

# Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

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## RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, RECYCLING & YARD WASTE

Dear Customer:

June 30, 2022

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. 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 May 1, 2021. Since that time, the Company has experienced higher costs for employee wages, benefits, fuel, and operating equipment and has purchased additional capital assets.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective August 1, 2022. The rate per month will increase as follows:

	<u>Current Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Proposed Rate</u>
	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>	<u>Per Month</u>
<b>Invoiced Every-Other-Month</b>			
1-20 gal weekly	\$ 6.79	\$ 0.40	\$ 7.19
1-32 gal weekly	8.55	0.50	9.05
2-32 gal weekly	11.28	0.66	11.94
3-32 gal weekly	14.02	0.82	14.84
1-48 gal weekly	12.19	0.71	12.90
1-64 gal weekly	12.81	0.75	13.56
1-96 gal weekly	15.71	0.92	16.63
Occasional extra unit	2.48	0.14	2.62
Oversize Can	2.11	0.12	2.23
Drive In (125-250 feet)	0.94	0.05	0.99
Other services not listed will increase an average of 6.54%			
<b>Recycling:</b>			
64-gal every-other-week	\$ 9.48	\$ 4.18	\$ 13.66
Other services not listed will increase an average of 42.35%			
<b>Yard Waste:</b>			
96-gal every-other-week	\$ 10.85	\$ (1.01)	\$ 9.84
Other services not listed will decrease an average of -8.71%			

We are pleased to announce that starting in August 2022, certain customers will receive a company provided garbage cart to replace their customer provided garbage can. We will also be transitioning certain customers who have a 1.5yd container to 3-96 gallon company provided carts. Once company owned carts are provided, Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. will implement automated cart collection and rates shown above. Customers impacted by this change will receive a separate letter further explaining this service improvement.

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 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 which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2022. This open meeting will be conducted remotely. If you intend to listen or participate, call 360-664-1234 for instructions and to sign in at least one day before the open meeting.

You can also comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at [www.utc.wa.gov](http://www.utc.wa.gov) or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,  
Management  
Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.