

October 15, 2019

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

To Our Valued Customers:

Thank you for your support of our solid waste services. We work hard to provide superior service at the lowest possible price. This rate increase will become effective for services rendered on or after January 1, 2020. Billing for the rate increase will correspond with your normal billing cycle.

Our last general rate increase took effect on August 1, 2013. Since then, costs have continued to increase over these last six years. On January 1, 2019, Whitman County increased the disposal fees by 4%. Additionally, labor, medical insurance, business insurance and equipment costs have increased. These increases, along with six years of other cost increases, forced us to file a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the Commission) to increase our rates.

Our proposed rates are reflected on the proceeding pages. For questions about how this increase affects you, please feel free to contact Devon or Leslie at (509) 334-1914.

The commission has the authority to set final rates that may vary from our company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. Commission staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting in Olympia.

You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate or listen by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web-site at www.utc.wa.gov, or by using the contact information below. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

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Thank you for your continued trust in us.