

Dodge County Environmental Services

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Notice to Dodge County Residents and Businesses:

Increase to County's Waste-To-Energy Service Charge:

Effective April 1, 2014, Dodge County will increase its Waste-To-Energy Service Charge, adding 2 percent to your hauler's garbage collection and disposal cost. The WTE Service Charge does not increase your hauler's recycling or composting cost. For a typical household, the higher WTE Service Charge may add \$0.50 to \$1.00 to your garbage bill per month. This is the first increase to the WTE Service Charge since the year 2010.

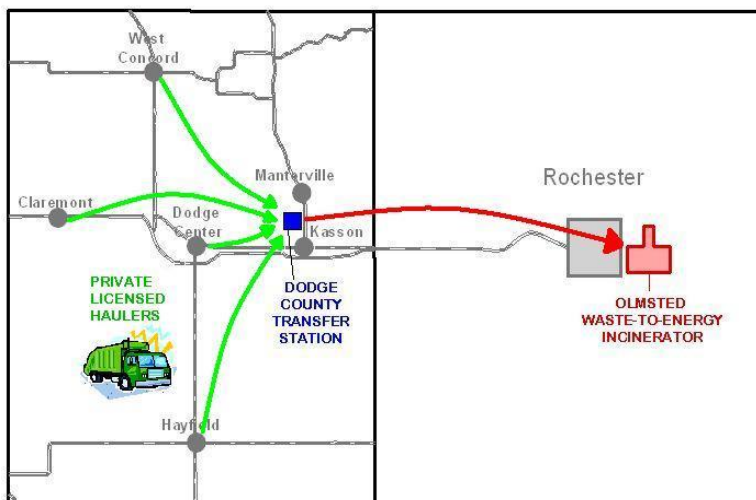
About the WTE Service Charge:

Haulers collect the WTE Service Charge from their customers, and then send the payment to Dodge County. The county uses the revenue to pay the cost of managing garbage. The county is raising its WTE Service Charge to cover expected increases in operating costs.

Summary of the Dodge/Olmsted Waste Management System:

Since 1986, Dodge has collaborated with Olmsted County to operate a waste management system that uses garbage to generate renewable energy. Garbage is delivered to the Transfer Station, then transported to the Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility (OWEF). User fees, including the Dodge County WTE Service Charge, pay all the expenses for this system.

DODGE-OLMSTED JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Benefits of System:

In the county's Waste-to-Energy System, waste is used to create energy instead of storing it underground in a landfill. Therefore, there is less financial risk to county residents and businesses for future costly landfill clean up. The county's system conserves limited fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and gas.