

**Re: Garbage and Organics Tipping Fee Increase – July 1, 2026**

On April 24, 2026, the Metro Vancouver Board approved fee increases for organics dropped off at Metro Vancouver solid waste facilities and for loads of garbage heavier than 1 tonne. The changes follow the public procurement and award of a contract for processing organics including food scraps produced by multi-family and commercial/institutional generators. As a result of current market conditions, the new contract price substantially exceeds the rates charged under the current contract.

Tipping fee adjustments are typically approved by Metro Vancouver’s Board each fall and take effect each January, but given the magnitude of the increase in organics processing costs, a mid-year tipping fee adjustment is required. The new organics processing contract length has been set to align with the annual budget cycle which should prevent mid-year fee changes in the future.

Increases in garbage tipping fees are being implemented to allocate some of the costs for multi-family and commercial/institutional organics to garbage tipping fees, thereby minimizing the difference in cost between organics recycling and disposal costs. Tipping fee changes as of July 1, 2026 are outlined below.

Type of load impacted by increases	Fees starting July 1, 2026
Medium vehicles (1-8t)	\$162
Large vehicles (>8t)	\$136
Municipal organics (North Shore Recycling and Waste Centre only)	\$155
Mixed organics (including commercial organics)	\$175
Yard trimmings	\$139
Clean wood	\$139

The change in garbage tipping fees for loads over 1 tonne is approximately 1.5%. Commercial organics fees increase by 17%. Details of the changes are available on the Metro Vancouver website at: [Tipping Fee | Metro Vancouver](#)

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact me at [paul.henderson@metrovancover.org](mailto:paul.henderson@metrovancover.org)

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