



**STATE OF WASHINGTON**  
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September 24, 2020

Karen Weiss  
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 Interim Solid Waste Manager  
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 Olympia, WA 98512

**RE: Thurston County Solid Waste Management Plan  
 Cost Assessment Questionnaire TG-200759**

Dear Karen Weiss:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has completed its review of the revised cost assessment questionnaire for the preliminary draft of the Thurston County Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan), submitted August 25, 2020.

Commission staff (staff) computed projected tip fees based on the data provided in the cost assessment questionnaire in the 2021-2026 Thurston County Solid Waste Management plan. The projected impact to rate payers is illustrated in the table below:

	<i>2021</i>	<i>2022</i>	<i>2023</i>	<i>2024</i>	<i>2025</i>	<i>2026</i>	<i>Total</i>
<b>Projected Disposal Fees</b>							
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$119.00	\$120.58	\$123.49	\$126.46	\$128.04	\$129.76	
Per Ton Increase	\$0.00	\$1.58	\$2.91	\$2.97	\$1.58	\$1.72	\$10.76
<b>Projected Rate Increases</b>							
<i>Residential</i>							
Monthly rate increase for one 32- gallon can per	\$0.00	\$0.12	\$0.21	\$0.22	\$0.12	\$0.13	\$0.80
<i>Commercial</i>							
Monthly rate increase for one-yard per pick up	\$0.00	\$0.60	\$1.10	\$1.13	\$0.60	\$0.65	\$4.08

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Staff notes that the county has looked at many options to reduce the amount of waste that ends up in the landfill. In order to redirect waste, the county is contemplating a revenue share agreement with the certificated hauler to provide outreach and education. The county plans to update the collected recyclable materials list based on a waste composition study, with emphasis on organics, glass, and mixed paper diversion. The county also plans to promote food collection and distribution programs to reduce the amount of food waste.

Staff has no further comment on the cost assessment questionnaire. Please direct questions or comments to Tiffany Van Meter at (360) 664-1246 or by email at [Tiffany.vanmeter@utc.wa.gov](mailto:Tiffany.vanmeter@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary

cc: Peter Lyon, Department of Ecology, Solid Waste Planner