

## **Trash Collection Update: Transition from Property Tax Levies to Resident Billing**

Historically, in the City of Girard, trash collection services have been provided for through a series of property tax levies. At one point, there were a total of five levies collected that covered the entirety of the fees associated with carrying out these services. In 2023, plans were set in motion to systematically allow each levy to expire over the next five years and transition fully to residents receiving bills quarterly and paying individually for trash collection services.

Beginning in 2024, the first 1.2 mill levy expired, followed by a larger 1.5 mill levy expiring in 2025. The remaining levies, including a 1.1 mill and a 1 mill levy, will expire in 2027, with the final .8 mill levy to expire in 2028.

The first quarter trash collections through Republic Services (January-March) in 2026 will be covered entirely by the remaining money generated through unexpired levies. Beginning with the second quarter of 2026 (April-June), residents will begin receiving quarterly bills in the amount of \$49.77 (\$16.59) per month with an administrative (Republic Services) fee of \$5.95, bringing the total quarterly bill to \$55.72 per household for one cart (a second cart will be \$2.76 per month additional). If a resident should choose to be billed only once per year, they can request to do so through Republic Services and will save \$17.85 per year in administrative fees. This is the system that will be in place for the remainder of 2026. As the remaining levies continue to drop off in 2027 and 2028, residents should expect to be billed each quarter by Republic Services.

To summarize, residents have historically paid for trash services through their property taxes. This transition reflects the plans set in motion years ago to allow each of the five garbage levies to expire and move towards an individual payer system.

Trash collection services will continue without interruption during this transition. The City of Girard appreciates residents' understanding as this long-planned change moves forward.