**Small businesses deserve fair treatment from commercial trash haulers**

**New York City’s commercial waste system is broken.** New York City’s restaurants, offices, and businesses generate a staggering **5.5 million tons** of commercial solid waste **each year**. The system in place to handle all of that waste is fraught with problems of **excessive pollution, inefficiency**, **low recycling rates**, and **unfair pricing structures**.

**The current system is bad for businesses.** Waste haulers often **don’t publish their prices**, making it difficult for business owners to comparison shop and negotiate a fair collection rate. Haulers usually charge a flat monthly rate **regardless of how much waste a business throws out**. And while businesses should be rewarded for recycling (e.g. through lower collection rates), they often don’t even have the option todo it.

**Commercial waste and YOU:**

* **What does *your* commercial waste invoice look like? Do you get charged less when you throw away less?**
* **Do you know what similar businesses pay to their carter?**
* **Does your carter provide recycling and/or composting services? Do you get a discount for recycling?**
* **Do you believe that small businesses should pay fair & transparent rates and be rewarded for sustainable practices?**

TDTNYC is fighting for a commercial waste system that treats all businesses fairly and rewards them for doing the right thing. We’d love to hear about your experiences and talk to you about our efforts.

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