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Is PMUA still more cost effective?



In economic times such as these, people are searching for ways to save money and cut expenses. Rate increases are never idealistic, and for both business and consumer it's common practice to seek out better deals when our current service providers no longer offer us advantages of savings and/or quality above their competition. Within the city there are several companies providing similar waste management services such as ours; at first glance when comparing PMUA service rates to that of a private hauler, it would appear that we are not as cost competitive. However, often overlooked is that PMUA service packages are "all inclusive" and covers much more than the collection and disposal of your garbage, recyclables, and bulky waste. No other municipality alike offers the scope of comprehensive services, outreach and overall community investment as the PMUA. This is not necessarily the case if you use a private hauler.

Shared Services entails downtown street sweeping, waste collection for public receptacles, and the preservation of other public areas such as parks, playgrounds and municipal facilities. It also provides services for Health Department and Cooperative Neighborhood Litter Abatement. These services provided by the PMUA, benefit the entire community and are already factored into your total PMUA quarterly bill.

All Plainfield homeowners are required to pay a Shared Services fee which support the costs incurred to provide these services. As a Plainfield property owner and beneficiary of the shared public services provided by the PMUA, you are still billed for Sanitary Sewer and Shared Services even if you do not utilize the full scope of our solid waste management services. Understanding this, Plainfield homeowners either contracting or considering a private hauler should take into account that while another hauler may quote a lower price for waste collection and disposal, it does not factor in the cost for Shared Services. So are you really paying less by opting out?

Private haulers also have the luxury of being selective, which can often translate to more stringency and less accommodation to the consumer. Issues regarding improper disposal, missed pick-ups, contaminated waste and recycling, and other compliance violations can easily result in the hauler refusing to collect the waste. With PMUA, collection is guaranteed. We aim to be as flexible as possible to meet the needs of our customers and continue providing quality comprehensive solid waste and sanitary sewer services to ensure a clean and environmentally safe quality of life.

Community and human capital investment is of utmost concern to the PMUA. Plainfield residents comprise approximately 95% of our total personnel, and many second chance citizens have found opportunity and acceptance with us. We've invested several million dollars into the City's sanitary sewer system and our solid waste infrastructure; employees receive ongoing training and education to develop and enhance their skills, contributing to a more productive society and helping realize our vision and commitment to the residents of the City of Plainfield.

Bulk Waste Service
 Spring Cleaning or moving?
 Call on PMUA to take
 your bulky waste away.
(908) 226-2518



PMUA NOTICE

**PMUA will be closed and there will be no general waste collection :
January 1st, January 2nd, January 19th and February 16th.**

NO RECYCLING COLLECTION on the 5th Wednesday of any month

RECYCLE RULES REMINDER - Plastic bags SHOULD NOT be discarded with recyclables:

Co-mingled items should be discarded loosely in your blue recycle container. Do Not use plastic bags to hold co-mingled items inside your recycle container OR Please remove any plastic/garbage bags from your blue recycle cart prior to roll-out for collection.

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