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Solid Waste *News*



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Department of
Natural Resources and Parks

Solid Waste Division

New solid waste disposal rate supports essential services, investment in climate neutrality

Low-income discount increases for qualified individuals

Beginning January 1, 2022, King County's Solid Waste Division will enact a rate adjustment of 9.4 percent for solid waste disposal, an estimated \$0.71 increase to monthly residential curbside collection bills. The new rate is the first change since 2018 and was approved by the King County Council on September 7. It reflects a 35 percent lower increase than anticipated, made possible by deferred spending and additional cost cutting measures identified by Solid Waste.

New minimum fees will change to \$24.64 per vehicle and \$154.02 per ton. Yard and wood waste fees will also increase to \$100 per ton and a mattress handling fee of \$30 per item will be instituted. Increased discounts for qualifying low-income customers will also coincide with the change, rising from \$12 to \$14.

Revenue from the 2022 rate will allow the Solid Waste Division to continue essential services and avoid drastic cuts to vital programs and services while supporting capital

projects and programs crucial to environmental progress on climate change mitigation, recycling and waste reduction efforts.

In addition, the new rate further supports the division's goal of climate neutrality by 2025 by reducing reliance on landfill gas sales revenue, shifting focus instead to resource recovery and green innovations such as electric trucks, renewable diesel, and other low emission technology.

Additional messaging about the new rate to the general public and solid waste facility customers will begin in mid-October and continue through the end of the year.

We value our relationship with you. If you have any questions or comments about the newly adopted rates and our future service plans, please contact the [King County Solid Waste Division](#) at 206-477-4466.

KING COUNTY 2022 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE RATES

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEE TYPE	KING COUNTY ¹ BASIC FEE	MODERATE RISK ² WASTE SURCHARGE	WA STATE REFUSE TAX (3.6%)	TOTAL
Minimum Fee ³	\$24.64	\$2.23	\$0.97	\$28.00
Per Ton Fee	\$154.02	\$5.84	\$5.75	\$165.62
Charitable Organizations				
Minimum Fee	\$18.89	\$2.23	\$0.76	\$21.88
Per Ton Fee	\$118.60	\$5.84	\$4.48	\$128.92
Special Waste				
Minimum Fee	\$29.60	N/A	\$1.07	\$30.67
Per Ton Fee	\$185.00	N/A	\$6.66	\$191.66
Min. Extra Handling Charge	\$34.56	N/A	\$1.24	\$35.80
Per Ton Extra Handling Charge	\$216.00	N/A	\$7.78	\$223.78
Cedar Hills Regional Direct	\$131.00	N/A	N/A	\$131.00

¹ Solid waste commercial collection companies pay only the basic fee at King County solid waste disposal facilities.
² The King County Board of Health has approved increases in the surcharge that funds hazardous waste programs.
³ The total minimum fee is rounded per King County Code 10.12.030.

Please do not reply to this email. For more information about King County's solid waste disposal rates, contact the King County Solid Waste Division by calling 206-477-4466.

