

FUND: General Fund

DEPARTMENT: Sanitation & Recycling Division (Public Works Department)

Description and Responsibilities

The Sanitation & Recycling Division is responsible for the collection of solid waste from all residences and many commercial properties in Blowing Rock. Residential pick-up is once per week (Monday or Tuesday) and is collected curbside. Commercial service is offered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. General weekend pick-up is also provided along Main Street and in Memorial Park.

The solid waste is hauled to a transfer station at the Watauga County Landfill in Boone. Watauga County charges the Town a tipping fee of \$53.00 for each ton of commercial solid waste that is delivered to the landfill. The County does not charge a tipping fee for residential solid waste because each residential property owner is assessed an annual disposal fee on the County property tax bills. Based upon a study that was conducted, approximately 76% of the solid waste generated by the Town is commercial solid waste, and the remaining 24% is residential solid waste.

The Town charges a solid waste fee for commercial establishments to cover the tipping fees that the Town pays for the disposal of commercial solid waste. The disposal fee assessed to each business is based on the size or type of solid waste container for that business. The disposal fee is intended to reimburse the Town for the commercial tipping fees that are assessed by the County.

The Town also contracts with Republic, Inc. for residential curbside recycling to better serve our residents and further encourage recycling. The program collects recyclables (paper, plastic, glass and aluminum/steel cans) on a weekly basis, with the Town furnishing the recycling container. Cardboard pick-up is not provided, but it can be dropped off at the Watauga County Convenience Center located on US 221 or the Aho site on US 321.

Within the Town of Blowing Rock, it is mandatory that businesses participate in the recycling program. The Sanitation Division collects recyclable cardboard on a Wednesday-only schedule from small volume businesses, and then hauls the recyclable materials to the Watauga County Recycling Center. Large volume businesses must privately contract for cardboard and glass recycling dispensers.

Staffing and Schedules

The salaries of four employees are charged to the budget for the Sanitation & Recycling Division: one (1) Sanitation Equipment Operator and three (3) Sanitation Collectors. As noted previously, however, several employees from the Street Division do perform work as needed within the Sanitation & Recycling Division. However, no portion of their salaries is charged to the Sanitation & Recycling Division.

The following table reflects the scheduling of the sanitation crews and routes:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Winter					
Residential	3 person crew	3 person crew			
Commercial	3 person crew		3 person crew		3 person crew
			Recycling		
Summer					
Residential	3 person crew	3 person crew 3 person crew (4 hrs)			
Commercial	3 person crew		3 person crew Recycling		3 person crew

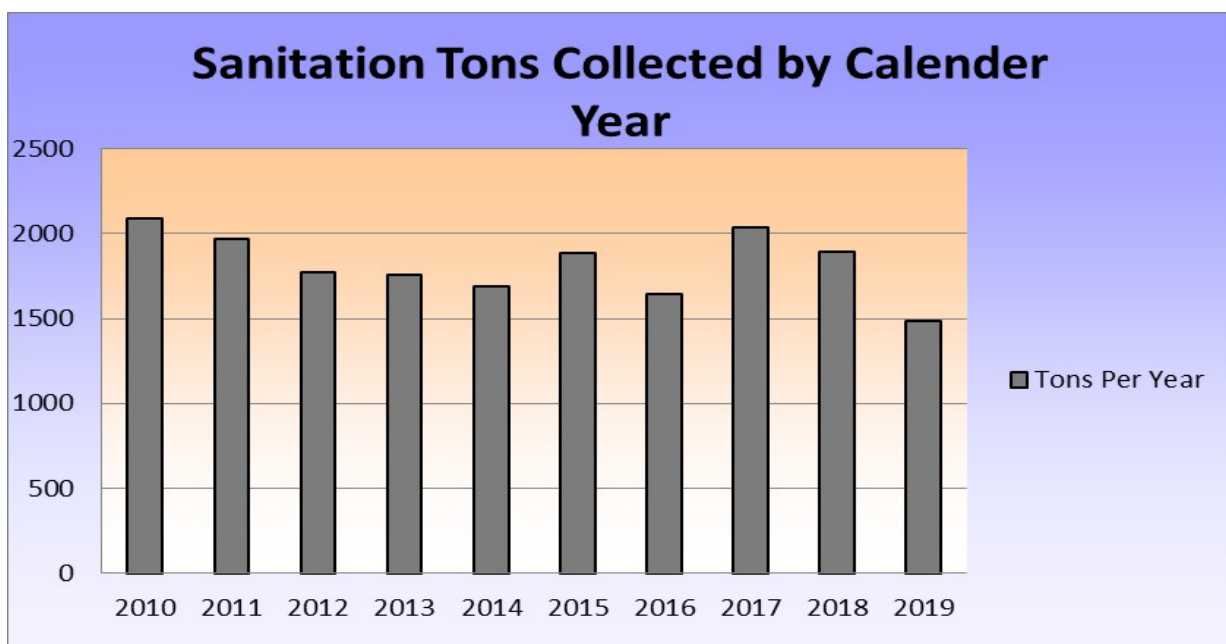
The Sanitation & Recycling Division employees typically work a 40-hour week (Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.).

Measures of Activity

The most significant activities that affect the Sanitation & Recycling Division's budget are the collection and disposal of solid waste.

- Over the years there has been a seasonal fluctuation in the solid waste that is collected, with the months of May through October being the higher months. The lower months, are December through April.
- The recently instituted residential curbside recycling program has aided in the reduced solid waste tonnage.

The following chart reflects the total amount of solid waste collected during the last ten calendar years:



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURESDESCRIPTION: **PUBLIC WORKS - SANITATION & RECYCLING DIVISION**

CODE: 10-30-4700

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Adopted	2020-21 Adopted
002	Salaries	120,706	122,100	126,574	127,018
003	Overtime	1,901	3,000	2,600	2,600
004	Contracted Hauling -Container	-	-		
005	FICA Expense	9,414	9,570	9,882	9,916
006	Group Insurance	23,278	27,000	29,850	28,000
007	401K	6,048	6,255	6,459	6,481
008	Retirement	16,551	17,314	19,725	21,594
	Personnel Subtotal	177,898	185,239	195,090	195,610
017	Maintenance/Repair-Veh.	12,290	7,000	6,000	6,000
031	Gasoline/Diesel	9,832	9,000	10,000	10,000
033	Materials and Supplies	5,550	5,000	5,000	5,000 *
034	Safety Supplies	-	1,000	500	500
036	Uniforms	3,454	4,000	3,500	3,500
057	Miscellaneous	344	1,000	500	500
100	Curbside Recycling	66,173	66,500	74,500	74,500
118	County Landfill Fees	86,293	79,000	69,000	69,000 **
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal	183,937	172,500	169,000	169,000
500	Capital Outlay	149,326	-	-	-
900	Debt Service	34,819	76,335	42,373	40,752
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	545,980	434,074	406,463	405,361