

**COURT AUTHORIZED NOTICE OF CLASS
ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

OUR RECORDS
INDICATE YOU WERE
CHARGED AND PAID AN
ADMINISTRATIVE
CHARGE BY WASTE
MANAGEMENT. YOU
MAY BE ENTITLED TO A
PAYMENT FROM A
CLASS ACTION
SETTLEMENT.

By Order of the Court
Dated: August 27, 2020

Heigl v. Waste Management
P.O. Box 7767
Philadelphia, PA 19101-7767

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A settlement has been reached in a class action lawsuit claiming that Defendant, Waste Management of New York, LLC ("Waste Management"), unlawfully charged its customers an Administrative Charge to cover the costs of generating paper invoices and processing payments by mail. Waste Management denies the claims in the lawsuit and contends that it did not do anything wrong and denies that class certification is warranted or appropriate. The Court did not resolve the claims and defenses raised in this action. Nor has the Court determined that Waste Management did anything wrong or that this matter should be certified as a class action except if the Settlement is fully approved by the Court. The parties have agreed to settle the dispute to avoid the cost and risk of a trial.

Am I a Class Member? Our records indicate that you have an **active** residential account with Waste Management and may be a Class Member. Class Members are persons with a New York mailing address who from September 27, 2016 to and through August 27, 2020 were charged and paid an Administrative Charge(s).

What Can I Get? If approved by the Court, a Settlement Fund in the total amount of \$2,700,000.00 will be established to pay all claims to the Settlement Class, including all notice and administration expenses, approved attorneys' fees and costs, and an incentive award to the named plaintiff. Once the Settlement becomes Final, and as long as you don't exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will receive a *pro rata* share of the Settlement Fund via a credit to your account, which pro rata share will be based on the total amount of Administrative Charges you paid via your account.

How Do I Get a Payment? Because you have an active residential account with Waste Management, you will automatically receive a pro rata share of the Settlement Fund via a credit to your account, so long as you do not request to be excluded from the Settlement Class. If you close your Waste Management account after August 27, 2020, then you will receive a pro rata share of the Settlement Fund in the form of a check issued to you, rather than via a credit to the account.

What are My Other Options? You may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by sending a letter to the Settlement Administrator, **postmarked no later than November 6, 2020**. If you exclude yourself, you cannot get a settlement payment, but you keep any rights you may have to sue Waste Management over the legal issues in the lawsuit. If you don't exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, then you and/or your lawyer also have the right to appear before the Court, at your own cost, to object to the proposed settlement, if you wish to do so, but you don't have to. **Your written objection must be filed and postmarked no later than November 6, 2020**. Specific instructions about how to object to, or exclude yourself from, the Settlement are available at www.WasteManagementPaperBillingSettlement.com. If you do nothing, and the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by all of the Court's orders and judgments, and your claims relating to the fees charged by Waste Management will be released.

Who Represents Me? The Court has appointed Bursor & Fisher, P.A. to represent the class. These attorneys are called Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer in this case, you may hire one at your expense.

When Will the Court Consider the Proposed Settlement? The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing at **2:00 p.m. on January 6, 2021** at the Theodore Roosevelt Federal Courthouse, Courtroom N504, 225 Cadman Plaza East, Brooklyn, NY 11201. At that hearing, the Court will: hear any objections concerning the fairness of the Settlement; determine the fairness of the Settlement; decide whether to approve Class Counsel's request for attorneys' fees and costs; and decide whether to award the Class Representative up to \$5,000 from the Settlement Fund for her services in helping to bring and settle this case. Waste Management has agreed that Class Counsel may be paid attorneys' fees out of the Settlement Fund in an amount to be determined by the Court. Class Counsel is entitled to seek no more than one-third of the Settlement Fund but the Court may award less than this amount.

How Do I Get More Information? This is only a summary. For more information, including the full Notice, Claim Form and Settlement Agreement go to: www.WasteManagementPaperBillingSettlement.com, contact the Settlement Administrator at **1-844-271-4789** or Heigl v. Waste Management, c/o Settlement Administrator, PO Box 7767, Philadelphia, PA 19101-7767 or call Class Counsel at 646-837-7150.