February 10, 2016

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RATE INCREASE

To Our Valued Customers:

Thank you for your support of our solid waste services. We work hard to provide superior service at the lowest possible price. Cowlitz County has informed us that beginning April 1, 2016 the solid waste disposal rate will increase 1.6% from \$49.00 to \$49.78 per ton. This increase has caused us to file a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the commission) to increase our rates as related to disposal fees only.

This rate increase will become effective for services rendered on or after April 1, 2016. Billing for the rate increase will correspond with your normal billing cycle. Hence, customers billed in the month of April for May and June will see the new rates on the April billing. Similarly, customers billed in May for May and June or for June and July will see the new rates on the May billing.

Our last general rate increase took effect on November 1, 2015. We are not seeking another general rate increase and have only asked the Commission to approve the rate increase directly related to disposal fees charged by Cowlitz County. On December 8, 2015, the Commission granted a temporary rate increase to cover the 1.6% increase in Cowlitz County's per ton disposal fees at the Third Avenue Transfer Station. This rate increase is a direct pass-through to the County and does not cover any of the Company's expenses.

Our proposed rates are reflected on the following pages. For questions about how this increase affects you, please feel free to contact Rick or Rolly at 360-425-4302 (360-225-7808 for Woodland customers).

The Commission has the authority to set final rates that may vary from our 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.

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 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in. You can also comment by using the "Public Comment" feature at the commission's Web-site at www.utc.wa.gov, or by using the contact information below.

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive SW PO BOX 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Email: comments@utc.wa.gov Phone: 1-888-333-WUTC (9882)

Thank you for your continued trust in us.

Cowlitz County Residential

All areas Effective for Service April 1, 2016, billed bi-monthly

Residential Carts								
(Monthly Rate, Weekly Service)								
Cart Current Proposed								
Size		Rate		Rate				
30-35 gal	\$	\$ 15.55		15.60				
60-65 gal	\$ 19.22		\$	19.30				
90-100 gal	\$	22.88	\$	23.00				

Extra Units - each cart, bag or carton.								
Charged in addition to regular monthly service.								
Cart	(Current	Proposed					
Size	Rate		Rate					
90-100 gal	\$	6.35	\$	6.37				

Other rates not listed increase 1% or less

Multi Family Services

All areas except Mt. St. Helens

Effective for Service April 1, 2016, billed bi-monthly

Multi-Family Carts								
(Monthly Rate, Weekly Service)								
Cart		Current	Proposed					
Size		Rate	Rate					
Less than 20								
30-35 gal	\$	16.40	\$	16.45				
Less than 20	\$	20.26	\$	20.34				
60-65 gal								
Any number of	\$	23.69	\$	23.81				
90-100 gal			_					

Other rates not listed increase 1% or less

Commercial All Areas except Mt. Saint Helens

Effective for Service April 1, 2016, billed bi-monthly

Commercial Carts										
	Current Rates	Proposed Rates								
Service and Container Size	Rate Per Receptacle, Per Pick-up	Rate Per Receptacle, Per Pick-up								
90-100 gal	\$7.80 Min/Mo \$33.77	\$ 7.82 Min/Month \$ 33.86								

Commercial Containers O	wned by Waste Con	trol and	Rented to	Cust	ome	
Current Rates for 1 Yd throu	gh 6 Yd Containers	Owned l	y Waste Co	ntrc		
Service	1 Yd		2 Yd	3 Yd		4 Yd
First Pick-up	\$29.26	\$	43.74	\$	54.99	\$ 67.70
Monthly Rate	\$84.80	\$	137.11	\$	184.59	\$ 229.80
Each Additional Pick-up	\$16.68	\$	28.04	\$	38.92	\$ 48.68
Proposed rates for 1 Yd thi	rough 6 Yd Contain	ers Ow	ned by Was	te Co	ntro	
Service	1 Yd		2 Yd		3 Yd	4 Yd
First Pick-up	\$29.33	\$	43.87	\$	55.17	\$ 67.94
Monthly Rate	\$85.11	\$	137.68	\$	185.37	\$ 230.84
Each Additional Pick-up	\$16.75	\$	28.17	\$	39.10	\$ 48.92

Other services not listed above increase 1% or less

Customer Owned Commercial Containers

All areas except Mt. St. Helens

Effective for Service April 1, 2016, billed bi-monthly

Non-Compacted Commercial Containers Owned by Customer									
Current Rates for 1 through 6 Yard Compacted Containers									
Service		1-1/2 Yd		3 Yd		4 Yd		5 Yd	
First and Each Additional pick-up	\$	23.16	\$	41.12	\$	52.99	\$	63.04	
Monthly Rate	\$	100.28	\$	178.05	\$	229.45	\$	272.96	
Special Pick up	\$	25.40	\$	43.34	\$	55.21	\$	65.26	
Proposed Rates for 1 throu	gh 6 Y	Yard Com	pac	ted Conta	ine	rs			
Service		-1/2 Yd		3 Yd		4 Yd		5 Yd	
First and Each Additional Pick-up	\$	23.25	\$	41.30	\$	53.23	\$	63.34	
Monthly Rate	\$	100.67	\$	178.83	\$	230.49	\$	274.26	
Special Pick up	\$	25.49	\$	43.52	\$	55.45	\$	65.56	

Other services not listed above increase 1% or less