



PO Box 487, Edmonds, WA. 98020

October 16, 2023

Dear Valued Customer,

As you may recall, Sound Disposal Inc. received a rate adjustment from the Washington Utility & Transportation Commission (WUTC) in the summer of 2022 for service costs up to 2021. This was the first rate change for us since 2009. Unfortunately, since that time, and as part of the hyper-inflation environment we all experienced in 2022 and into 2023, the cost of items such as labor, insurance, equipment, parts, and supplies, that we require to provide our services to you, have continued to increase dramatically.

As a result of these cost increases, Sound Disposal, Inc. has filed a request to adjust the residential garbage collection rates with the WUTC. If the WUTC approves this request, the new rates (shown below) would become effective on December 1, 2023. This letter provides the required notification of the proposed rate adjustment.

Proposed Rates for Residential Collection Services Billed Every Two Months *			
Service	Current Rate	Proposed Rate	Increase
Mini-Can -weekly	\$13.37	\$16.30	\$2.93
1 Can -weekly	18.12	22.09	3.97
60-gallon cart - weekly	30.51	37.20	6.69
Recycling with Garbage Service - weekly	6.22	7.58	1.36
Yardwaste with Garbage Service - every other week	11.72	14.29	2.57

*Please see the company tariff for a complete list of rates and services. Services not listed will also increase by approximately 16-22%.

Along with this rate adjustment, **we will begin providing every other week yardwaste collection on a year-round basis.** No winter break, no more schedules to check! This service improvement is something that residents frequently request, and we are excited to begin providing this service on **December 1, 2023.**

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may be either lower or higher than the company's request, depending on the results of its investigation. You can comment on the case 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.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Commission Staff will make a recommendation to the Commissioners at an open meeting which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023. 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. The Commission's street address is 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey.

The WUTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation for participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation to participate in this open meeting, please contact the Commission at 1-888-333-9882 or email consumer@utc.wa.gov.

Our goal is to provide you with high-quality collection services at the lowest possible cost. We work hard to keep rates low, but these significant increases have made it necessary for us to request a rate adjustment. If you have questions about the proposed rate increase, please contact us at (425) 778-2404.

We truly appreciate the opportunity to provide dependable waste, recycling and yardwaste collection services to you.

Sound Disposal, Inc.