

# INCREASE IN GARBAGE FACILITY FEES

Kitsap County Solid Waste Division carefully manages the flow of waste in our community. Our system includes *four disposal facilities*:

- Olympic View Transfer Station (OVTS)
- Recycling and Garbage Facilities (RAGFs) in North, Central, and South Kitsap

**We are increasing disposal fees at these facilities.**

## Why are disposal fees increasing?

**We periodically adjust fees to cover the cost of providing solid and hazardous waste services to our community.** We recently completed a cost-of-

service study to determine revenue needs for the years 2018-2021. The study showed that the facility disposal fees, which were adopted in 2013 and effective through 2017, no longer cover projected costs.

**County solid and hazardous waste services are self-supporting.** The division does not receive property or sales tax revenues. Most of our funding comes from disposal fees at OVTS and the RAGFs. 100% of these fees are put back into local solid and hazardous waste services. None of the disposal fees are used for general county government.

**The county's aging waste system needs improvements to meet the needs of our growing community.** Our facilities need maintenance, repair, and planning to meet long-term needs. We have prioritized our two busiest facilities—Olympic View Transfer Station and CK Recycling and Garbage Facility—and have hired consultants to complete facility improvement plans. These plans will increase efficiency, decrease customer frustration, and improve customer and worker safety.

We are also in the site evaluation phase of planning and developing a new north Kitsap Household Hazardous Waste Collection facility.

**We prioritize long-term financial stability.** During the Great Recession that began in late 2007, we avoided raising disposal rates by spending from a reserve fund. We need to rebuild this reserve fund as a safety net for the future. Part of the fee increase will pay for a new "Rate Stability Fund" that will protect customers from rate increases during challenging economic periods.



## Disposal Fees, 2018 - 2021

### OLYMPIC VIEW TRANSFER STATION

	7/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021
<b>Garbage/solid waste</b> (per ton)*	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$90.00
<b>Minimum fee</b>	\$22.00	no increase to minimum fee; includes 3.6% WA Solid Waste Collection Tax		
<b>Weight covered by minimum fee</b> (lbs.)	560	520	480	460
<b>Clean yard waste</b> (per ton)	\$69.05	\$71.13	\$73.97	\$77.67
<b>Processed wood waste</b> (per ton)	\$42.75	\$44.03	\$45.79	\$48.08
<b>Appliances/white goods</b> (each)	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
<b>Tires from passenger vehicle</b> (each)	\$7.00	\$7.00	\$9.00	\$9.00
<b>Tires from commercial truck</b> (each)	\$9.00	\$9.00	\$11.00	\$11.00
<b>Bulky wastes</b> (per ton)*	\$107.42	\$110.64	\$115.06	\$120.82
<b>Asbestos</b> (per ton)*	\$163.02	\$167.91	\$174.62	\$183.35
<b>Coal ash</b> (per ton)*	\$51.40	\$52.94	\$55.06	\$57.81
<b>Contaminated soils</b> (per ton)*	\$43.11	\$44.40	\$46.17	\$48.48
<b>Creosote-treated lumber</b> (per ton)*	\$51.40	\$52.94	\$55.06	\$57.81
<b>Dredge spoils</b> (per ton)*	\$43.11	\$44.40	\$46.17	\$48.48
<b>Biosolids - loose</b> (per ton)*	\$69.66	\$71.75	\$74.62	\$78.35
<b>Biosolids - containerized</b> (per ton)*	\$61.90	\$63.76	\$66.31	\$69.63
<b>Unsecured/uncovered load fee</b> (per load)	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00

\*plus 3.6% WA Solid Waste Collection Tax (not charged on recycled materials)

