RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Dear Customer:

November 30, 2012

Vashon Disposal has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the WUTC in the early 1990's. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other categories which it now seeks to update in rates. In addition, the King County disposal fee increases from January 2012 and January 2013 are reflected in the rates below.

Recycling collection services on Vashon Island are by subscription only and have not been revised since they were first instituted fifteen years ago. During that time our Company has experience increases in fuel, employee benefits, parts and equipment. These increased costs are reflected in the rate below.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective January 1, 2013. The rate per month will increase as follows:

	Proposed		
	Current Rate	Increase	Proposed Rate
Residential Garbage:	Per Month	Per Month	Per Month
1-32 gal once a week	15.90	1.97	17.87
2-32 gal once a week	22.15	2.74	24.89
3-32 gal once a week	29.69	3.67	33.36
1-32 gal every-other-week	12.79	1.58	14.37
1-32 gal once a month	5.14	.64	5.78
1-20 gal (Mini) once a week	11.34	1.40	12.74
Occasional extra unit	3.44	.43	3.87
Other Services not listed will increase 12.37%			
Recycling Service:			
Recycling - every-other-week	3.90	7.58	11.48

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Vashon Disposal, 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 December 27, 2012. The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the Commission at (360) 664-1132 or <u>human resources@utc.wa.gov</u>. 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.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW Post Office Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250 E-mail: <u>comments@utc.wa.gov</u> Telephone: 1-888-333-<u>WUTC (9882)</u>

Sincerely, Management Vashon Disposal