



Blaine Bay Refuse *(operated by SSC)*

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July 1, 2009

Dear Valued Residential Customer:

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) appreciates the opportunity to provide you with garbage and recycling collection services. This notice is to inform you of a proposed increase in the garbage and recycling collection portions of your bill. This will be the first general rate increase in more than three years. Since 2006, costs for employee hourly wage, health, welfare and pensions have increased substantially and made it necessary for us to request this rate adjustment.

Since SSC acquired BBR last year, we have been working to correct deficits resulting from this lengthy time span between rate adjustments. We work hard to keep rates low, in part, by reviewing and adjusting rates on a regular basis. We apologize for the magnitude of this rate adjustment and do not anticipate a rate increase of this size again. It is our goal to provide customers with quality collection services at the lowest possible costs. We will strive to keep your rates as low as possible in the future. For questions or more information, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or ssc@ssc-inc.com. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely, *Paul Razore, President*
SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY, INC.

Notice of Change in Residential Garbage and Recycling Rates

Blaine Bay Refuse (BBR) has filed a request for a change in residential garbage and recycling rates with the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC). Proposed rates for the most common services are listed below. If your service is not listed, and you would like to know the proposed rate, please contact us at 360-734-3490 or by email at ssc@ssc-inc.com. The total rate increase is approximately 20.0% depending on your service. The actual rates, if approved by the UTC, may either be higher or lower than those proposed. If this request is approved by the UTC, the new rates would become effective August 1, 2009, and would apply to all residential customers in unincorporated Whatcom County.

Garbage Service			Stack 3-Bin Recycling	
Service Level	OLD RATE	NEW RATE	Every-other-week pick-up	
Billing is Quarterly (every 3 months)	Monthly Charge	Monthly Charge	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
60-gal. Toter™ — weekly	\$14.66/mo.	\$16.71/mo.	\$2.85/mo.	\$3.99/mo.
— every-other-week	\$ 8.53/mo.	\$ 9.80/mo.	Stack 3-Bin Recycling Only	
— monthly	\$ 5.28/mo.	\$ 6.28/mo.	\$3.85/mo.	\$4.99/mo.
90-gal. Toter™ — weekly	\$25.15/mo.	\$26.36/mo.	Recycling Commodity Charge	
— every-other-week	\$13.95/mo.	\$14.64/mo.	(effective July 1, 2009)	
— monthly	\$ 8.53/mo.	\$ 8.95/mo.	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
Mini-Can — weekly	\$ 7.65/mo.	\$10.15/mo.	\$.33/mo.	\$.15/mo.
— every-other-week	\$ 4.78/mo.	\$ 6.31/mo.	FoodPlus! Recycling Service	
— monthly	\$ 2.74/mo.	\$ 4.18/mo.	Yard Debris • Food • Compostable Papers	
32-gal. Can — weekly	\$10.76/mo.	\$12.41/mo.	Every-other-week pick-up • 60-gal Toter™	
— every-other-week	\$ 7.48/mo.	\$ 7.42/mo.	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
— monthly	\$ 3.21/mo.	\$ 4.74/mo.	\$8.00/mo.	\$10.70/mo.
Two 32-gal. Cans — weekly	\$15.42/mo.	\$17.29/mo.	FoodPlus! Recycling Only	
			\$8.00/mo.	\$11.70/mo.

Rates above are for garbage service only. They do not include charges for every-other-week stack 3-bin recycling service or applicable taxes.

Billing is quarterly. Recycling services are not taxed.

To Comment

To comment on this filing, be added to the UTC's mailing list or ask questions about the UTC's process, please use the contact info below. You may also comment in person at the UTC's open meeting in Olympia at 9:30 a.m. on July 30, 2009, or by using the "Public Comment" feature at www.utc.wa.gov. The UTC is scheduled to make a decision at this open meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting in person, the UTC has a bridge line that enables you to participate or listen by phone. Call 360-664-1234 for instructions the day before the open meeting.

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (UTC)
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW, PO Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250 • comments@utc.wa.gov • Toll-Free 888-333-9882



5 Ways To Save — On Your Garbage Bill



Reduce Waste — Watch what you throw away. Divert all recyclables and items that can be composted to those lower cost services. Choose products with little or no packaging. Buy quality products that are built to last.

Reuse Is The Best Use — Bring your own reusable bags. Use your own water bottle. Pack lunch in reusable containers. Donate items in good condition to charity.

Recycle All You Can — From papers to plastics, both at the curb and through our transfer stations. New! Expanded plastics recycling — see list at right. For a complete list of ALL items we accept for recycling visit ssc-inc.com.

You Can Compost — Join the more than 5,500 FoodPlus! Recycling customers currently saving



money on their garbage bill, supporting our local economy and helping produce a quality soil amendment. One Toter for yard debris, food scraps and compostable papers and plastics like napkins, pizza boxes, milk cartons and bio-plastics. Every-other-week pick-up.

Garbage Options — We offer a variety of container sizes and service options for garbage collection. If your garbage container(s) is not full on pick-up day, consider downsizing to a smaller container or reduce the frequency of pick-up. We offer monthly and every-other-week service in addition to weekly pick-up.

Bonus Tip — Sign up for Auto Pay service. Save time — and money. No stamp or envelope needed.



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- Year-round
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PLASTIC CONTAINERS

**Bottles, Jugs & Caps
Cups, Jars, Tubs, Pails, Buckets & Lids**
(max. bucket size - 1 gal. with metal handles removed)

All colors & numbers accepted. Labels OK.

Remove lids and caps. Rinse CLEAN and recycle loose or nested together. Flatten bottles.

Recycle these types of plastic containers:

Beverage, dairy, deli, sauce/condiment, cooking oil, soap, detergent, cleaning (kitchen, laundry & garage), snack, frozen food, storage/freezer, hair/body care, medicine, single-serve cold beverage cups/lids, hot beverage lids, caps and rings.



NO Plastic Pumps, Styrofoam™, Tableware/Utensils, Pipe, Toys, Foam Rubber, Insulation or plastic containers that held potentially hazardous products such as motor oil, antifreeze or paint.

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IMPORTANT RATE INFORMATION ENCLOSED!
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