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Current and proposed rates are as follows:

|      |            | Current monthly rates | Proposed monthly rates |
|------|------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|      |            | <u>Weekly service</u> | <u>Weekly service</u>  |
| 1    | Yard       | \$82.44*              | \$90.60*               |
| 1.25 | Yard       | 97.11*                | 106.72*                |
| 1.50 | Yard       | 112.68*               | 123.84*                |
| 2    | Yard       | 143.78*               | 158.01*                |
| 60   | Gallon     | 25.98*                | 28.55*                 |
| 90   | Gallon     | 34.73*                | 38.17*                 |
| 32   | Gallon can | 16.50*                | 18.13*                 |

These rates do not include applicable local and state taxes. The proposed rate increases range from 4.0% to 9.9% and not all commercial services are listed above. \*These rates include a recycling component of \$2.48 per yard increasing to \$2.73. If you have any questions about the increase or service options, please contact the company at 425-778-2404, 425-672-2158 (fax) or P.O. Box 487, Edmonds, WA 98020.

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Multifamily, 2009

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|               | Current monthly rates | Proposed monthly rates |
|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
|               | <u>Weekly service</u> | <u>Weekly service</u>  |
| 1 Yard        | \$71.70               | \$78.80                |
| 1.25 Yard     | 83.69                 | 91.98                  |
| 1.50 Yard     | 96.57                 | 106.13                 |
| 2 Yard        | 122.31                | 134.42                 |
| 60 Gallon     | 22.60                 | 24.84                  |
| 90 Gallon     | 29.66                 | 32.60                  |
| 32 Gallon can | 15.03                 | 16.52                  |

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| <u>Monthly rates:</u> | <u>Current:garbage+recycling</u> | <u>Proposed:garbage+recycling</u> |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Minican weekly        | \$ 14.24*                        | \$ 15.65*                         |
| 1 Can weekly          | 17.69*                           | 19.44*                            |
| 2 Cans weekly         | 26.64*                           | 29.28*                            |
| 60 Gallon             | 26.70*                           | 29.34*                            |
| 90 Gallon             | 31.99*                           | 35.16*                            |
| 1 Can Monthly         | 9.57*                            | 10.52*                            |
| Extra cans or bags    | 3.02                             | 3.32                              |
| 90 Gallon yard waste  | 5.00                             | 7.45                              |

These rates include recycling and do not include applicable local and state taxes. The proposed rate increases range from 4.0% to 9.9% and not all residential services are listed above. \* These rates include a recycling component of \$4.52 increasing to \$4.97. If you have any questions about the increase or service options, please contact the company at 425-778-2404, 425-672-2158 (fax) or P.O. Box 487, Edmonds, WA 98020.

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Residential, 2009