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RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE PRICE CHANGE: EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ANNISTON, AL – Beginning **October 1, 2026**, monthly residential garbage bills within the corporate city limits of the City of Anniston, Alabama, will increase by \$8.50.

This charge covers residential bulk-item pickup, a cost the City has been paying on behalf of residents since transitioning to 121 Disposal in 2025.

When the transition occurred, every household within the city limits was required to register for service. This process helped correct long-standing billing gaps, including more than 1,600 delinquent accounts that had continued receiving service without payment, while also identifying more than 1,000 households that previously had no residential garbage account at all.

As a result, the number of registered residential households increased from approximately 5,000 in 2025 to nearly 7,000 by August 2026. That substantial growth in the number of active accounts has significantly increased the City's financial obligations beyond what was initially anticipated.

Since October, the City's bulk residential collection service, provided by 121 Disposal, has removed more than 1,056 tons of material across 479 loads. While the program averaged approximately 44 loads and 96 tons per month overall, demand has increased considerably over the course of the year.

From October through January, crews averaged 34.5 loads and 77.9 tons per month. From April through August, those averages increased to nearly 52 loads and 121 tons per month — increases of approximately 50% in monthly loads and 55% in monthly tonnage. The increased volume means more collection trips, greater equipment usage, additional labor and fuel requirements, and increased disposal demands. In June alone, the bulk collection service handled 70 loads totaling more than 160 tons of material.

The City has been paying \$8.50 per month for every registered residential account to reduce the cost passed directly along to residents. As the number of accounts and the volume of bulk material collected have increased, so too has the City's financial obligation to subsidize the service. The City's projected annual expense associated with this subsidy has grown to approximately \$756,000.

To maintain a fiscally responsible budget and ensure the long-term sustainability of residential waste services, the \$8.50 monthly cost currently covered by the City will transition to individual residential accounts beginning October 1, 2026.

Bulk-item pickup will continue as part of residential waste service. The service itself is not being eliminated; only the way it is funded is changing. City leadership understands that any increase in monthly expenses affects household budgets, and this decision was not made lightly. The City is committed to communicating this change clearly and ensuring residents understand both the reason for the increase and how it will affect their monthly garbage bills.

For more information on residential trash services in Anniston, please visit <https://anniston.al.gov/garbage-services>. For residential trash needs or questions, contact: **256-251-3949** or by email at: anniston@121disposal.com.





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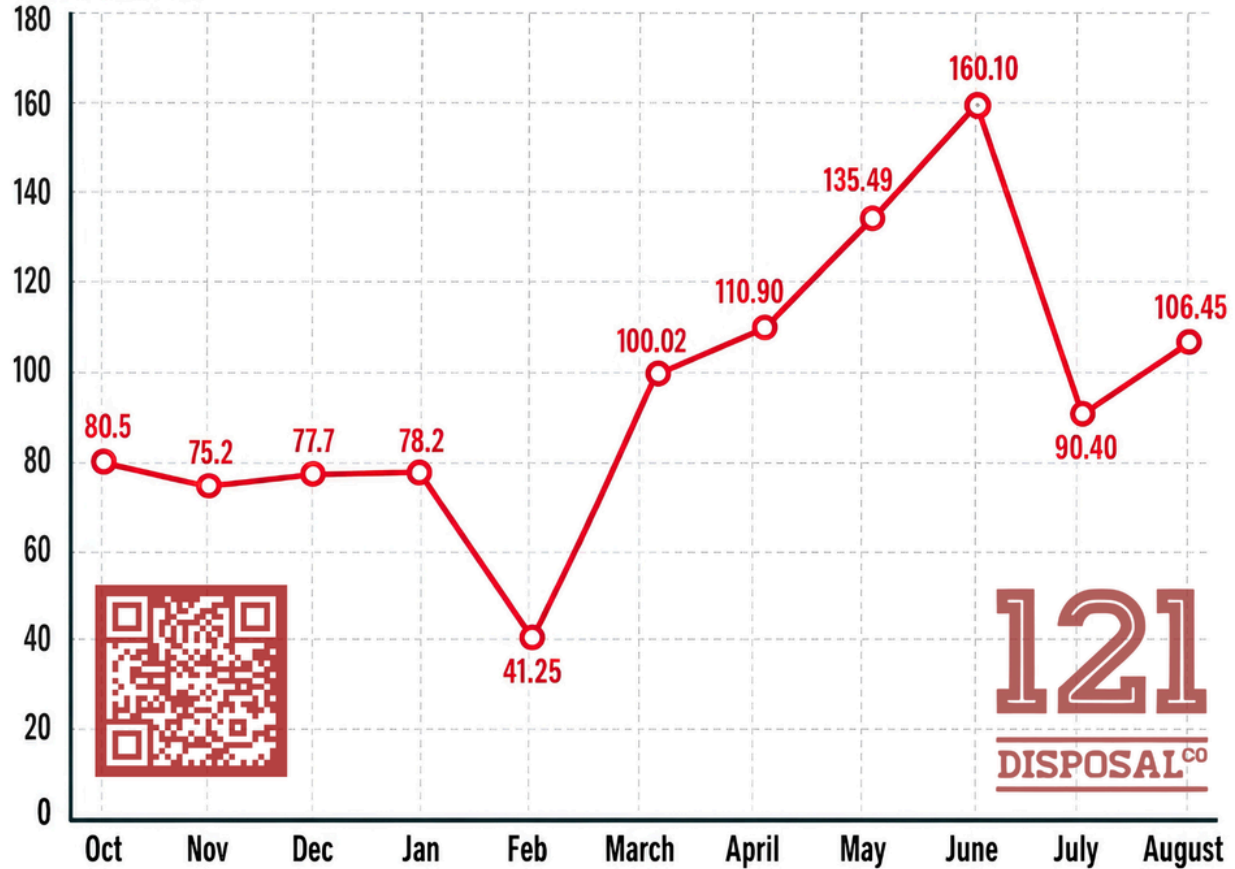
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Total Bulk Trash Pickup by Month October 2025 - August 2026



TONS COLLECTED



TOTAL TONS COLLECTED:
1,056.21



TOTAL LOADS:
479

