



City of Augusta, Maine
Department of Public Works

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Memo to: William Bridgeo, City Manager

From: Lesley Jones, Public Works Director

Lesley Jones

Re: Emergency short term Hatch Hill fees

In order to try and limit the amount of contact Hatch Hill staff has with customers and still provide a vital service we will be instituting a minimum flat fee for residential customers and limit them to household trash only, for at least the next two weeks. Currently, we are getting an average of 150 customers per day of which 50 or more are residents bringing out a minimal amount of rubbish (often one bag) and some recycling or other items. As you are aware, the Scale House is a small building and social distancing is a challenge. The Scale operator also has to have contact with every customer.

The minimum flat fee is intended to discourage folks from coming out with just a few items and encourage them to wait until they have a few bags and make one trip to get rid of it. Additionally, leaf composting and residential single stream recycling will be suspended for at least the next two weeks. The minimum flat fee is as follows:

Passenger cars (without trailers)	\$10.00 per trip
Pickup and Passenger cars with trailers	\$15.00 per trip

Payment will still be with credit or debit card only.

The Scale Operator shall determine whether a load will be the flat fee rate or be weighed.

Large loads and commercial loads will be weighed on the scales and charged by the pound as is currently done.

We are posting this information on a variable message board at Hatch Hill and will be educating our customers before they enter Hatch Hill. I will also put it on social media and email this information to our contracting communities.

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