

Mason County Garbage and Recycle

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Rate Increase Notice

September 30, 2018

Dear Valued Customer,

The commodity price adjustment you see on your bill has historically been a credit that reduced your recycling rate. Recent disruption to global recycling markets has increased the cost for processing recyclables. **Effective November 1, 2018, the commodity price adjustment will reflect an increase to your recycling rate.** The commodity price adjustment is expected to be \$2.93. This adjustment may be higher or lower based on the results of Commission's review. Prices will adjust every six to twelve months to respond to future market changes.

In late 2017, China announced they would ban many recyclable materials and institute strict quality requirements. China is the single largest consumer of recyclables from the United States, so the new requirements have impacted recycling programs all over the country. The new quality requirements have resulted in increased processing costs at third party processing facilities. These costs are passed on to us when we deliver recyclable materials to the facilities.

The UTC has the authority to set final rates, depending on the outcome of its investigation. You can comment by using the "Submit a Comment" feature at the commission's website at utc.wa.gov, via email at comments@utc.wa.gov or by using the contact information below to write, call, or comment in person. 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 19, 2018. If you choose to do so, you will have an opportunity to comment in person at this meeting. The UTC is committed to providing reasonable accommodation to participants with disabilities. If you need reasonable accommodation, please contact the commission at (360) 664-1132 or human_resources@utc.wa.gov.

If you are unable to attend the open meeting, the commission has a bridge line which enables you to participate by telephone. Call 360-664-1234 the day before the open meeting for instructions and to sign in.

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We appreciate your patience as we adjust to this new market. The industry is working to meet the new quality demands while keeping costs down. We apologize for any confusion or inconvenience this has caused.

As a valued customer, you can help reduce contamination in your recycling cart by:

- Recycling the right things
- Don't "wishcycle"—when in doubt, throw it out
- Sort plastics by the shape—ignore numbers and symbols

Please visit masoncountygabrage.com to review the list of accepted materials

Mason County Garbage & Recycle is pleased to be your recycling and garbage service provider. We value your business and welcome your feedback on our services. For questions about your service or the proposed rate increase, please call 360-426-8729, 877-722-0223 toll free or email us at masoncountygabrage.com
Thank you for your business.

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