaf, brush, and junk pickup
Clinton	8,545	4,000					
Columbia	118,000	35,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		100% Tax Base
Conway	14,500	600	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Easley	17,500	8,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Florence	32,000	12,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Forest Acres	10,500	4,800	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Fort Mill	9,000	3,000	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included in \$9.75 per month garbage fee.
Georgetown	8,950	3,100	Private Contractor	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Goose Creek	29,063	8,807					
Greenville	56,002	17,000	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included in \$2.5 per month garbage fee.
Greer	19,989	7,600	Private Contractor	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Hanahan	12,937	4,925					
Hilton Head Island	38,000						
Irmo	12,000	4,000	Private Contractor	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included in \$11 per month garbage fee.
Kiawah Island	1,200	2,023	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$3.17 per month	The Town charges property owners a fee for services. However, the fees do not cover the contract costs. For the last few years, the Town has subsidized to costs of the solid waste collection program from the General Fund.

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Mount Pleasant	59,104	24,000					
Myrtle Beach	80,000	8,600	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
North Augusta	18,600	7,600	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$2.25 per month	
North Charleston	82,000	29,600					
North Myrtle Beach	14,000	10,000	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		All services included in one monthly fee.
Pageland	2,521	1,096					
Pickens	3,000	1,098	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Port Royal	3,950	1,400	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$2.48 per month	
Rock Hill	60,000	1600 residential and 336 commercial using carts	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		
Seneca	8,000	3,648	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included with garbage fee \$11.50 per month
Springdale	2,877	1,000	City Crews	Weekly	No		Financed through property tax revenues.
Summerville	35,000	12,600	Private Contractor	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		Included in \$84 annual fee for residential garbage.
Sumter	40,399	13,849					
Surfside Beach	4,725	2,926	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		

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Tega Cay	6,000	3,000	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		Garbage fees are paid through property taxes, no additional user fees are charged.
Walterboro	5,153	1,689					
West Columbia	14,000	6,500	City Crews	Weekly	No		
Woodruff	4,229	1,650					
York	7,500	2,800	City Crews	Weekly	Included in Garbage Fee		

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### COMMERCIAL DUMPSTER COLLECTION –

City	City Population (as reported by city)	Number of Commercial Dumpster Collection Points	Who Collects?	Collection Frequency	Does the City Charge Fees for this Service?	Standardized Fees (per cubic yard)	Additional Information and Explanations
Abbeville	6,000	325	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$1.82 per cubic yard	
Aiken	29,000	510	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.00 per cubic yard	
Anderson	25,715						
Andrews	3,129						Commercial pick up is provided by a private company. City crews only handle roll out carts.
Beaufort	12,950						City does not have any commercial dumpsters. The commercial pick up fees vary according to volume. They start at \$27.00 a month for a two day pick up and can go up to several hundred dollars.
Bennettsville	9,425	432	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$3.12 per cubic yard	Commercial and multi-family dumpster accounts are emptied 1, 2, or 3 times per week depending on their needs. They are charged a fee of \$13.5 per cubic yd per month times the number of dumps each week. Example: An apartment or commercial account with an eight cubic yd dumpster emptied once per week would be \$108 per month, \$216 for twice, and \$324 for three times per week.
Bluffton	4,875						
Camden	6,686	618	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$1.74 per cubic yard	
Cayce	12,150	223	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$1.31 per cubic yard	
Central	4,500	147	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$1.35 per cubic yard	The City of Central charges the same rates for commercial pick-up regardless of dumpster size.
Charleston	110,423						The City collects commercial garbage in roll carts only. There are no dumpsters.
Cheraw	6,000						
Chesnee	1,100						
Chesterfield	1,374	45	Private Contractor	Weekly	Yes	\$3.58 per cubic yard	Commercial and Multi-Family prices range per size of dumpster.

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Clemson	11,939	176	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.00 per cubic yard	
Clinton	8,545						Fee for collection of commercial carts is \$18.50 per month.
Columbia	118,000	2,000	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$0.78 per cubic yard	Commercial rate charged only for disposal.
Conway	14,500	295	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.66 per cubic yard	
Easley	17,500						
Florence	32,000	800	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$1.24 per cubic yard	Commercial Dumpster: 1,2,or 3 times a week. Fees charged are only a pass through cost equal to the City's cost for garbage disposal (tipping fees). Collection costs are funded by general fund taxes.
Forest Acres	10,500						
Fort Mill	9,000						Multi-family and Commercial collection varies
Georgetown	8,950	125	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$4.00 per cubic yard	
Goose Creek	29,063						
Greenville	56,002						The City does not provide commercial dumpster service. However, the City does collect garbage from commercial roll carts. In the Central Business District the cost for commercial roll cart collection (recycling included) is \$7.50 per month.
Greer	19,989						City does not provide any commercial sanitation. A handful of commercial services were grandfathered by the City last year, but discontinued all of them effective July 1, 2005.
Hanahan	12,937						
Hilton Head Island	38,000						

