

January 28th, 2013

Dear Residential Customer,

This is to notify you of a proposed rate change for residential customers in the Allied Waste of Kent areas of King County. Should the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approve our request customers will experience an overall rate increase throughout all classes of service.

As you may know, it has been nearly six years since our last general rate case. In that time Allied Waste of Kent has experienced increases in all of the costs key to delivering our services; including labor, fuel and maintenance costs. In addition, the company continues to invest in new assets to ensure it can deliver the safest, most efficient service possible. **If approved, the proposed rates will become effective March 1, 2013**.

| Residential Service (including EOW Curbside Recycling) | Service Frequency | Current Monthly Rate | Proposed Monthly Rate |
|--|----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Mini Can | weekly | \$ 14.14 | \$ 15.48 |
| 1 Can | weekly | \$ 17.50 | \$ 19.50 |
| 2 Cans | weekly | \$ 25.24 | \$ 28.75 |
| 32 Gal Cart | weekly | \$ 17.50 | \$ 19.50 |
| 64 Gal Cart | weekly | \$ 23.09 | \$ 26.18 |
| 90 Gal Cart | weekly | \$ 29.93 | \$ 34.35 |
| Recycle Only | EOW | \$ 7.33 | \$ 7.15 |
| Yardwaste Only | EOW | \$ 8.50 | \$ 10.91 |

The proposed rate increases for our residential services range from -2.5% to 28.4% and not all residential services are listed above. Most customers will experience increases between 15.8% and 16.8%.

If you have questions about the proposed rate increase you may contact the company at (253) 872-7720.

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 February 28, 2013. You will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. 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 <u>human resources@utc.wa.gov</u>. 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 <u>utc.wa.gov</u> or by using the contact information below.

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We look forward to continued service to you.