

December 1, 2011

Dear Valued Commercial Customer,

This is to notify you of a proposed rate change for commercial services in the Kent-Meridian Disposal areas of King County. Should the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approve our request customers will experience an overall rate increase throughout all classes of service.

As you may know, it has been nearly four years since our last general rate case. In that time Kent-Meridian Disposal has experienced increases in all of the costs key to delivering our services; including labor, fuel and maintenance costs. In addition these new rates reflect the impact of increased disposal costs from King County. Effective January 1, 2012 fees at all King County disposal facilities will increase from \$95.00 per ton to \$109.00 per ton. If approved, the proposed rates will become effective January 1, 2012.

		Collection Rates Per Pick-up			Container Rental		
Commercial Service	Pickup Frequency	Current	Proposed	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)	Current	Proposed
32 Gal Can	Weekly	\$3.29	\$3.48	\$0.19	5.78%	\$0.62	\$1.25
1 Yard Container	Weekly	\$15.01	\$15.86	\$0.85	5.66%	\$7.00	\$8.00
1.50 Yard Container	Weekly	\$21.53	\$22.76	\$1.23	5.71%	\$8.50	\$9.00
2 Yard Container	Weekly	\$27.66	\$29.23	\$1.57	5.68%	\$9.50	\$10.00
3 Yard Container	Weekly	\$41.57	\$43.94	\$2.37	5.70%	\$12.00	\$13.00
4 Yard Container	Weekly	\$54.59	\$57.70	\$3.11	5.70%	\$13.75	\$15.50
6 Yard Container	Weekly	\$86.74	\$91.68	\$4.94	5.70%	\$20.00	\$22.00
8 Yard Container	Weekly	\$114.54	\$121.06	\$6.52	5.69%	\$23.50	\$25.00
Drop Box Service							
30 Yard Container Delivery	On Call	\$118.00 \$85.00	\$124.70 \$90.00	\$6.70	5.68%	\$70.00	\$45.00

The proposed rate increases for our commercial, roll-off and multi-family services range from 0.0% to 36.4% and not all services are listed above. Most customers will experience an increase between 5% and 6%

If you have questions about the proposed rate increase you may contact the company at (253) 872-7220 or (206) 682-9735.

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 in Olympia, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on December 29, 2011. 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 can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web site at utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below.

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We look forward to continued service to you.

Kent-Meridian Disposal