THE ATKINS VINE

November 2026

A TEMPORARY FUEL SURCHARGE IS COMING TO YOUR NOVEMBER BILL

Starting with your November bill, you'll see a new charge of $1.75 a month. This is not a rate increase, and your regular garbage rate remains unchanged. It's a separate, temporary fuel surcharge.

Garbage trucks run on diesel. A collection truck idles while bins are emptied, and it drives every street in town, every week. A year ago, diesel in the Midwest cost roughly $3.67 a gallon. This fall, it's about $6.26, an increase of about 71% in one year.

When fuel costs that much more, picking up the garbage costs more, too, even though the service hasn't changed. S&J Sanitation, the company that collects residential garbage in Atkins, is facing a higher fuel bill on every route it runs. At its current rate, it couldn't afford to keep providing the service. Nearly all of the area's haulers are asking for similar relief.

Because fuel prices fluctuate. If the City raised the regular rate to cover today's diesel price, you'd keep paying that higher rate long after fuel got cheaper.

A surcharge works differently. It's tied to the price of diesel, it appears on its own line so you can see exactly what it costs, and it's built to go away when fuel prices come back down.



Once the federal Midwest diesel average falls below $4.50 a gallon and stays there for four straight weeks, the surcharge comes off your bill automatically, starting with the next billing cycle.

Your pickup day, your cart, and your service are the same as before. Your base garbage charge is unchanged. The only difference is one separate line item, added because of an unusually sharp jump in diesel prices.

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UPCOMING DATES

City Council Meetings
- October 13
- October 27

City Hall & the Library will be Closed
- November 11
- November 26-27

Yard Waste Pick Up Ends
- November 25

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