

ABC Permit Holders: Cost of Waste Disposal v. Recycling**

Size/Type of Establishment	Waste Only	Waste + Recycling	Notes
Small Restaurant	\$5,500/yr	\$5,495/yr	Figures vary according to weight of waste, frequency of recycling pick-up, and number of roll carts purchased
Large Restaurant	\$10,340/yr	\$9,370/yr	
Large Hotel	\$18,298/yr	\$18,200/yr	Additional costs vary depending on depth of recycling (lobby, hotel rooms, pool areas, beach access for recycling receptacles/collection) and other recycling equipment or program costs

***While difficult to pinpoint exact costs of waste disposal and recycling due to numerous variables and fluctuations, these average estimates illustrate that most ABC permit holders will be able to receive both services at little, to no, extra cost.*

- **South Carolinians threw away almost 400,000 tons of recyclable materials in 2009, which cost taxpayers nearly \$31 million in waste disposal costs.**
- **Land filling waste costs \$16-\$17/ton. Plus, there are “hidden costs” that clients routinely pay for.**
- **Recycling materials such as glass, plastic, metals, and corrugated cardboard could generate more than \$52 million annually for the state.**

Why should businesses pay for recycling efforts?

Bars and restaurants pay fees to send an inordinate amount of recyclable materials into landfills, reducing the capacity and increasing the need for more landfills, which taxpayers must pay for. South Carolina cannot afford this burden!

Everybody should be recycling, not just bars and restaurants.

This is one of many steps toward reaching the state's recycling goals outlined in the Solid Waste Management Act-- S.461 will help grow the recycling industry and once the industry grows it will be easier to expand statewide recycling efforts.

This bill benefits the recycling industry at the expense of local bars and restaurants.

When implemented properly, the cost of recycling is comparable to the price of sending waste to a landfill. And when businesses recycle, the expenses they incur paying haulers to take their waste to landfills decrease. Real costs associated with real businesses show that some license holders see a reduction in their overall waste disposal expenditures by recycling.