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Subject: Formal notification that pass-through fees for the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County will be changing effective April 1, 2015
Attachments: RR_14-03 LHWMP Rate Restructure 07-17-2014.pdf

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Dear Ms. Ingram,

I am writing to formally notify you that the Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County will be changing its pass-through fees effective April 1, 2015. On July 17, 2014 the King County Board of Health approved a change in the way that fees are charged for commercial solid waste services, including multi-family services. (Rule & Regulation 14-03, attached). The new commercial rate structure is based on three tier-based volumes, with small volume services paying a lower monthly fee, medium-volume services paying slightly more and large volume services paying a higher fee:

2015 Tier	Solid Waste Container Size	Current Monthly Fee	2015 Monthly Fee
Small volume	≤ 0.48 cu. yds. or 96 gallons (Carts and cans)	\$ 11.24	\$ 1.46
Medium volume	> 0.48 cu. yds. and < 10 cu. yds. (Dumpsters)	\$ 11.24	\$ 12.01
Large volume	≥ 10 cu. yds. (Roll-off containers)	\$ 11.24	\$ 46.15

Under the new structure, approximately 20% of accounts will pay less than they are now; 71% will pay about a dollar more, and about 8% will pay about \$35 more.

Because multi-family ratepayers will be shifting to a volume based rate, single-family ratepayers will see a \$0.24 decrease in their monthly fee. It will be \$0.84 per month, rather than \$1.08.

All public and private solid waste billing entities in King County will be responsible for paying this pass-through fee as of April 1, 2015. If you haven't already done so, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC) is likely to see requests for these rate adjustments from Republic Services, Vashon Disposal, and Waste Management. I am writing to confirm that these changes are required under King County Board of Health code.

We are working with the above companies and the other solid waste billing entities to notify their commercial ratepayers about the expected change in rates.

For additional information please see:

- [Information about these rate changes](#) and
- [How the Program Currently is Funded](#)

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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