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Jamestown BPU Adopts 2016 Solid Waste Budget with No Rate Increase, Colored Glass Accepted in Recycling Bins

The Jamestown Board of Public Utilities (BPU) today approved the 2016 Solid Waste budget, with no rate increase in the coming year.

In addition, starting immediately, colored glass will be accepted, along with clear glass, as part of the BPU recycling program.

Within the 2016 budget, BPU Solid Waste customers who recycle still will pay \$10.50 a billing cycle while those who do not recycle will pay \$21 per billing cycle. In effect, customers who recycle will continue to receive a rebate of \$10.50 on the \$21 rate.

Customers who recycle through the Residential Recycling Credit Program continue to pay less than the \$12.10 billing period rate of previous years.

In the approved 2016 solid waste budget, operating expenses are expected to increase by \$72,000.

The capital budget for 2016 includes a new packer truck at a cost of \$190,000; dumpsters at \$20,000; and improvements to the building and parking lot at the Solid Waste garage at \$50,000.

“The BPU is pleased to maintain 2016 Solid Waste rates at the same level as in 2015,” stated BPU General Manager David L. Leathers. “This Division historically works within a very tight budget, and efforts to contain costs have brought positive results. In addition, we wish to recognize the hardworking employees of the Solid Waste Division who are fully committed to serving our customers.”