



## Lewis County Department of Public Works

Josh S. Metcalf, PE, Director

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October 26, 2021

Waste Connections Inc.  
Attn: Tom Rupert  
1713 North Pearl  
Centralia WA 98351

Dear Mr. Rupert,

This letter, pursuant to RCW 70.95.212, is to serve notice to Waste Connections, Inc. that the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 will increase the tipping rate charged at its two Lewis County transfer stations – the Central Transfer Station in Centralia and the East Lewis County Transfer Station in Morton – by \$10.00 per ton, beginning February 1, 2022. The new rate will be \$100 per ton.

This notice will provide Waste Connections, Inc. and Community Waste and Recycling the required 75 days to file for an increase with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission.

On October 25, 2021, the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 held a hearing to hear public comments regarding this tipping rate increase. The Governing Board of the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District # 1 after a public hearing held on October 25, 2021 voted and unanimously approved the increase. The new rate of \$100.00 per ton will commence on February 1, 2022.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 360-740-2762 or email [josh.metcalf@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:josh.metcalf@lewiscountywa.gov).

Sincerely,

Josh Metcalf, Public Works Director and  
Clerk of the Board for the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District # 1

Cc: Jeff Cummins, Community Waste and Recycling  
Cc: [transportation@utc.wa.gov](mailto:transportation@utc.wa.gov)

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

**RESOLUTION NO. 004-21**

**RE: FEE INCREASES FOR CERTAIN MATERIALS RECEIVED AT TRANSFER STATIONS OPERATED BY LEWIS COUNTY. PROPOSED FEE INCREASES AS FOLLOWS: TIPPING FEE \$100/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/280LBS (\$14.46 PLUS \$.54 REFUSE TAX OF 3.6%), BULKY WASTE \$120/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$15/240LBS (\$14.46 PLUS \$.54 REFUSE TAX OF 3.6%), YARD WASTE (GRASS & LEAVES) \$90/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/220LBS, YARD WASTE (TREE LIMBS) \$60/TON WITH A MINIMUM OF \$10/320LBS AND TIRES (PASSENGER/LIGHT TRUCK) \$5 WITH OR WITHOUT THE RIMS.**

**WHEREAS**, the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 (District) is responsible for collecting fees necessary to pay for the handling and disposal of municipal solid waste (MSW), pursuant to the following: RCW 36.58.130 states a Solid Waste Disposal District is authorized to collect fees necessary to pay for the handling and disposal of MSW; and LCC, Article II – Solid Waste Disposal District – Chapter 8.15.210 states that the District is authorized to "establish solid waste service charges within Lewis County to cover the cost of solid waste disposal; and,

**WHEREAS**, the District began operating the Central Transfer Station on April 1, 1994, charging a tipping fee of \$95.00 per ton for MSW received at the facility, as authorized by District Resolution 001-94. Tipping fee was reduced to \$82 per ton in 1997 and by District Resolution 007-13; tipping fees were increased to \$90 per ton in 2013 at the Central Transfer Station and the East Lewis County Transfer Station; and,

**WHEREAS**, A review of the finances for Lewis County Solid Waste indicate a need to increase disposal fees. Reserves need built, equipment needs replaced and the facility needs upgrades. All to serve the needs of the Lewis County residents; and,

**WHEREAS**, The proposed fee increases are as follows: tipping fee \$100/ton with a minimum of \$15/280lbs (\$14.46 plus \$.54 Refuse Tax of 3.6%), bulky waste \$120/ton with a minimum of \$15/240lbs (\$14.46 plus \$.54 Refuse Tax of 3.6%), yard waste (grass & leaves) \$90/ton with a minimum of \$10/220lbs, yard waste (tree limbs) \$60/ton with a minimum of \$10/320lbs and tires (passenger/light truck) \$5 with or without the rims; and,

**WHEREAS**, under Chapter 70.95, RCW, the new tipping fee would be effective at least seventy-five (75) days after haulers have been given notice so that solid waste collection companies have sufficient time to prepare and submit tariffs and rate filings for public comment; and to allow time for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission time to review the collection companies' tariff requests; and,

**WHEREAS**, legal notices were published on Oct. 7, Oct. 13, Oct. 14, Oct. 20, and Oct. 21, 2021, notifying the public that a public hearing before the Governing Board of the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1 would be held October 25, 2021, at or after the hour of 2:00pm, in the Lewis County Commissioners' Hearing Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Historic Courthouse in Chehalis, Washington. Said hearing was held on October 25, 2021, during which all persons appeared and were heard upon said proposal; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Governing Board of Commissioners for the Lewis County Solid Waste Disposal District #1, hereby increases fees listed above effective February 1, 2022, allowing solid waste companies sufficient time to prepare and submit tariffs and rate filings for public comment and for the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission time to review the collection companies' tariff requests.

**PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION** this 25th day of October 2021.

**LEWIS COUNTY SOLID WASTE  
DISPOSAL DISTRICT NO. 1**

  
Chair

  
Member

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Member

**ATTEST:**

  
Clerk of the Board