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Leah Rohan  
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**RE: Walla Walla County Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan, For Years 2024-2029, TG-240815**

Dear Leah Rohan:

Thank you for filing Walla Walla County’s 2024 – 2029 Comprehensive Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has completed its review of preliminary draft of the Walla Walla County Solid Waste and Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

The 2024-2029 Plan proposes to increase tip fees by 15.9 percent for years 2024-2029. County wide Walla Walla is planning to divert about 16 percent of tonnage using recycling. The County relies on education and outreach as the primary means to increase diversion from the solid waste stream and is also working to improve the county owned organics processing. The County is also supporting the Extended Producer Responsibility legislation that has been proposed for the last few years during the State legislative season. The County uses disposal fees as a primary source of funding and owns the Sudbury landfill. Each year of the Plan Walla Walla County has proposed disposal fee increases shown below.

<b>Projected Disposal Fees</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
Per Ton Disposal Cost	\$105.27	\$108.43	\$111.68	\$115.03	\$118.48	\$122.03
Per Ton Increase	\$0	\$3.16	\$3.25	\$3.35	\$3.45	\$3.55
Percentage Increase	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
<b>Projected Rate Increases</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2027</b>	<b>2028</b>	<b>2029</b>
<b>Residential</b>						

Monthly Rate for One 32-Gallon Can Per Week Service	\$0.00	\$0.23	\$0.24	\$0.25	\$0.25	\$0.26
<b>Commercial</b>						
One-Yard Per Pick Up	\$0.00	\$1.20	\$1.23	\$1.27	\$1.31	\$1.35

The Plan does not speak to RCW 81.77.195, which allows for discounts for low-income and low-income senior customers. In the future, if the County would like to implement discounts for services provided under Commission jurisdiction, we would encourage you to add that to the Plan.

Recently, the Commission has been receiving more public comments expressing a wish for discounted rates and believe it may be worth the County to consider. We understand that it may not happen in the current Plan but offer the assistance we can provide when the time comes for such a proposal.

Commission Staff has no further comment on the Plan.

Please direct questions or comments about the Commission's plan review process to Scott Sevall at (360) 664-1245.

Sincerely,

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