

CITY OF SYLVANIA

REFUSE FEE

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Q. What is the Sylvania refuse fee?

A. All households in Sylvania are required to pay for their refuse pickup. The fee for 2025 is \$163.25.

Q. Is there a way to receive an exemption from paying the refuse fee?

A. Yes. The household must file all required Sylvania tax returns and have a signed refuse fee waiver on file with the income tax office. If the tax office is able to verify the accuracy of the refuse fee waiver, the exemption amount is provided to the utility office.

An address may qualify for an exemption based on one of the following exemption types:

1. **Sylvania tax paid:** If the total tax paid to the City of Sylvania by the members of the household is equal to or greater than \$163.25, a full refuse exemption will be granted. If the total Sylvania tax paid is less than \$163.25, a partial exemption may be granted. In the case of a partial exemption, the total amount of Sylvania tax paid is deducted from the yearly refuse fee of \$163.25. The remaining amount is divided by 12 and is billed on the monthly utility invoice.
2. **Household income:** If the total of **all** income of the members of the household is \$43,400 or less, the household will receive a full exemption of the refuse fee.

Q. Is the exemption permanent?

A. No. An exemption lasts for 1 year.

Q. How does a household prove it qualifies for an exemption?

A. The income tax office verifies the exemption, based on tax paid to Sylvania, after all of the members of the household have filed their Sylvania tax returns. In the case of an exemption based on income, the tax office verifies the exemption once all documents of the household's total income have been received.

Q. What information is needed to prove a household qualifies for an income exemption? (Maximum total household income cannot exceed \$43,400.)

A. The household must send copies of forms which show their total income. Income includes but is not limited to: (A full list is available from the tax office)

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| 1. Dividends & interest | 6. Partnership income |
| 2. Social security and pensions | 7. Rents |
| 3. Unemployment compensation | 8. Capital gains |
| 4. Alimony | 9. IRA distributions |
| 5. Lottery winnings | 10. Disability payments |

Q. On which tax year is the exemption based?

A. The 2025 exemption will be based on tax year 2023.

Q. I live in Sylvania and file an income tax return each year. Why was my household not entitled to a refuse fee exemption?

A. Although you file a Sylvania city income tax return, you may not be paying city income tax to Sylvania. If you work in Toledo, Toledo receives your city income tax. City income tax remains in the city in which you work. Your city of residence does not receive any of the tax.

However, if you spend full work days in other cities or states on behalf of your employer, you can file a non-resident refund form. This form allows a portion of the income tax withheld to your employment city to be refunded to Sylvania. Any tax received from your city of employment may entitle your household to a refuse fee exemption.

Q. The address that I own is a rental. Can I qualify for an exemption?

A. You cannot qualify for an exemption, unless you live at the address; however, your tenants can qualify the address for an exemption.