

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 some commercial properties in Blowing Rock. Residential pick-up is once per week (Monday or Tuesday) and is collected curbside. Low volume 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 Republic's landfill facility located in Caldwell County. The Town is charged \$39.00 per ton for refuse taken to the landfill.

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 three employees are charged to the budget for the Sanitation & Recycling Division: one (1) Sanitation Equipment Operator and three (2) 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			
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.).

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

CODE: 10-30-4700

ACCOUNT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	2017	2019-20 Actual	2020-21 Adopted	2021-22 Adopted	2022-23 Adopted
002	Salaries		127,884	127,018	115,238	124,609
003	Overtime		699	2,600	2,563	3,075
004	Contracted Hauling -Container		-		0	0
005	FICA Expense		9,533	9,916	9,012	9,768
006	Group Insurance		27,068	28,000	30,916	30,916
007	401K		6,382	6,481	5,890	6,384
008	Retirement		19,849	21,594	21,287	23,073
	Personnel Subtotal		191,415	195,609	184,905	197,825 T
017	Maintenance/Repair-Veh.		7,241	6,000	13,000	13,000
031	Gasoline/Diesel		9,256	10,000	12,000	15,000
033	Materials and Supplies		3,718	5,000	5,000	-
034	Safety Supplies		479	500	500	500
036	Uniforms		3,282	3,500	3,500	2,000
057	Miscellaneous		65	500	500	500
100	Curbside Recycling		71,883	74,500	74,500	74,500
118	Landfill Fees		49,527	69,000	48,000	55,000 **
	Operating & Maint. Subtotal		145,452	169,000	157,000	160,500
500	Capital Outlay		-	-	-	-
900	Debt Service		47,396	40,752	40,752	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			384,263	405,361	382,657	358,325

** FY 2021-22: Landfill Contract switch to Republic Services. Also proposed to stop Town commercial solid waste collection. Commercial customers to contract collection through Republic.

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