

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

Dear Customer:

September 30, 2011

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. has filed a request for a rate revision with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate adjustment was approved by the WUTC effective June 1, 2010 at which time the Company decreased its overall garbage rates by approximately 3.8%. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other operating expenses which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective November 1, 2011. The rate per month will increase as follows:

Residential:	Current Rate Per Month	Proposed Increase Per Month	Proposed Rate Per Month
20 gal can	5.03	.33	5.36
1-32 gal can	6.29	.42	6.71
2-32 gal can	8.25	.55	8.80
1-48 gal cart	8.98	.59	9.57
1-64 gal cart	9.43	.62	10.05
1-96 gal cart	11.48	.76	12.24
Occasional extra unit	1.83	.12	1.95
64 gal cart recycling	6.50	.70	7.46
96 gal cart yard waste	7.50	3.62	11.12
Other services not listed will Increase an average 6.6%			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher from the 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, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on October 27, 2011. 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 for instructions the day before the open meeting. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site, at utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

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