

# Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

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

Dear Customer:

August 15, 2023

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. has filed a request for a rate increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC). The last general rate increase was approved by the UTC August 1, 2022. Since that time, the Company has experienced higher costs for employee wages, benefits, fuel, truck equipment and has purchased additional capital assets.

If approved, the proposed rates below will become effective October 1, 2023. The rates 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	\$ 7.27	\$ 0.65	\$ 7.92
1-32 gal monthly	5.32	0.48	5.80
1-32 gal weekly	9.23	0.83	10.06
1-48 gal weekly	13.15	1.18	14.33
1-64 gal weekly	13.81	1.24	15.05
1-96 gal weekly	17.05	1.53	18.58
Occasional extra unit	2.66	0.24	2.90
Other services not listed will increase an average of 9.00%			
<b>Recycling:</b>			
64-gal every-other-week	\$ 13.44	\$ (1.77)	\$ 11.67
Other recycling services not listed will decrease an average of 13.16%			
<b>Yard Waste:</b>			
96-gal every-other-week	\$ 9.67	\$ 1.95	\$ 11.62
Other yard waste services not listed will increase an average of 20.14%			

If you have any questions regarding this increase, please contact Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (509) 248-4213.

The UTC 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. UTC staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey. You will have an opportunity to provide your comments at this meeting either in person or remotely. If you intend to listen or participate remotely, call 360-664-1234 at least a day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You should also call this number if you plan to attend in person to verify that the case has not been rescheduled to a later open meeting date. If you need reasonable accommodations to participate in this open meeting (or public comment hearing, workshop, etc.) please contact the Commission at 888-333-9882 or email at.

You can also comment by using the "Submit a Public Comment" feature at the UTC's website 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.