

# Snohomish County Solid Waste

*Maintaining exemplary customer service,  
environmental compliance and fiscally  
responsible operations*

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# *How did we get here...*

- MSW rate last increased in 2009 (16 years ago)
- Subsidized low tipping fees through property sales and operational efficiencies
- Completed cost of service and rate analysis
- Waste Export related fees (tipping fees, RRW & vector disposal) account for 94% of SW revenues
- Without a rate increase now, by 2026 there will not be enough fund balance or incoming revenue to operate and we will need to reduce service levels and staffing and close facilities

# *Implementation Timeline*

May 7

- GLS to set date and time for public hearing

May 28

- Public hearing on Waste Export fee schedule

May 28

- Service Fee Schedule for consideration (Motion)

June 4

- Signed by Executive

June 10

- UTC Notification letter submitted (RCW 70A.205.160)

•Sept 8

- UTC/City approval process completed

Sept 15

- Public outreach

•Jan 1

- New rate implementation



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# *Impacts of Inaction Now*

## Service levels reduced

- Close Drop Box Sites
- Closure or limited hours at transfer stations
- Larger increases in tipping fees
- Reduced program offerings

## Projects delayed

- Major projects cancelled or postponed
- Facility maintenance reduced

## Negative fund balance

- Early 2026, funding falls below 120 – day operational requirement
- Mid 2026, will not have necessary funding to make payroll
- Will not be able to pay for unanticipated expenses

## Regulatory Compliance

- Will not be able to keep pace with new legislative or permit requirements



# Support for Increased Rates

- Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC)
- Hauler support (Republic Services & WM)
- Public Outreach
  - Public 30-Day Survey
  - Social media outreach
  - Survey/business card handouts
  - Website announcements

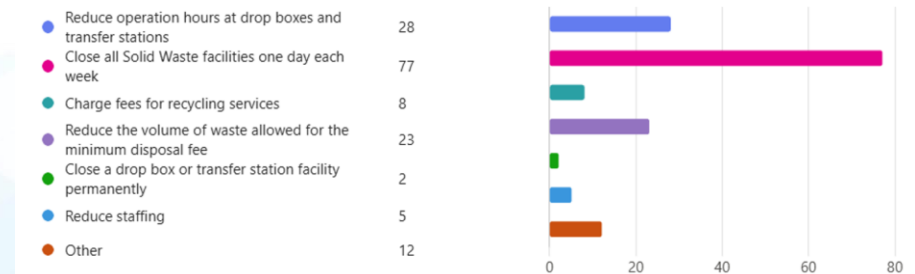
8. What is your overall rating of the services you use? (1 star = poor; 10 stars = excellent)



13. Snohomish County Solid Waste currently charges a \$20 minimum for disposing of a standard vehicle-load of household waste at a transfer station or drop box. If the fee increased to \$30, how likely would you be to use the service?



14. If the minimum disposal fee remains unchanged, what is your preferred way for Snohomish County Solid Waste to adjust services and facility hours?





# *Customer Impacts*



- Minimum fee increases from \$20 to \$30 per load
- Average curbside customer increase is approximately \$3 - \$4 per month
- Self-haul tip fee increases from \$105 to \$160 per ton
- Hauler tip fee increases from \$105 to \$149 per ton
- Maintain current service levels
- Restore delayed capital improvements
- Maintain required fund balance for current and future operations