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# You can delay your Refuse Collection Fee payment this year

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Philadelphia property owners who haven't paid their <u>Annual Refuse</u> <u>Collection Fee</u> now have until **June 30, 2021** to pay this bill. As part of a new set of COVID-19 relief measures by the City, there will be no interest or penalty if the full \$500 payment is made before June 30, 2021.

Previously, half of the annual fee was due December 31, 2020. But we know many businesses are experiencing financial difficulties during this time. And while we can't eliminate the fee, we hope this extension helps. Payments from the annual trash collection bill help to fund this essential City service.

As a reminder, single-unit homes, as well as properties that use a private trash service, don't pay this fee. Some commercial and multi-use properties can take advantage of the City's weekly trash collection, for an affordable yearly amount.

You may have already received the Refuse Collection bill that **was mailed in early November**. Although the deadline has been extended by six months, we encourage you to pay before then, if you can.

There are many easy, safe **ways to pay** the annual Refuse Collection Fee.

- **Online** Secure and fast, the best way to pay.
- By mail We accept payments with a cashier's check, money order, personal check, or business check. Send payment to: Department of Revenue

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• **In person, by appointment** – To limit in-person contact due to the COVID-19 health emergency, we encourage you to make payments online or by mail.

Some properties are also entitled to City trash and recycling service at a reduced or waived fee. If you fall into one of the categories below, <u>fill out</u> <u>and return a Refuse Collection Fee exemption form</u>.

- **Owner-Occupied Property**, the property must be 100% occupied by the owner with no tenants, residential only. (100% discount, \$0 due).
- **House of Worship**, the property must be used for religious purposes only. (100% discount, \$0 due).
- Vacant Property, the property must be vacant and owner must provide a current Vacant Property license from the Department of Licenses & Inspection. (100% discount, \$0 due).
- **Owner-Occupied Duplex**, the owner must live in one unit and have only one other rental unit. The owner must provide a current rental license from the Department of Licenses & Inspection. (50% discount, \$250 due).

If you have questions about the Refuse Collection fee, email **solidresources@phila.gov**, or call (215) 686-5090.

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