



2018 Garbage Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2018, the new garbage rate schedule reflects a 1.6% increase.

Rates per month/weekly pickup:

Schedule of Rates

- \$10.80 - 1 mini can
- \$15.65 - 1 32 gallon can
- \$19.60 - 2 cans
- \$20.95 - 1-65 gallon cart
- \$25.50 - 3 cans
- \$31.15 - 4 cans
- \$21.85 - 90 gallon cart

Container Rates

- \$61.20 1 yard
- \$91.75 1.5 yard
- \$122.30 2 yard
- \$183.50 3 yard
- \$244.70 4 yard
- \$19.60 per cu yd of materials

Miscellaneous

- \$3.15/mo carryout
- \$5.50/mo driveway
- \$3.10 each add'l bag

Snow Removal Policy

The Town of Rockford believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the town to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on town streets. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The town will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The town will utilize town employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service. For a copy of the policy in it's entirety, please contact Town Hall.

The Public Works operator will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations.

Town Hall will be closed on January 15, 2018 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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Online payments are now being accepted through the town's website at www.rockfordwa.com. There is a 2.5% fee for using this service.

Mayor

Carrie Roecks

Councilmembers

- Clint Stevenson
- Micki Harnois
- Bill Benson
- Tim Fricke
- Brian Laude

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, THAT THE FOLLOWING IS THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, FOR THE YEAR OF 2018:

FUND	NO.	EXPENDITURES
CURRENT EXPENSE	001	\$377,265.00
STREET FUND	101	\$66,300.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	111	\$44,660.00
EQUIP/PROP. RESERVE	201	\$22,800.00
SEWER FUND	401	\$146,850.00
LAGOON REPAIR	402	\$91,075.00
WATER FUND	403	\$112,900.00
LAGOON LOAN REPAYMENT	405	\$143,100.00
SEWER RESERVE	406	\$43,713.00
WATER RESERVE	407	\$12,150.00
LAGOON RESERVE	410	<u>\$93,000.00</u>
		\$1,153,813.00

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

How is your money being spent?

A little history and update on the Wastewater Treatment System

In 2013, the Town of Rockford acquired a combination grant/loan package from the Dept. of Ecology. The money was received so the town could rebuild and upgrade the Wastewater Treatment plant (lagoons), per a mandate by the Dept. of Ecology. The anticipated cost of the project was \$2.3 million dollars. One of the stipulations in getting the loan was that the town must have the first year's payment amount prior to beginning the construction. At this time, the town council established the \$40.00 monthly charge that is currently being collected. Of that, \$30.78 has been set aside for loan repayment, while the remaining \$9.22 is used for facility operations and maintenance (O&M) costs.

The project was delayed, due to higher than anticipated bids. During this delay, the town applied for, and received \$350,000 from Spokane County Community Development Block Grant. When the project construction finally began in 2015, costs were higher than initially anticipated, and there were some additional environmental restrictions, causing increased costs. Some immediate sewer collection system work was required and was included in the funding. It looked like the town's portion of the project expense was going to exceed the original \$1.2 million loan.

In 2016, Phase 1 of the construction began. Some of the town's elected officials worked with our state legislators, citizens wrote letters, and Rockford was able to acquire \$1.2 million dollars in grant money from the state's capital budget funds.

Due to the increased costs and the additional work that was needed, the town's final loan amount was \$573,000.00. Far less than the projected \$1.2million! The first payment on the 30-year loan was due in December 2017, in the amount of \$17,408.00. (\$34,000 per year). Because the loan repayment had been collected since 2014, the town was able to pay off the first \$200,000 of the loan, while still maintaining the required one-year payment. With the current collections, the town expects the loan to be paid in full in approximately 5 1/2 years. At that time, the \$30.78 loan repayment fee that is on your bill will be discontinued, however, the \$9.22 O&M fee will continue.

It is important to understand there are many other capital improvement projects needed in this town. Both the water system and the sewer system are very old and dated. The Public Works department continues to upgrade and repair both systems as best they can, but there is much more that needs done.

At this time, the council has given focus to the sewer collection system and how best to prevent infiltration of ground water into the lines, which ultimately must be treated at the wastewater plant. Reducing the cracks and breaks in the line is of utmost importance. Please know the council and staff will continue to seek grant monies for these improvement projects and do our best to keep costs down.

Town staff and the elected officials are happy to discuss your concerns or questions. We know it's the best way for our citizens to be accurately informed.



3RD ANNUAL LIGHT-UP ROCKFORD

We counted all the lighted trees we could find on December 24th. The number of outside lit trees was 31 and the inside trees we could see from the road was 45! We saw 84 houses decorated this year. It is so fun to take the time to drive every street and look at the lights and other decorations.

Extra credit goes out the McCathern's big star, the Fuller's light display and the amazing winter wonderland at the Rosslow home.

Thank you all!!!