

September 15, 2012

Dear Residential Customer,

This is to notify you of a proposed rate change for residential customers in the Allied Waste of Bellevue residential customers in the City of Sammamish. Should the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) approve our request customers will experience adjustments to all services provided by Allied Waste as outlined in the table below.

As you may know, it has been nearly two years since our last general rate case. In that time Republic Services of Bellevue has experienced increases in all of the costs key to delivering our services; including labor, fuel and maintenance costs. In addition, the company continues to invest in new assets to ensure it can deliver the safest, most efficient service possible. **If approved, the proposed rates will become effective October 16, 2012**.

Residential Service (including EOW Curbside Recycling)	Service Frequency	Current Monthly Rate	Proposed Monthly Rate	Increase (\$)	Increase (%)
1 Mini Can	weekly	14.74	15.51	0.77	5.22%
1 Can	weekly	18.81	19.76	0.95	5.05%
2 Cans	weekly	26.43	27.7	1.27	4.81%
32 Gal Cart	weekly	18.81	19.76	0.95	5.05%
64 Gal Cart	weekly	26.43	27.7	1.27	4.81%
90 Gal Cart	weekly	34.92	36.56	1.64	4.70%
Recycle Only	EOW	8.25	9.43	1.18	14.30%
Yardwaste Only	EOW	7.15	8.75	1.6	22.38%

The proposed rate increases for our residential services range from 4.7% to 22.38% and not all residential services are listed above. Most customers will experience increases between 4.7% and 5.2%.

If you have questions about the proposed rate increase you may contact the company at (206) 682-9735.

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 11, 2012. 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 <u>utc.wa.gov</u> or by using the contact information below.

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We look forward to continued service to you.

Allied Waste of Bellevue