

2026 Drop-Off Center Fee Adjustments Fact Sheet

- The last time the prices were adjusted was January of 2025.
- The Drop-Off Center has always operated at a financial loss – the fees charged have never covered the cost of the operation. The center has always been tax-level supported.
- The city has a goal to make the Drop-Off Center cost-neutral by end of 2028. This means that the users of the center cover the costs of the operation. To meet this goal, further adjustments to fees will be made after this adjustment.
- The city takes the integrity of the center seriously. Only city of Waukesha residents bringing city of Waukesha materials are welcome. Bringing materials from outside the city of Waukesha is prohibited. These materials raise the costs for everyone.
- Use of the Drop-Off Center is optional and voluntary. It has never been required as other disposal options are available at residences.
- **Please respect the workers at the center – they are not there to contemplate, discuss, and debate the prices. The use of the center is voluntary, and the workers are there to facilitate the operation.**

Price Comparisons

Only a few communities operate a facility like our Drop-Off Center. We are fortunate to have this resource in our city. Below are a few comparable facility prices:

	Wauwatosa	Milwaukee	West Allis	Waukesha (Proposed)
Sedan/Under 1 cubic yard	\$10	Free	\$15	\$10
Van/1-3 cubic yards	\$20	\$20	\$15	\$15
Truck/3-6 cubic yards	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$20
Trailer/6-10 cubic yards	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$25
Uhaul/18-20 cubic yards	\$90	\$90	n/a	\$40 or \$75
Yard Materials	\$5/load	\$20/load	(same as above)	\$3 - \$5
Recycling	\$5/load	Free	Free	Free