

the Voice

Columbia Township
Special Waste & Recycling Edition

A Chance to Vote for Lower Taxes Nov. 2nd
Waste & Recycling District 32% Tax Rate Cut



Nov. 2nd, Columbia residents have the option to vote for

One of the great things about living in Columbia Township is that **we take the hassle of year-round yard waste off of your to-do list.** This November 2nd you have the option to vote for a **32% lower tax rate** on the popular Waste & Recycling program.

Residents rave because the program takes away the hassle of dealing with constant piles of yard debris and seasonal waste like leaves and Christmas trees. **Residents in other communities tell us they're envious that Columbia Township provides this service.**

Plus, your **weekly garbage and recycling collection is at a much lower cost through the township account** than if you had a direct customer account with Rumpke.

Voter's Choice

The Waste & Recycling District levy is a "voters' choice" program – meaning residents have the choice every three years to vote to renew (or not).



John

Road & Services Superintendent

24 Years

I can say with confidence that the services provided by our waste levy are used by all of our neighborhoods. I have many memories of residents who clean up their yards for family events and call to thank us for clearing everything away. They say how nice their yards looked for their event and that family members wish that their community provided these services like we do here.



James

Road & Services Crewmember / U.S. Marine Veteran

24 Years

It matters to me that the waste levy allows Columbia Township to provide an environmentally friendly service for our residents. And we save residents a ton of hassle (actually, many tons). Brush and leaves that we pick up are composted which saves the landfills and saves residents from bagging. In early spring, residents may request a compost delivery - this is how we "return" nutrients to homeowners.

a LOWER tax rate for a FAVORITE service.

YES - keep the services & cut the tax rate

The same services will continue and the current levy rate of 5.1 mills **will be cut** to 3.5 mills. A \$200,000 market-value house would pay \$245 annually – less than what residents in many other communities pay just for household garbage collection.

NO - discontinue services

1. Discontinue yard waste and recycling services, including fall leaf pick-up and recycling, twice monthly yard brush pick-up and recycling, Christmas tree pick-up and recycling, and wood chip and compost deliveries. Residents may take their yard debris to a Hamilton County drop-off site.
2. Terminate the discounted township aggregated account for residential weekly Rumpke Waste and Recycling. Residents will call Rumpke to set up individual accounts at Rumpke's full rate.



Jamey

Road & Services Crewmember

17 Years

When we provide these services, our crew gets the chance to be an important part of this amazing community. My fondest fall leaf pickup memory is when I first felt a strong sense of teamwork and community connection as our whole crew worked together in a synchronized and seamless way. But I most enjoy that we have the chance to say hello and get to know residents one-on-one.

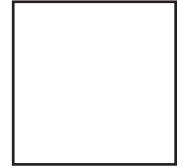


Dustin

Road & Services Crewmember

16 Years

I really enjoy seeing residents who are outside when we're working who appreciate our efforts to keep their yards looking nice. It's always a joy to chat with those who bring us water and wave to others who come out on their front porch. Our compost delivery is a great way to repurpose yard waste into a valuable product for our residents. Our waste levy program has been very successful over the years.



**Leaves taken over
60 truckload trips
to our compost yard**



**Walked by our crew
during fall leaf season**



**Yard debris
collected + composted
every year**



**Household waste
recycled instead of
going to a landfill**

How to Never Have a Messy Yard

Curious how we save you the hassle
and high cost of managing household
and yard waste?

Year-Round Yard Brush Collection

We collect yard brush starting the second and fourth Monday
of every month all year long.

Early Fall through Early Winter Leaf Pickup

We help you clean up your yard for winter by picking up your
leaves each fall. Once leaves start dropping mid/late October,
residents only need to rake them close to the curb. Our crew
comes by every one-to-two weeks until Christmas to take them
away.

Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling

For the first six Mondays following Christmas, our crew will
collect and recycle live Christmas trees. Without blocking traffic
or driveways, simply place your tree at the curb.

Compost and Wood Chip Delivery

A local major landscaping company charges almost \$50 per
cubic yard of leaf compost – plus delivery charge. We'll deliver
compost and/or wood chips free to your yard as long as supplies
last each year.