



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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December 7, 2017

Joe Willis  
Waste Control  
PO Box 148  
1150 Third Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632

**SUBJECT: Notice of Solid Waste Disposal Rate Increase Effective March 1, 2018**

Dear Mr. Willis,

Please accept this written correspondence of Cowlitz County's intent to raise solid waste disposal rates effective March 1, 2018. Attached is a copy of the disposal rates schedule going into effect at that time. Rates will increase 2.5% and go from the current \$49.78 per ton to \$51.02 per ton for disposal at the Third Avenue Transfer Station.

The intent of this letter is to comply with requirements of **RCW 70.95.212 Solid Waste Collection Companies—Notice of changes in tipping fees and disposal rate schedule**. Basically this state law requires the county to provide you with a minimum of 75 days-notice before rate changes are brought into effect. This rate increase is brought about by the County's need to stay current with inflation costs experienced over the past 2 year period. The rate increase is allowed by Cowlitz County Ordinance 15.34.030.

Please feel free to contact me at (360) 274-6492 or via email at [williamsr@co.cowlitz.wa.us](mailto:williamsr@co.cowlitz.wa.us) should you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ron Williams".

RON WILLIAMS  
Solid Waste Manager

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Enclosure

**15.34.020 Fees.**

The rates and fees for waste disposal at Cowlitz County disposal sites, effective March 1, 2018, shall be as follows:

		2018 Rate <sup>1</sup>		
	Item	Landfill	Transfer Station	Drop Box Facility
1.	Cars/garbage cans or bags (1 – 3) <sup>2</sup>	not accepted	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	\$3.86
2.	Additional cans or bags	not accepted	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	\$1.45/ea
3.	Pickups/trailers	not accepted	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	\$13.51/ea <sup>3</sup>
4	Pickups/trailers <sup>3</sup>	not accepted	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	\$8.20/cy <sup>5</sup>
4.	Refuse trucks and drop boxes	not accepted	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	not accepted
5.	Semi-trucks/trailers	\$26/ton	\$51.02/ton <sup>4</sup>	not accepted
7.	Tires – Passenger <sup>6</sup> (1 – 10 tires)	not accepted	\$1.25/ea	not accepted
8.	Tires – Truck <sup>6</sup> (1-10 tires)	not accepted	\$6.00/ea	not accepted
9.	Tires <sup>6</sup> – (over 10 tires)	not accepted	\$119.76/ton	not accepted
10.	Appliances(with Freon) <sup>7</sup>	not accepted	\$8.00/ea <sup>7</sup>	not accepted
11.	Hard to Handle	\$50/ton	set by vendor	not accepted
12.	Asbestos, Animal Carcasses, Vector Waste	not accepted	set by vendor	not accepted
13.	Tipper fee	\$1/per ton	not applicable	not applicable
14.	Debris containing drywall <sup>8</sup>	\$26/ton <sup>8</sup>	\$79.15/ton	not accepted <sup>8</sup>
15.	Disabled veterans discount	not accepted	Credit up to \$14.00 per load	Credit up to \$14.00 per load
		<sup>1</sup> All rates subject to additional 3.6% refuse collection tax. <sup>2</sup> Can or bag is equivalent to a 33-gallon container. <sup>3</sup> Dual wheel or tandem axle units or all units over 48 sq. ft. in bed area charged by applicable tonnage or cy rate. <sup>4</sup> Minimum charge of \$3.86 per load. <sup>5</sup> 5-cubic-yard limit; minimum charge of \$8.20/cy per load. <sup>6</sup> Tires on rims – additional cost each tire – \$3.00 passenger, \$10.00 truck. <sup>7</sup> Appliances with Freon charged Freon removal fee plus disposal fee by ton. <sup>8</sup> Incidental amounts acceptable (defined by air discharge permit).		