

New Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Effective January 1, 2019



The Solid Waste Division provides free transportation to and tours of its recycling and garbage transfer facilities for school-aged children and their teachers.



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The Metropolitan King County Council unanimously approved a solid waste disposal rate increase to take effect Jan. 1, 2019. The new rate is comparable to other solid waste providers in the region and will enable continued investment in recycling, transfer, and disposal services, and capital improvement programs.

Solid Waste Disposal Fee Type	King County Basic Fee ¹	Moderate Risk Waste Surcharge ²	WA State Refuse Tax (3.6%)	Total
Minimum Fee ³	\$22.53	\$1.91	\$0.88	\$25.25
Per ton fee	\$140.82	\$4.99	\$5.25	\$151.06

1 Solid waste commercial collection companies pay only the basic fee at King County solid waste disposal facilities.

2 The King County Board of Health approved increases in the surcharge that funds hazardous waste programs throughout the county that take effect on Jan. 1, 2019 and Jan. 1, 2020.

3 The total minimum fee is rounded to the nearest \$0.25 per King County Code 10.12.030.

Who does this fee increase affect?

Residents and businesses in King County* who pay for garbage collection service and anyone who uses a King County recycling and garbage transfer facility will pay the new fee. This fee increase will add about \$0.34 per month to the garbage bill for a typical (one-can) single family curbside customer. Call your hauler for more information about your garbage bill.

*Excluding Seattle and Milton which have separate solid waste management systems.

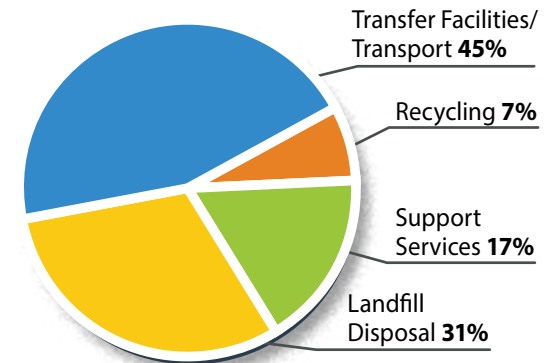


This young fixer is one of many experienced fixers who use their skills to repair and mend small household items and clothing at King County's free Repair Events. Visit KingCounty.gov/repair-events for more info.

What's new?

Beginning Jan. 1, 2019, there will be several changes to fees charged at King County recycling and garbage transfer facilities:

- Customers who show their Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT), ORCA LIFT, or Medicaid (ProviderOne) card when entering a King County recycling and garbage transfer facility are eligible for a \$12 off discount per entry**. Learn more at www.kingcounty.gov/Cleanup-LIFT. All loads must be secured. **Does not apply to the unsecured load fee
- The increase of less than 5 percent is in line with inflation while also allowing for new services.
- The King County Board of Health approved increases in the moderate risk waste surcharge that funds hazardous waste programs throughout the county that take effect on Jan. 1, 2019, and Jan. 1, 2020.
- There will no longer be a fee to recycle non-refrigerant type major appliances (stoves, washers, dryers, etc.) at facilities where scrap metal is collected. A fee of \$30 will still be charged for refrigerant type appliances (freezers, air conditioners, etc.).



The 50-year-old Algona Transfer Station (above) will be replaced with a modern recycling and transfer facility in south King County.



One of the easiest ways to recycle right is to make sure what you're putting in the recycling bin is empty, clean, and dry.

Revenue from the new disposal fees will:

- Sustain the current recycling and solid waste transfer and disposal system.
- Support free recycling of non-refrigerant type major appliances like stoves, washers, and dryers at facilities where scrap metal is collected.
- Invest in new equipment and modernized infrastructure, which includes replacing the 50-year-old Algona Transfer Station with a new recycling and transfer facility in south King County.
- Improve customer service and ability to meet growing demand at our facilities.
- Enable a low-income discount at solid waste facilities, consistent with County equity and social justice goals.
- Advance major projects outlined in the County's plans including securing long-term disposal options for the 900,000 tons of garbage disposed in King County each year, and taking initial steps for improved service in northeast King County.

What can I do to reduce the cost of my garbage bill?

- Produce less garbage by practicing waste prevention – reuse or repair items, buy fewer disposable items, and avoid excessive packaging.
- Donate reusable items to charitable organizations.
- Put food scraps and food-soiled paper in your curbside yard waste container. Visit kingcounty.gov/recyclemore for more information.
- Recycle right. Make sure your recyclables are empty, clean, and dry. Only recycle what can actually be recycled. When in doubt, find out – check with your city or recycling hauler for more information.
- If you don't regularly fill your garbage container, you could save money by calling your hauler and requesting they switch out your existing container for a smaller one.

For more information

King County Solid Waste Division

Website kingcounty.gov/solidwaste

Recycle More. kingcounty.gov/RecycleMore

General information 206-477-4466

King County Illegal Dumping Hotline 206-296-SITE (7483)

Household Hazards Line. 206-296-4692



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