

RATE INCREASES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2012

1. The Metropolitan King County Council has unanimously approved a one-year disposal rate for 2012, allowing the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks' Solid Waste Division to cover rising costs while modernizing a half-century-old solid waste handling system.

Haulers that pick up garbage at the curb and self-haulers that use County solid waste transfer stations will pay the new disposal fee of \$109 per ton, effective Jan. 1, 2012. The new rate is still lower than rates in Seattle, Tacoma and Pierce County.

This is only the second solid waste rate increase in 12 years, and applies to residents of King County outside the cities of Seattle and Milton; those two cities are part of separate solid waste handling systems.

2. The King County Board of Health has taken action to increase their Hazardous Waste fee rates that will take effect on January 1, 2012.
3. In the City of SeaTac our contract agreement allows for a once a year (service charge only) price adjustment that is equal to 75% of the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for the Seattle-Everett Metropolitan Area for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers.

These increases will be carefully calculated and applied to your invoices beginning January 1, 2012. Please call Customer Service at **206-682-9735** if you have any questions about these increases.