

Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pierce County Refuse

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND YARD WASTE

Dear Customer:

January 31, 2020

Harold LeMay Enterprises, 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 November 1, 2011. Since that time, the Company has experienced higher costs for employee wages, benefits, fuel, truck equipment and has purchased additional capital assets.

As part of this filing Pierce County Refuse will begin providing garbage and recycling services to customers who reside in the Ashford and Elbe areas of Pierce County. Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. dba, City Sanitary, Joe's Refuse, White Pass Garbage currently provides garbage service and Pierce County Refuse provides recycling service. To comply with Pierce County Refuse tariff provisions customers will be required to utilize a company owned cart for garbage service, and pay for every-other-week recycling service.

If approved by the WUTC, the proposed rates below will become effective March 1, 2020.

	Current Rate	Increase	Proposed Rate	
	Per Month	Per Month **	Per Month	
Residential with Recycling:				
35 gal weekly	-	-	19.58	New
65 gal weekly	20.98	6.13	27.11	
95 gal weekly	27.47	8.50	35.97	
35 gal every other week	-	-	13.00	New
65 gal every other week	13.94	2.94	16.88	
95 gal every other week	21.41	0.75	22.16	
35 gal monthly	-	-	9.50	New
65 gal monthly	8.67	0.90	9.57	
95 gal monthly	10.75	2.38	13.13	
Occasional extra unit (32 gal equivalent)	4.50	0.04	4.47	
Recycling program charge (in addition to garbage rate)	-	-	6.74	
Bi-weekly Yard Waste (in addition to garbage rate)	-	-	6.32	

** Increase is due to the above mentioned rate increase request, and higher disposal fees in Pierce County. In addition, customers will now be charged for recycling services.

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. between 8 a.m. and 5 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 February 20, 2020 at 621 Woodland Square Loop SE in Lacey. 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 human_resources@utc.wa.gov. 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 should also call this number if you plan to attend the open meeting in person, to make sure this case hasn't been rescheduled.

You can also comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the Commission's Web site at www.utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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Sincerely,

Management
Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.