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Notice of Rate Increase to Accommodate County Disposal Fee Adjustment

Dear Valued Customer,

We appreciate your continued trust in Rubatino Refuse Removal for your waste collection and disposal needs.

We are writing to inform you that your service rate will increase on January 1, 2026 to accommodate an increase in the fee Rubatino pays to dispose of your garbage at Snohomish County transfer stations that will become effective the same day. This adjustment reflects only the disposal fee increase from Snohomish County which is charged to all regulated solid waste collection companies. Below are some examples of the anticipated approved rates:

	OLD RATE	NEW RATE
32 GAL	\$8.49	\$10.54
48 GAL	\$20.69	\$23.10
64 GAL	\$23.99	\$26.83
96 GAL	\$30.20	\$34.24

The UTC has the authority to set final rates that may be higher or lower than our requests, depending on the results of their examination. You can submit comments directly to the UTC by going to <https://www.utc.wa.gov/consumers/submit-comment>, or via email at comments@utc.wa.gov.

Snohomish County Solid Waste services are primarily funded through tipping fees paid by curbside haulers and customers at transfer stations and drop box sites. This is the first increase in Snohomish County disposal fees since 2009 while the rate of inflation during that time exceeded 45%.

Rubatino understands this adjustment will have an impact on your household budget and is committed to maintaining competitive pricing by managing our operating costs and providing excellent service. We appreciate both your understanding of this change and your continued support.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact our office at 425-259-0044 info@rubatino.com or Snohomish County at 425-388-3425 pw.solid.waste@co.snohomish.wa.us

Thank you for being a valued customer.

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL FEES INCREASING JAN. 1, 2026

Snohomish County Solid Waste services are primarily funded through tipping fees paid by curbside haulers and customers at transfer stations and drop box sites. As the cost of managing approximately 670,000 tons of garbage each year continues to rise, a fee adjustment in 2026 is necessary to maintain the high level of service and operations our community relies on.



Why are fees increasing?

This is the first widespread fee increase since 2009 while the rate of inflation during that time has exceeded 45%; the division used property sales and implemented various operational efficiencies to subsize rates for years to avoid increases to customers.

Available at no charge:

- Recycling services at transfer stations and drop boxes
- Household Hazardous Waste disposal for residential customers

Date new fees take effect?

Jan. 1, 2026

What is changing?

Fee	2025	2026
Minimum fee for disposing at transfer station/drop box (up to 360 lbs)	\$20	\$30
Tipping fee for self-haul at transfer stations	\$105/ton	\$160/ton
Disposal fee at drop box sites	\$20/cubic yard	\$30/cubic yard
Vactor waste disposal	\$567/load	\$598/load
Hard to handle waste	\$200/ton	\$250/ton
Unsecured load	\$5 or \$10 depending on type of vehicle	\$20 or \$25 depending on type of vehicle



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