

CPHOA ANNUAL MEETING WASTE MANAGEMENT BRIEFING  
16 January 2020

Outlined below are pertinent issues concerning the Agreement between Carmel Pointe HOA and Waste Management of Arizona (WM). The present Agreement was negotiated between CPHOA and WM in 2011, and is renewed each year on 1 February, unless either party provides a 3 month notice otherwise. All aspects of the Agreement have remained unchanged since 2011, with the exception of rates which are revised each year to reflect WM costs and taxes. While the Agreement is between CPHOA and WM, each resident of Carmel Pointe is responsible for payment of their individual billings to WM.

1. **Rates.** New WM collection rates effective 1 February 2020 reflect a 3.5% price increase as follows:
  - a. ONE-TIME / WEEK WASTE & ONE-TIME / WEEK RECYCLE - \$15.25 BASIC + \$3.23 RMO + \$0.08 Pima County Tax = **\$18.56/MO**. The charge for a 3-month billing period is \$55.68.
  - b. TWO-TIMES / WEEK WASTE & ONE-TIME / WEEK RECYCLE - \$19.28 BASIC + \$3.23 RMO + \$0.08 Pima County Tax = **\$22.59/MO**. The charge for a 3-month billing period is \$67.77.

These rates are still quite favorable compared to non-CPHOA WM customers who pay \$150 or more for 3 months of the same service.

2. **Recycling.** Last year WM stated there is a future possibility they will eliminate recycle collection. WM confirmed this year that this is no longer a consideration, and recycle collection will continue to be offered. WM will also continue its Recycle Material Offset (RMO) surcharge, a "variable" charge based upon market rates, that adds between \$2.40 and \$3.40 per month to the basic refuse/recycle bill.

3. **TWO-TIME per Week Waste Collection.** Carmel Pointe is one of very few communities in AZ that continue to have an option for 2-Times per Week Waste Collection. This option will continue thru January 2021, but will be discontinued on 1 February 2021. WM states its studies have shown that waste material properly placed in its collection containers exhibits no more negative aspects in 7 days than it would for 5 days.

4. **Placement of Collection on "Vacation" Status.** Per the WM-CPHOA Agreement, CPHOA residents may put their collection on "vacation" status without an administrative or service charge for the vacation period, if collection is stopped for more than 30 days. It is suggested that residents review their 3-month billings to verify that no service charge has been added if this option is chosen.

Suggestions and options to reduce your WM bill:

1. For those who have not done so already, sign up for the WM Automatic Bill Payment and Paperless Billing Program at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) to avoid a \$5.00 administrative fee.
2. If applicable, change your 2X/WK waste collection to 1X/WK **now**.
3. Pay stricter attention to recycle separation rules to help minimize the RMO surcharge.

A reminder of the recycle rules, as well as the new rate schedule, will be printed in February's *Carmel Pointer* newsletter.

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