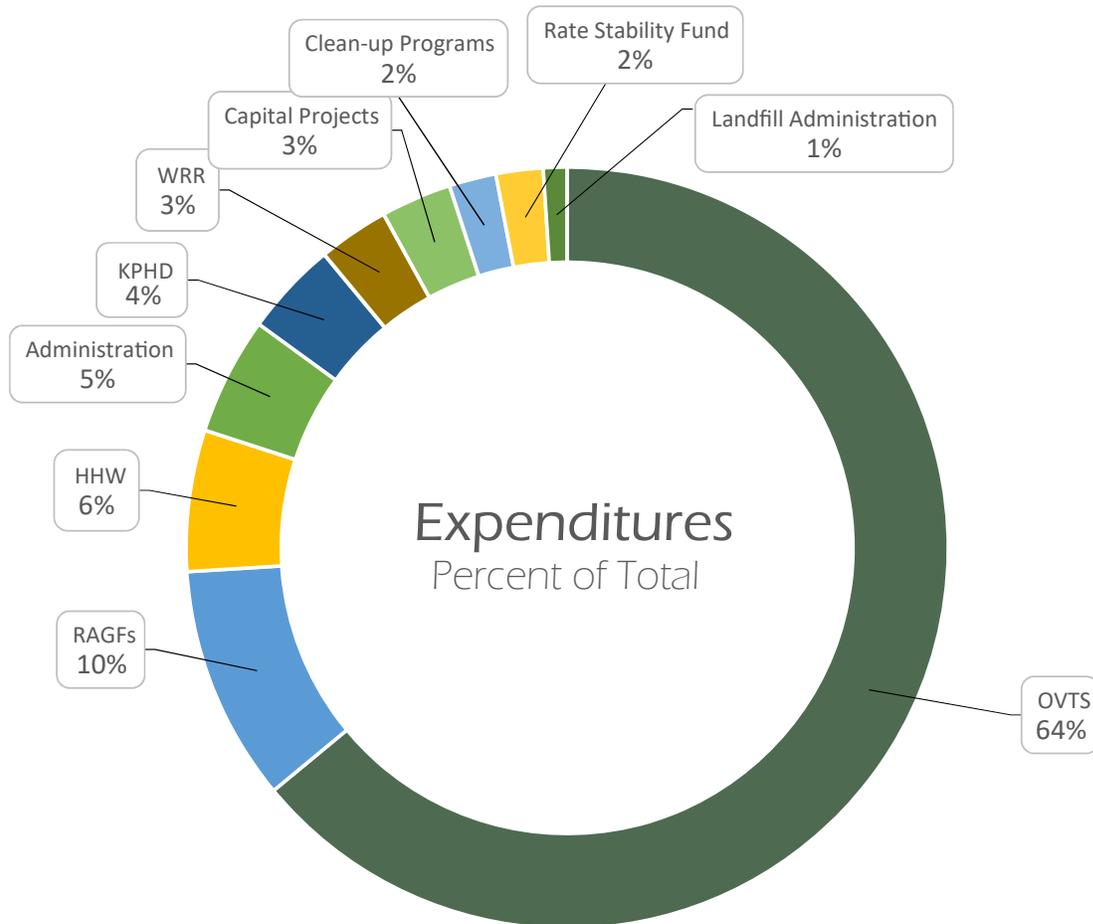
## RECYCLING AND GARBAGE FACILITIES: NORTH, CENTRAL, SOUTH KITSAP

	7/1/2018	7/1/2019	7/1/2020	7/1/2021
<b>Garbage/solid waste - first can</b> (32-gallon)	\$9.65	No Change	\$10.62	No Change
w/ 3.6% Solid Waste Collection Tax	<b>\$10.00</b>		<b>\$11.00</b>	
<b>Each additional can</b>	\$2.41		\$2.90	
w/ 3.6% Solid Waste Collection Tax	<b>\$2.50</b>		<b>\$3.00</b>	
<b>Garbage - loose</b> (per cubic yard)*	\$23.13		\$24.94	
<b>Mattress, box spring, or recliner</b> (each)*	\$11.00		\$12.00	
<b>Sofa</b> (each)*	\$13.50		\$15.00	
<b>Sofa with bed</b> (each)*	\$27.00		\$30.00	
<b>Roofing, drywall</b> (per cubic yard)*	\$40.00		\$45.00	
<b>Appliances/white goods</b> (each)	\$20.00		\$20.00	
<b>Unsecured/uncovered load fee</b> (per load)	\$10.00		\$10.00	

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## How are solid waste disposal fees used?

100% of these fees are put back into local solid and hazardous waste programs and facility operations. Here is how we use those fees.



**Olympic View Transfer Station (OVTS) (64%)** processes garbage from across the County. We compact garbage before loading it onto a train bound for Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon.

**Recycling and Garbage Facilities (RAGFs) (10%)** collect garbage, recyclables, and some household hazardous products from the public. Fees pay for operations, waste hauling to the transfer station, and final disposal.

