

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR COMMERCIAL GARBAGE SERVICE

Dear Customer:

September 30, 2011

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. has filed a request for a rate revision with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (WUTC). The last general rate adjustment was approved by the WUTC effective June 1, 2010 at which time the Company decreased its overall rates by approximately 3.8%. Since that time, the Company has experienced increases in operating costs in the areas of labor, employee benefits, fuel, parts and equipment amongst other operating expenses which it now seeks to update in rates.

If approved, the proposed rates will become effective November 1, 2011. The rate per pickup will increase as follows:

Container Service:	Current Rate	Proposed	Proposed Rate
	<u>Per Pick-up</u>	<u>Per Pick-up</u>	<u>Per Pick-up</u>
1.25 yard	5.42	.36	5.78
1.5 yard	6.22	.41	6.63
3 yard	10.91	.72	11.63
4 yard	14.41	.95	15.36
6 yard	19.60	1.29	20.89
8 yard	26.54	1.75	28.29
1-32 gal can	1.22	.08	1.30
Monthly minimum	5.30	.35	5.65
Occasional extra yard	6.25	.41	6.66
Other services not listed will			
Increase an average 6.6%.			

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 October 27, 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.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S Evergreen Park Dr SW
Post Office Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
E-mail: comments@utc.wa.gov
Telephone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

If you have any questions regarding this rate increase, please contact Yakima Waste Systems, Inc. between 8:00 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Sincerely,

Management
Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.