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Irmo	12,000						The Town does not have any involvement with commercial collections. Each business owner contracts separately for commercial collections.
Kiawah Island	1,200						
Mount Pleasant	59,104						
Myrtle Beach	80,000	12	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$4.04 per cubic yard	
North Augusta	18,600	238	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.72 per cubic yard	Commercial roll-cart service also is available for \$15.00 per month per 100 gallons.
North Charleston	82,000	125	City Crews	Weekly	No		Services provided through taxes collected.
North Myrtle Beach	14,000	700	Both	Other	Yes	\$2.69 per cubic yard	Businesses have a choice between the City and a private contractor for commercial and multi-family dumpster collection.
Pageland	2,521	65	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.40 per cubic yard	
Pickens	3,000						Pickens collects commercial garbage by the bag. Therefore, the City's data are not included in the commercial dumpster section.
Port Royal	3,950						
Rock Hill	60,000	1,012	Both	Other	Yes	\$2.79 per cubic yard	Dumpster collection rates for garbage vary based on size of the container and the frequency of collections. The City charges \$60.00 per month for commercial recycling customers who do not contract with the City for commercial dumpster service.
Seneca	8,000	703	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$1.03 per cubic yard	We provide commercial roll cart recycling, cardboard dumpsters, and smaller volume pickup.
Springdale	2,877	15	Both	Twice a week	No		Financed through property tax revenues.

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Summerville	35,000						
Sumter	40,399	792	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.55 per cubic yard	Commercial garbage fees are as follows: 4 yd. dumpster @ \$52.50 per dump per week = monthly charge, 8 yd. @ \$80.18 per dump per week = monthly charge, 4 yd. extra dump = \$52.50 per dump, 8 yd. extra dump = 80.18 per dump. Roll cart services for businesses is \$5.95 per month for once a week pick up X number of carts. Cardboard collection is offered to our dumpster services at no charge up to twice a week. Businesses that do not have our dumpster services can purchase cardboard services for \$40.00 a month. Office paper recycling is offered to schools and businesses in the City of Sumter at no charge, if they generate a 90 gallon cart full or more every two weeks.
Surfside Beach	4,725	185	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$3.18 per cubic yard	
Tega Cay	6,000	3	Private Contractor	Weekly	No		
Walterboro	5,153	152	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$1.83 per cubic yard	
West Columbia	14,000	212	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$1.49 per cubic yard	
Woodruff	4,229						
York	7,500	450	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.43 per cubic yard	

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### COMMERCIAL RECYCLING COLLECTION –

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Abbeville	6,000	325	City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	
Aiken	29,000	510	City Crews	Weekly	\$.73 per cubic yd	Yes	
Anderson	25,715						
Andrews	3,129						
Beaufort	12,950						City does not have a commercial recycling program.
Bennettsville	9,425	432					Any commercial recycling is handled by private contractors.
Bluffton	4,875						
Camden	6,686	618					
Cayce	12,150	223					
Central	4,500	147	City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	
Charleston	110,423						Residential and Commercial recycling programs are operated by Charleston County
Cheraw	6,000						
Chesnee	1,100						
Chesterfield	1,374	45					
Clemson	11,939	176	City Crews	Twice a week		Included in commercial fee	
Clinton	8,545						
Columbia	118,000	2,000	City Crews	Other		No	



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Conway	14,500	295	City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	
Easley	17,500						
Florence	32,000	800					
Forest Acres	10,500						
Fort Mill	9,000						
Georgetown	8,950	125					
Goose Creek	29,063						
Greenville	56,002		City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	The City of Greenville collects commercial garbage and recycling in the Central Business District only for a fee of \$7.50 a month.
Greer	19,989						
Hanahan	12,937						
Hilton Head Island	38,000						
Irmo	12,000						The Town does not have any involvement with commercial collections. Each business owner contracts separately for commercial collections.
Kiawah Island	1,200						
Mount Pleasant	59,104						
Myrtle Beach	80,000	12					
North Augusta	18,600	238	City Crews	Other	Yes	Included in commercial fee	
North Charleston	82,000	125					

