

Chapter NR 520

**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FEES AND FINANCIAL
RESPONSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

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NR 520.01 Purpose. The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that efficient, nuisance-free and environmentally acceptable solid waste management procedures are practiced in Wisconsin and to establish solid waste license and review fees, environmental fees and financial responsibility requirements. This chapter is adopted under ss. 144.43 to 144.47, and 227.11, Stats.

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NR 520.02 Applicability. (1) Except as otherwise provided, this chapter governs all solid waste facilities as defined by s. 144.43(5), Stats., except hazardous waste facilities as defined by s. 144.61(5m), Stats., and regulated under ch. NR 181 and metallic mining operations as defined in s. 144.81(5), Stats., and regulated under ch. NR 182.

(2) This chapter does not apply to the design, construction or operation of industrial wastewater facilities, sewerage systems and waterworks treating liquid wastes approved under s. 144.04, Stats., or permitted under ch. 147, Stats., nor to facilities used solely for the disposal of liquid municipal or industrial wastes which have been approved under s. 144.04, Stats., or permitted under ch. 147, Stats., except for facilities used for the ultimate disposal of solid waste.

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NR 520.03 Definitions. The terms used in this chapter are defined in s. NR 500.03.

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NR 520.04 Licenses and fees. (1) **ISSUANCE OF AN OPERATING LICENSE.** No person may operate or maintain a solid waste facility without an operating license from the department unless an exemption is granted under s. NR 500.08. The license period shall be a minimum of one year.

(a) Application for an initial license for a new solid waste facility may be submitted at any time during the license period. Initial licenses issued during the license period shall expire at the end of that license period. Fees for initial licenses are proratable. The license period is divided into

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6-month periods. The applicant for initial licensing of a facility shall submit the appropriate fees as shown in Table 1 or Table 2, "Fee Schedule", whichever is applicable.

(b) The department will mail application forms to renewal applicants. Application for renewal of a solid waste disposal license shall be submitted to the department. Applicants failing to submit the relicensing application within the specified time shall pay a late processing fee equal to 50% of the renewal fee or \$150.00, whichever is less, in addition to the relicensing fee.

(c) Application for an operating license shall be submitted on forms supplied by the department and shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees as shown in Table 1 or Table 2, "Fee Schedule", whichever is applicable.

(d) License fees for solid waste facilities are not refundable.

(2) **TRANSFER OF AN OPERATING LICENSE.** The department will issue a new operating license to a person acquiring rights of ownership, possession or operation of a licensed facility in accordance with s. 144.444, Stats. Feasibility approvals and plan of operation approvals are not transferable prior to the licensing of a facility.

(3) **LICENSEURE DURING THE CLOSURE AND LONG-TERM CARE PERIOD.** The owner or operator and any successor in interest shall maintain a license during the closure and long-term care period indicated in s. 144.441, Stats. The license fees are specified in Table 2.

(4) **PLAN REVIEW AND LICENSE FEES.** For the purposes of plan review and license fees charged to land disposal facilities as provided in Table 2, the following shall apply:

(a) Plan review fees shall be charged on the basis of the design capacity of the facility, cell or module for which plans have been submitted. As an example, if a plan of operation report is submitted for a one million cubic yard facility, a review fee for a facility greater than 500,000 cubic yards applies. Construction documentation reports, however, may be submitted over time for several modules. Each construction documentation report review would be charged on the basis of the design capacity of the module submitted. For construction documentation reports for which a design capacity cannot be applied, such as sedimentation basins or remedial actions, a review fee of \$200.00 shall apply.

(b) License fees shall be based on the design capacity of the facility being licensed including solid waste already deposited at the facility. For facilities which do not have a plan approval, the department shall make a reasonable estimate of the capacity of the facility based on licensed acreage and probable depth of fill and shall charge a fee accordingly.

(5) **CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION FEES.** A construction inspection fee of \$500.00 per inspection required under s. NR 500.09 shall be paid to the department by the applicant at the time of submittal of a construction documentation report or as specified in the plan approval. A maximum of 10 inspections per major phase of construction may be required.

