



CHANGES IN THE FEES FOR USING THE NATION'S LANDFILLS

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At the Monday, December 6th 2021 meeting, The Nation Council will consider the adoption of the new by-law 131-2021 proposed by the Department of Environment. This regulation underlines that as of January 1st 2022, the costs of using The Nation landfills will be increased.

From now on, all charges will be calculated at a price of \$ 0.65 per cubic foot, with a minimum fixed charge of \$ 2.00. Only payments made by Interac will be accepted at The Nation landfills. If payment cannot be made on site, an invoice will be sent to the user and an additional administrative fee of \$ 4.00 will be added to the bill.

User fees have been increased for the following reasons.

- The increase in the price of fuel, the operating costs of the equipment for burying the waste and maintaining the site.
- All sites need materials to cover the waste. We have to transport dirt, sand and stone, which results in huge fuel costs for the trucks.
- The cost of shredding branches and shrubs, a free service for residents, is increasing.
- The household hazardous waste service is a great success. Thanks to the residents, we recycle a large number of these products. With the help of the users of the service, we are able to prevent this type of product from ending up in our landfills. As a result, the cost of operation increases and we receive less government grants, which translates into excess spending.



- In addition to operations, we need to continue testing groundwater to make sure we are not polluting the water table. This sampling is carried out three to four times a year. The purchase of products and the cost of renting equipment increase dramatically, resulting in higher expenses.
- Other operating expenses such as mowing the lawn, adding rocks to the entrance road, adding liquid calcium to avoid dust clouds, maintaining the infrastructure through repairs minor, the installation of adequate signage, etc.
- The administrative cost increases with the increase in the price of mail, paper, envelopes and bill books.

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