



**WASTE MANAGEMENT**

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## Rate Increase Notice

November 1, 2022

Dear Valued Customer,

Waste Management (WM) is pleased to be your solid waste services collection provider. We value your business and welcome your feedback on our services.

The recyclables we collect from you are processed at WM's Cascade Recycling Center (CRC) in Woodinville, WA. Beginning November 14, 2022, CRC will close for six to nine months, while we install new equipment that uses the latest technology to process recyclables.

During the closure, CRC will be updated with state-of-the-art equipment to improve the quality and quantity of materials sold and enhance safety at the facility. While CRC is closed, WM will transport and process collected recyclables from CRC in Woodinville to our recycling center in Tacoma (JMK Fibers). Because the temporary additional costs due to this closure will be significant, we have applied for a surcharge to our recycling collection rates, subject to the review and approval of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). If approved, the surcharge would become effective December 1, 2022, and remain in effect for 90 days. The surcharge would be reviewed for renewal each succeeding 90 days and adjusted up or down based on any changes to our expenses incurred. The initial surcharge requested is \$2.32 per month.

The WUTC has the authority to set final rates that may vary from the company's request, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can submit a comment to the WUTC by using the online comment form at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>, via email at [comments@utc.wa.gov](mailto:comments@utc.wa.gov), or by using the contact information below to write or call. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (WM), and a description of this filing.

*Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250  
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)*

Commission staff will make a recommendation to the commissioners at a virtual open meeting, scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on November 23, 2022. You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting. This open meeting will be conducted remotely. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. Accommodation and translation services are available, please email [communications@utc.wa.gov](mailto:communications@utc.wa.gov) to request.

We appreciate your patience as we adjust to the changing, and increasingly stringent, recycling market conditions. The industry is working diligently to meet the new quality demands while keeping costs down.

You can help reduce contamination in your recycling cart by:




- Recycling the right things - when in doubt, throw it out
- Sort plastics by the shape (bottles, tubs, and jugs) - ignore numbers and symbols
- Keep recyclables loose in your cart – do not bag recyclables
- Ensure all recyclables are clean, dry, and empty

If you have questions or need additional information about the proposed surcharge, please contact us at [pnwrsservices@wm.com](mailto:pnwrsservices@wm.com).

Thank you for recycling right!

Waste Management of Skagit County



		
<p><b>RULE 1</b></p> <p><b>Recycle bottles, cans, paper and cardboard.</b></p>	<p><b>RULE 2</b></p> <p><b>Keep food and liquid out of your recycling.</b></p>	<p><b>RULE 3</b></p> <p><b>No loose plastic bags and no bagged recyclables.</b></p>