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North Myrtle Beach	14,000	700	City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	Businesses have a choice between the City and a private contractor for commercial and multi-family dumpster collection.
Pageland	2,521	65					
Pickens	3,000		City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	
Port Royal	3,950						
Rock Hill	60,000	1,012	3	Twice a week	\$30.00 per month	Yes	The City charges \$60.00 per month for commercial recycling customers who do not contract with the City for commercial dumpster service.
Seneca	8,000	703	City Crews	Other		Included in commercial fee	We provide commercial roll cart recycling, cardboard dumpsters, and smaller volume pickup.
Springdale	2,877	15					
Summerville	35,000						
Sumter	40,399	792	City Crews	Twice a week		Included in commercial fee	The City charges businesses that do not contract for dumpster service \$40 a month for commercial recycling. Cardboard collection is offered to our dumpster services at no charge up to twice a week. Businesses that do not have city dumpster services can purchase cardboard services for \$40.00 a month.
Surfside Beach	4,725	185	City Crews	Weekly		Included in commercial fee	
Tega Cay	6,000	3					
Walterboro	5,153	152					
West Columbia	14,000	212					
Woodruff	4,229						
York	7,500	450	City Crews	Other		Included in commercial fee	

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### *MULTI-FAMILY COLLECTION –*

City	City Population (as reported by city)	Number of Multi-Family Collection Points	Who Collects?	Collection Frequency	Does the City Charge Fees for this Service?	Fees	Additional Information/Explanation
Abbeville	6,000	8	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$1.82 per cubic yard	
Aiken	29,000	29	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.00 per cubic yard	
Anderson	25,715						
Andrews	3,129						
Beaufort	12,950						
Bennettsville	9,425	26	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$3.12 per cubic yard	Commercial and multi-family dumpster accounts are emptied 1, 2, or 3 times per week depending on their needs. They are charged a fee of \$13.5 per cubic yard per month times the number of dumps each week. Example: An apartment or commercial account with an eight cubic yd dumpster emptied once per week would be \$108 per month, \$216 for twice, and \$324 for three times per week.
Bluffton	4,875						
Camden	6,686	9	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$1.74 per cubic yard	
Cayce	12,150	14	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$80 per month	
Central	4,500	n/a	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$35 per month	
Charleston	110,423		City Crews	Other	No		Multi-family collections are considered residential. There are no multi-family dumpsters.
Cheraw	6,000						
Chesnee	1,100						
Chesterfield	1,374	3	Private Contractor	Twice a week	Yes	\$3.58 per cubic yard	Commercial and Multi-Family prices range per size of dumpster. The fee for roll carts at multi-family sites is \$17.00 per month.
Clemson	11,939	34	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$2.00 per cubic yard	
Clinton	8,545						

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Columbia	118,000		City Crews	Weekly	No		100% Tax Base, number of collection points unknown.
Conway	14,500	45	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$18 per unit	
Easley	17,500						
Florence	32,000		City Crews	Other	Yes	\$1.24 per cubic yard	Multi-family dumpsters are considered commercial accounts and are therefore included in the commercial collection point figure.
Forest Acres	10,500						
Fort Mill	9,000						
Georgetown	8,950	175	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$17.50 per month	
Goose Creek	29,063						
Greenville	56,002						
Greer	19,989						
Hanahan	12,937						
Hilton Head Island	38,000						
Irmo	12,000						
Kiawah Island	1,200						
Mount Pleasant	59,104						
Myrtle Beach	80,000	100	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$17 per month	
North Augusta	18,600	72	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$12 per month	
North Charleston	82,000	500	City Crews	Weekly	No		Services provided through taxes collected.
North Myrtle Beach	14,000	300	Both	Other	Yes	\$2.69 per cubic yard	Businesses have a choice between the City and a private contractor for commercial and multi-family dumpster collection.

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Pageland	2,521	3	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$12.00 per residence	
Pickens	3,000	5	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$4.00 per residence	
Port Royal	3,950						
Rock Hill	60,000	93	Both	Other	Yes	\$2.79 per cubic yard	Dumpster collection rates for garbage vary based on size of the container and the frequency of collections.
Seneca	8,000	32	City Crews	Weekly	Yes	\$11.50 per month	
Springdale	2,877						
Summerville	35,000						
Sumter	40,399	36	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.55 per cubic yard	
Surfside Beach	4,725						
Tega Cay	6,000						
Walterboro	5,153						
West Columbia	14,000	20	City Crews	Twice a week	Yes	\$1.49 per cubic yard	Multi-family customers include mobile home parks.
Woodruff	4,229						
York	7,500	45	City Crews	Other	Yes	\$2.43 per cubic yard	