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) programs (6%)** safely manage hazardous waste from the public and businesses. Fees pay for waste processing, shipping, and disposal. Households can use this facility or the annual drop-off event for no extra charge. Businesses pay disposal costs to use the facility.

**Administration (5%)** of the Solid Waste Division is for planning and managing the county's waste systems. This includes capital project planning and oversight, consultant services, and administrative support.

**Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD) programs (4%)** regulate solid and hazardous waste facilities and enforce regulations to protect public health and the environment.

**Waste Reduction and Recycling (WRR) programs (3%)** educate and assist individuals, businesses, and schools with waste reduction and recycling projects.

**Capital Projects (3%)** include facility repair, maintenance, and end-of-life OVTS equipment replacement. We will fund upcoming major capital projects at OVTS, CK RAGF, and a new NK HHW facility using bonds, which will spread the costs to both present and future ratepayers.

**Clean-up programs (2%)** like Clean Kitsap prevent and clean up litter and illegal dumping and host no-cost disposal events for items that are often illegally dumped. The Kitsap Nuisance Abatement Team (KNAT) assists communities with cleaning up nuisance private properties.

**Rate Stability Fund (2%)** provides a reserve source of funds to protect against future revenue shortfalls.

**Landfill Administration (1%)** oversees the post-closure activities at the county's closed landfills. Post-closure activities are paid from a separate dedicated fund.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### How do we compare with neighboring areas?

Kitsap County disposal fees are the lowest in the Puget Sound region and second lowest in all of Western Washington. This map shows the regional per-ton garbage disposal fees in late 2018.



Source: Washington State Department of Ecology, updated Dec. 2018

### Why am I charged a minimum fee?

County disposal facilities have fixed operating costs that do not change with the amount of garbage brought to the facility. The minimum fee covers these fixed costs.

## How will the new rate impact my curbside garbage bill?

Because of the new rates at Olympic View Transfer Station, the private waste haulers that collect curbside waste may increase their rates. For unincorporated Kitsap, rate changes must be approved by the *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission*. We estimate the per-month increase for curbside customers with weekly garbage pickup to be around 25 cents.

Recycling surcharges on your bill are not related to facility disposal fees.

## How can I limit or reduce my costs?

**Subscribe to curbside collection service.** The typical facility customer may lose money (and time) by self-hauling regular household garbage and recyclables. Compare for yourself:

- Under the new fees, a typical RAGF customer will pay about \$40 a month (plus gas and the value of your time) to dispose of one can, once-a-week.
- In contrast, homes in the unincorporated areas can get monthly garbage pickup for around \$13 per month or weekly garbage pickup for about \$20 per month. Twice-monthly recycling pickup is included in this price.

**Reduce the number of trips you make.** Fewer, larger loads may be cheaper than multiple “minimum fee” loads, so you can save money by combining trips.

**Visit facilities during off-peak hours.** Time is money, and you can save time by visiting county facilities during off-peak hours. Weekdays are generally less busy than weekends.

**Cover and secure your load.** A secured load will not shift, move, or fall out. Uncovered loads cause danger to other vehicles on the road, lead to roadside litter, and could result in fines from law enforcement. Loads that are not properly secured can be charged an additional \$10 per load at our facilities. (*RCW 70.93.097 and Kitsap County Code 9.18*)

**Look for alternative sites.** A county facility may not be the least expensive or most convenient place to take your recyclable or reusable items. Search the county’s online disposal guide “What Do I Do With It?” at [Recycle.KitsapGov.com](http://Recycle.KitsapGov.com) to find other places to bring your items.

**Sort and separate your recyclables.** There is no charge for recycling at county facilities, so remove them from your load before you reach the facility attendant.

## Where can I find more information?

Call Kitsap1 at 360.337.5777 or email: [solidwaste@co.kitsap.wa.us](mailto:solidwaste@co.kitsap.wa.us)

Read the Kitsap County Resolutions adopting these fee changes by clicking the links below and choosing “Public Login.”

- [RESOLUTION NO. 062-2018 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE FEES CHARGED AT THE OLYMPIC VIEW TRANSFER STATION](#)
- [RESOLUTION NO. 063-2018 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEES CHARGED AT KITSAP COUNTY RECYLING AND GARBAGE FACILITIES](#)

