

Solid Waste Collection System Update and Rate Review Findings

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Purpose of this update

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Provide an informational update on the status of the solid waste collection system during the COVID-19 pandemic and the 2020 rate review findings.



2020 rate review

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- Typical rate review process
 - Financial reports due in March
 - Review of prior calendar year's financial data
 - Determine return on revenue (ROR)
 - Staff recommends adjustments
 - Solid Waste Advisory Committee reviews and makes recommendation
 - Board takes action
 - New rates become effective July 1
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2020 rate review findings

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2020 Rate Review Results

Revenue	\$31,944,022
Income (Profit)	\$ 3,132,935
Return on Revenue (ROR)	9.81%

2020 ROR by Line of Service

Residential	10.04%
Commercial	8.91%
Drop Box	9.95%
Total System	9.81%



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COVID-19 response

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- Response measures
 - Lifting service time restrictions
 - Pausing bulky waste collection
 - Pausing service terminations
 - Sharing information (PPE, Safety)
 - Developing financial response framework



Delay typical 2020 Rate Review action



Track monthly operational data



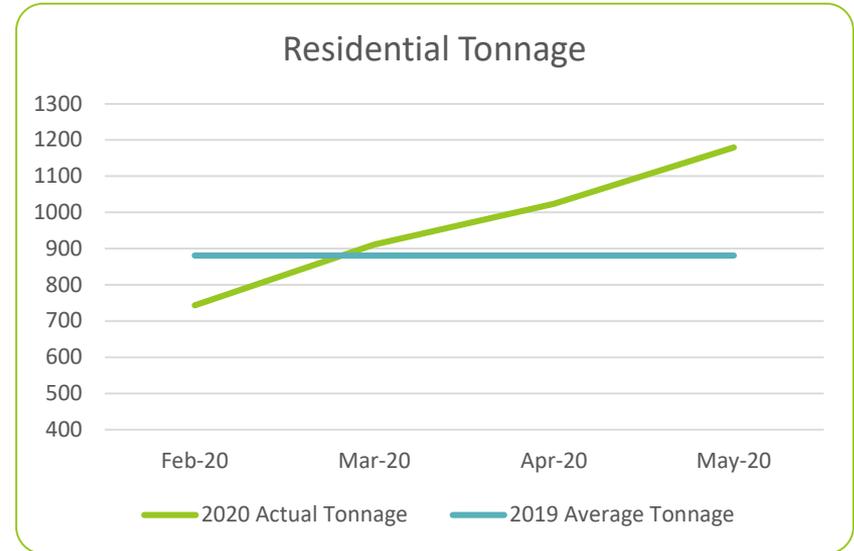
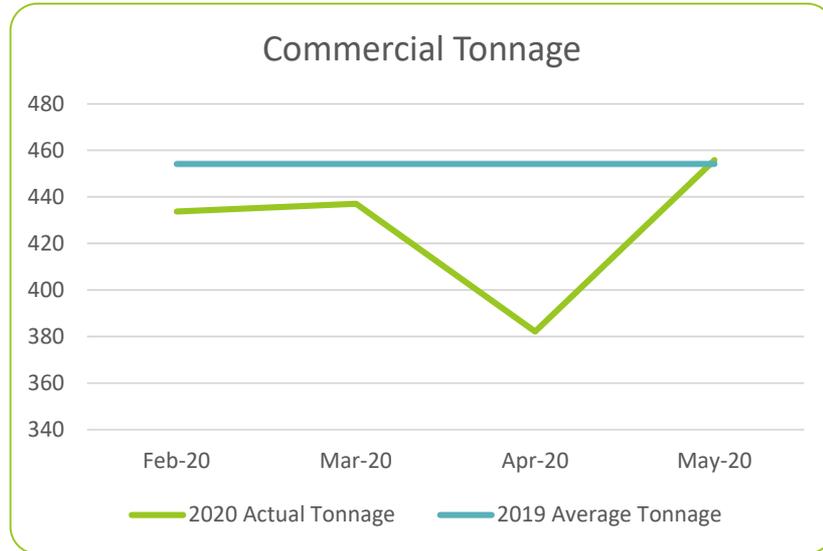
Assess financial health of system in Fall 2020



Consider urgent requests for financial assistance

What the early data are showing

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- Situation remains fluid:
 - Current trends do not show significant impact, still early
 - Low fuel prices slowly rising and government relief programs may sunset

Gratitude for garbage and recycling workers

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