

City of Colusa Annual Report for 2010



Solid Waste Totals for Calendar Year 2009-2010

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Commercial	2974.17 tons	3016.75 tons
Debris Box	59.08 tons	11.77 tons
Residential	2409.26 tons	2447.854 tons
Green Waste	741.48 tons	600.18 tons
City Yard Leaf Pile	unknown	296.67 tons

Customer Counts as of 12/2009-12/2010

Residential Service

96 gallon	1442	1354
64 gallon	56	63
32 gallon	49	52

Commercial Service

Total Customers	128	139
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Overview of 2010

We approached the City of Colusa in March and October of 2009 regarding the universal waste drop off program. We continue to eagerly await direction from your staff as to when and where the program will take place. As the agreement states, we will provide the infrastructure (storage containers, boxes, packing material, training, logs, and pickup/recycling of the u-waste) as well as sending out the required educational material to all residents. The City will determine and provide the space/facility and the drop center staffing as well as determining whatever hours and days they choose to be available for this service. This was the first year that no city clean up took place and instead all customers were provided with dump coupons for the Maxwell transfer station. A drive around the city noted no increased waste storage on properties or roadside dumping. On December 7, 2010 the city council accepted a proposal from Recology to increase rates slightly and approve the first 4 year extension (until December 2016). In exchange Recology will provide recycling services. More is discussed below.

Overview of 2011

Effective January 1, 2011, due to the reduction in City of Colusa franchise fees, overall rates will see an increase of approximately .28%. The city franchise fee made it's final adjustment to 10% effective the same date as well.

We look forward to re-visiting the start up of a universal waste drop off facility. This was delayed from 2009 due to City of Colusa staffing changes. We stand ready and willing to implement this program as part of the comprehensive solid waste plan.

It is expected that recycling carts will be delivered to the Colusa area at the end of January or beginning of February. It is expected that delivery will be completed and the service on-line by mid-February. Recology will provide all training and education material either by mail or with the scheduled delivery of the carts. Green waste collection will decrease to every other week collection and recycling will be collected in 96 gallon carts on the off week. Copies of the flyers and calendar are attached.

Future Issues

The State of California has implemented a mandatory commercial recycling standard. As currently suggested, the ruling would require all commercial business to participate in some type of recycling program whether it be cardboard or mixed paper if said business generates greater than 4yds weekly of solid waste. We will be mindful of this and prepared to assist the City in implementing any required programs at the most cost effective manner should it be necessary. It is currently stated that programs must be implemented by July 2012. It is unclear currently if the curbside program being implemented in 2011 will suffice for this requirement.