

Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

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RATE INCREASE NOTICE FOR CUSTOMER OWNED COMPACTOR CUSTOMERS

Dear Customer:

September 30, 2011

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

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

	Current Rate	Proposed Increase	Proposed Rate
Compactors:	<u>Per Pick-up</u>	<u>Per Pick-up</u>	<u>Per Pick-up</u>
20 yard	117.50	17.70	135.20
25 yard	128.80	19.30	148.10
30 yard	139.48	20.90	160.38
35, 40, 50 yard	166.20	24.95	191.15
Mileage over 10 miles	2.55	.40	2.95
Other services not listed will increase an average 15%			

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

The Commission has the authority to set 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.

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Sincerely,

Management
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