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NR 520.05 Financial responsibility for closure and long-term care. (1) **CLOSURE.** The owner of an approved facility for the land disposal of solid
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TABLE 1
FEE SCHEDULE — ALL FACILITIES EXCEPT LANDFILLS AND SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

NR	Facility Type	Plan Review Fees ^{(1) (2)}				License Fees			
		License Required	Plan Review Required	Plan of Operation	Facilities Construction Documentation	0-6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months and 2 yr renewals
500.08	Exemption Request	No	Yes	500					
502.05	STORAGE FACILITY								
	Containerized	Yes	No			40	80	120	160
	Non-containerized	Yes	Yes	600	150	75	150	225	300
502.06	Collection and Transportation	Yes	No			40	80	120	160
502.07	Transfer Facility	Yes	Yes	300	150	75	150	225	300
502.08	Processing Facility ⁽³⁾	Yes	Yes	600	150	75	150	225	300
502.09	Incineration ⁽³⁾	No	No						
502.10	Air Curtain Destructor	Yes	Yes	300	150	75	150	225	300
502.11	Woodburning	Yes	Yes	150		75	150	225	300
502.12	One Time Disposal	No	Yes	150					
502.13	Small Demolition Facilities	No	Yes	500	150				
518	Land Spreading	No	Yes	500					

(1) The plan review fees specified in Table 1 cover the department's review from initial submittal through approval or denial of the report or plan. An applicant may withdraw and revise or supplement a report or plan prior to it being deemed complete and resubmit it without paying an additional review fee. The applicant shall pay a plan review fee as specified in Table 1 for resubmittal of a plan which has been withdrawn after having been determined to be complete.

(2) The department may waive any plan review fee if it determines that the total review time is not likely to exceed 4 hours.

(3) The department shall waive the plan review fees and license fees for a processing facility or incinerator which has a primary purpose of converting solid waste into usable materials, products or energy.

TABLE 2
FEE SCHEDULE — LANDFILLS AND SURFACE IMPOUNDMENTS

Facility Type	Plan Review Fees ^{(1) (2)}		License Fees									
	License Required	Plan Review Required	Initial Site Report ⁽³⁾ NR 510	Feasibility Report NR 512	Plan of Operation NR 514	Construction Documentation ⁽⁸⁾ NR 516	Closure Plan NR 514	0-6 months	6-12 months	12-18 months	18-24 months and 2 yr renewals	Closure & Long-term care period ⁽¹⁰⁾
Landfills and Surface Impoundments ⁽⁵⁾	Yes	Yes										
50,000 yds	Yes	Yes	700	1500	1500	150	150	100	200	300	400	500
50,000-500,000 yds	Yes	Yes	700	3000	2500	200 ⁽⁷⁾	900	400	800	1200	1600	1000
500,000 yds	Yes	Yes	700	4500	2500	400	1200	1125	2250	3375	4500	1500
Plan Modification ⁽⁶⁾	No	Yes		600	600 ⁽⁹⁾		150					

(1) The plan review fees specified in Table 2 cover the department's review from initial submittal through approval or denial of the report or plan. An applicant may withdraw and revise or supplement a report or plan prior to it being deemed complete and resubmit it without paying an additional review fee. The applicant shall pay a plan review fee as specified in Table 2 for resubmittal of a plan which has been withdrawn after having been determined to be complete.

(2) The department may waive any plan review fee if determines that the total review time is not likely to exceed 4 hours.

(3) For an initial site report submittal which includes more than one location, the applicant shall pay a separate fee, as shown in Table 2, for each location.

(5) The applicant shall pay a maximum 2-year license fee of \$1600 for landfills which are licensed to accept only wastewater treatment plant sludge, ash, foundry waste, wood waste, demolition waste and other wastes of a similar nature not requiring daily cover pursuant to ch. NR 506.

(6) A plan modification, as referred to in Table 2, is a submittal which proposes to modify a feasibility report, plan of operation or closure plan previously approved by the department. This fee also applies to a submittal which proposes to change the design management zone (DMZ) or requests recalculation of indicator preventive action limits (PAL's) as defined in ch. NR 140. The \$600 fee applies to facilities which request a modification to the DMZ or indicator PAL's and have an approved plan of operation and the \$150 fee applies to those facilities which have an approved closure plan.

(7) This review fee also applies to construction documentation reports for which a design capacity cannot be applied, such as sedimentation basins or remedial actions.

(8) These review fees apply to each facility construction documentation report submitted.

(9) This fee also applies to any facility which requests an exemption to the groundwater standards contained in ch. NR 140.

(10) This fee is a one-time payment only for the term of the licensee's long-term care responsibility.