TONNAGE FEE DISTRIBUTION

Fees are paid on each ton of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) landfilled in Iowa. The base fee is $4.25 per ton; however based on penalties and rewards for the landfill’s waste diversion efforts, each landfill pays slightly more or slightly less than the base amount. Landfill operators remit a portion of the fee to the state each quarter. The remaining funds are to be used for planning and environmental protection activities at the local level.

Determining Your Landfill’s Tonnage Fee

| Planning areas with less than 25% diversion: | Planning areas over 25% diversion, over state average, and under 50%: |
| collect | remit | retain | collect | remit | retain |
| $4.75/ton | $3.30 to DNR | $1.45 ($0.95 for planning, $0.50 for environmental protection) | $3.65/ton | $2.10 to DNR | $1.55 ($1.05 for planning, $0.50 for environmental protection) |

| Planning areas over 25% diversion, under state average, and under 50%: | Planning areas over 25% diversion, over state average, and over 50%: |
| collect | remit | retain | collect | remit | retain |
| $3.65/ton | $2.20 to DNR | $1.45 ($0.95 for planning, $0.50 for environmental protection) | $3.25/ton | $1.95 to DNR | $1.30 ($0.80 for planning, $0.50 for environmental protection) |

Fees remitted to DNR are placed in the solid waste account of the Groundwater Protection Fund for DNR Operations and Statewide Program Support.

- 74¢ DNR Operations, including
  - $8,000 - Dept. of Health Transfer
  - Solid Waste Permitting
  - Comprehensive Planning
  - Special Waste Authorization
  - Solid waste activities at Field Offices
  - Solid waste Legal Services

- 25¢ Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC)

- 10¢ Iowa Waste Exchange; includes $30,000 to IWRC for technical support

- 5¢ Regional Collection Centers (establishment)

- 15¢ RCC Collection and Transportation (reimbursement for disposal costs)

- 13¢ Toxic Clean-up Days (additional TCDs or support RCCs establishment and disposal) & special events for HHM collection; GIS; business loan program reimbursements.

- 5¢ Dept. of Economic Development Transfer (Recycle Iowa Office)

- 8¢ Waste Reduction and Assistance Program

- $1.55 Remainder of the remitted fee is used for:
  - $50,000 for Special Waste Authorization Program
  - $165,000 Iowa Waste Exchange
  - Solid Waste Alternatives Program

Other Funding Sources

- Household Hazardous Waste Retailer Permit Fees
- Fines and penalties paid to the Department
- EPA grants