

Point Recycling and Refuse

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Notice of Cancellation of Garbage Collection Services

Dear Customer

It is with profound regret that I have made the decision to stop garbage collection services effective June 30th, 2009. For the past ten years we have taken on the challenges, and opportunities of developing a garbage collection system in Point Roberts, and have tried at all times to provide the highest level of service to the community. We have done our best to serve everyone.

Over a year ago, what began as a dispute between Whatcom County and Point Recycling over our failure to follow a county ordinance which called for curbside recycling pickup for 340 customers; went to the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission. The County wanted to force us to comply or lose our solid waste certificate. Our position was that it was never practical here at the Point and we had advised the County for the past several years that this was the case.

We have been committed to trying to improve the system and although there has been little progress we were willing to stay the course. Several months ago another party entered the dispute. Three residents demanded the restoration of curbside recycling and filed their own complaint. The WUTC has allowed this complaint to expand into an inquisition of every aspect of the Company's operations. The discussion is no longer the need, desire and feasibility of curbside recycling. The Court feels that I must defend and answer any accusation on any subject, expense, decision, action and communication. Figuring out what needed to be done has been abandoned.

I strongly feel we could eventually win the legal case since the County and the WUTC have each failed to fulfill their own responsibilities to this community. However, I do not feel that this conflict will end with the recycling issue, and I am tired of fighting to maintain a system that isn't moving forward. Without the actual support and participation of the County and the WUTC, combined with a reasonable game plan; it is impossible for me to get this company back on track.

In order to end this legal action and conflict, I have decided to surrender our Certificate of Operations for cancellation effective June 30, 2009. It is not worthwhile or feasible to continue the curbside garbage collection part of the company.

June 30 will be our last day of collection operations. We will be removing all commercial dumpsters and solid waste containers. The Transfer Station will be closed on that Tuesday and will reopen on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. We intend to continue operating the Transfer Station for self haul garbage and recycling.

If you have questions regarding collection service beyond June 30th then you should contact the County and the Commission.

I want to thank all the wonderful people we have served for the past 10 years. This has been an interesting and sometimes spectacular endeavor.

Thank you all,

Arthur Wilkowski