



VILLAGE OF WINTHROP HARBOR



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

2018 Refuse Hauler Contract Information

Recently, the Village of Winthrop Harbor decided to go out to bid for its refuse and recycling contract. After three (3) vendors responded, Groot Industries, Inc. was found to be the lowest responsible bidder. Many considerations were taken into while writing the RFP and the subsequent negotiations to better serve everyone in the community.

Below are the general costs for refuse service. There could be slight differences for residents that opt for extras, i.e. extra containers.

REFUSE HAULING 8 YEAR CONTRACT						
				Savings		
Service		Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly	
Yard Waste Included	Leaf Pick Up Included	Unlimited Service	\$256.68	\$21.39	(\$81.60)	(\$6.80)
		Limited	\$242.28	\$20.19	(\$62.64)	(\$5.22)
		Recycle Only	\$72.84	\$6.07	-	-
	Universal Stickers	\$2.00				

OTHER SERVICE COSTS			
<u>Cost of Private Service</u> \$22.00 per cubic yard	<u>Change in Service</u> \$25.00 per change in service	<u>White Good Collection</u> \$35.00 per White Good	<u>Monthly Rate to Lease Additional Carts</u> Medium Wheeled Cart (65 gallon) \$3.00 Large Wheeled Cart (95 gallon) \$5.00

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why the change?

The previous contract ended and we went out to bid. Multiple vendors bid, but Groot had the best value in their proposal. In addition to cost savings for most residents, the new contract also provides for recycling at Village parks and the use of large dumpsters for hauling away debris and refuse after public works projects or Village events.

What changed with trash and recycling?

For most residents, you will see significant savings on your bill. The annual cost for the unlimited service (large trash can + recycle), which over 80% of households fall into, went down by over \$80 per year. Limited Service (small trash can + recycle) went down by \$62 per year. A small amount of households were on a Recycle only plan and would use "refuse stickers" when they needed trash picked up – this option is not changing at all. Same service...same price, \$6.07 per month and the stickers are now \$2 each.

What changed with leaf pick-up?

Nothing. Leaf pick-up for all households is included as part of their plan.

What changed with yard waste collection?

Nothing. Yard waste pick-up for all households is included as part of their plan. From April 1st through November 30th, up to 6 bags or containers* can be placed at the curb for pick up each week.

* Containers maximum size is 32 gallons.

What about Senior Discounts?

There is 10% discount for seniors 65 or older on the LIMITED SERVICE ONLY. Senior Discounts are not available for the Unlimited and Recycle-only services.

Who do I contact with questions?

Contact Groot with specific questions about your bill or to change your service package. 1-800-244-1977