

the Voice

Columbia Township
Special Waste & Recycling Edition 2024

Nov. 5th Voter's Choice
Waste & Recycling District Levy Renewal
Exceptional Services – does not raise taxes



Every three years, Columbia residents have the option to vote to keep, or to stop, the popular services provided through the Columbia Township Waste & Recycling District.

One of the great things about living in Columbia Township is that **we take the hassle and high-cost of year-round yard waste management off your to-do list.**

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

In 2021, residents voted to cut the Waste & Recycling tax rate by 32% and keep the same services. This was made possible by the Columbia Board of Trustees' work to grow new revenues through business district redevelopment.

Residents rave because our 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.

Voter's Choice - Nov. 5th

Columbia's Waste & Recycling District levy is a "voters' choice" program – meaning residents have the choice every three years to vote to renew - or to stop services.

Issue 33 – Levy Renewal

YES - keep exceptional services

Same services will continue at the current levy rate not exceeding 3.5 mills.

\$200,000 market-value house = \$15.30 monthly
\$300,000 market-value house = \$22.96 monthly

This cost is far less than what residents in many communities pay just for household garbage collection. **Want to know more? Lauren@ColumbiaTwp.org or 513-272-0000**

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 haul 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.



Dustin Frazier
Road and Facilities Superintendent
23 years dedicated public service

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.



Jim Groen
Road and Services Crew Member
27 years dedicated public service

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.



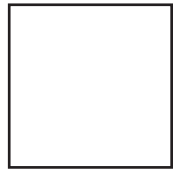
Jamey Evanchyk
Road & Services Crew Member
21 years dedicated public service

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.



Rob French
Road & Services Crew Member
24 years dedicated public service

From our leaf and brush pickup to our compost deliveries, it's always a pleasure to hear our residents say how blessed they are to have these services. I love talking with them and discussing the progress the township has made as a whole. It makes me proud to work with such amazing people.



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300 TONS 

Leaves taken over
 60 truckload trips
 to our compost yard

165 MILES 

Walked by our crew
 during fall leaf season

40 TONS 

Yard debris
 collected + composted
 every year

25% 

Household waste
 recycled instead of
 going to a landfill

Let us save you the **hassle** and **high cost** of managing household and yard waste!

Year-Round Yard Brush Collection

We collect yard brush every month all year long.

Early Fall through Early Winter Leaf Pickup

Every fall, you only need to rake leaves to your curb, and our crew collects them every one-to-two weeks.

Christmas Tree Collection and Recycling

Simply place your tree at the curb and our crew will collect and recycle live Christmas trees!

Compost and Wood Chip Delivery

We'll deliver compost and/or wood chips to your yard as long as supplies last each year.