

# Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division Facility Fees

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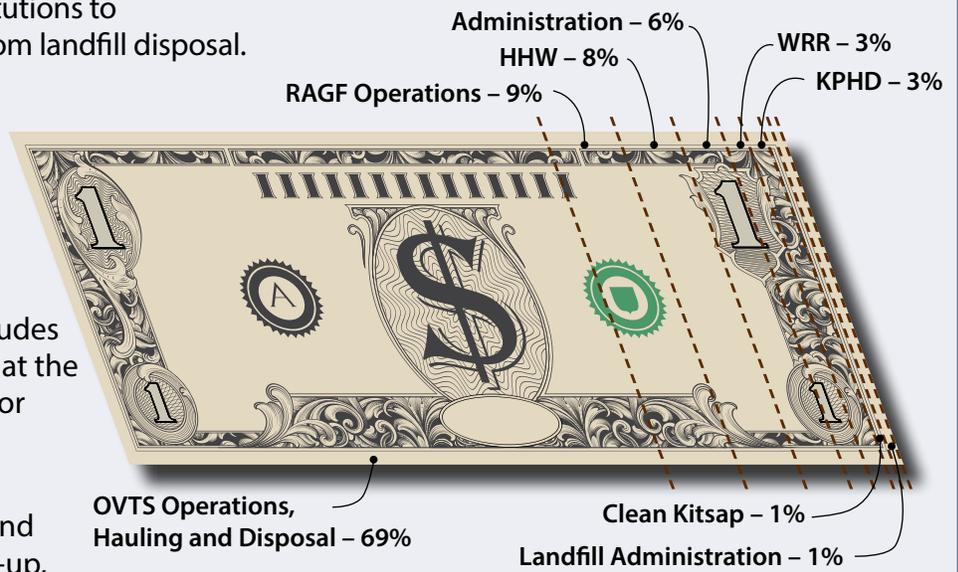


Kitsap County Public Works Solid Waste Division (SWD) is committed to providing environmentally sound solid and hazardous waste services in the most cost-effective manner possible. The current fees charged at our facilities – Olympic View Transfer Station (OVTS) and the Recycling and Garbage Facilities (RAGFs) at Hansville, Silverdale, and Olalla – have been in place since 2005. These fees provide 95% of the funding for the SWD's operations and programs. None of our revenue comes from taxes. When garbage tonnage (and therefore revenue) began to decline with the recession of 2008, the Division reduced expenditures where possible. But many of our costs are fixed, forcing us to use reserves to avoid a rate increase during challenging economic times. Like any business, we need to have sufficient revenue to meet our expenditures, and therefore it is necessary now to raise our fees.

## How are solid waste disposal fees used?

ALL of the revenue we receive goes to support solid and hazardous waste operations and programs – NONE of it is used for general County government programs. The figure below shows a breakdown of the Solid Waste Division's 2012 expenditures:

- **OVTS Operations, Hauling & Disposal (69%)** covers processing of garbage from throughout the county at OVTS, where it is compacted into rail containers for transportation and disposal at Columbia Ridge Landfill in Arlington, Oregon. Included is the cost to transport and process recyclables at various facilities.
- **RAGF Operations (9%)** covers operations of the Hansville, Silverdale, and Olalla Recycling and Garbage Facilities and the Poulsbo Recycle Center, hauling of waste received from these facilities to OVTS, and hauling and processing of recyclables.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) programs (8%)** provides convenient options for households (at no cost) and businesses with small volumes (at a reasonable cost) to dispose of hazardous waste that is prohibited from disposal with regular garbage.
- **Administration (6%)** includes overall management of the solid waste division, including capital project planning and oversight, consultant services, and administrative support.
- **Waste Reduction/Recycling (WRR) programs (3%)** provide recycling education and technical assistance to individuals, businesses, and institutions to encourage diversion of materials from landfill disposal.
- **Kitsap Public Health District (KPHD, 3%)** provides regulatory oversight of solid and hazardous waste facilities and programs to protect public health and the environment.
- **Landfill Administration (1%)** includes oversight of post-closure activities at the County's closed landfills. Funding for post-closure activity is provided through separate dedicated funds.
- **Clean Kitsap (1%)** includes litter and illegal dump prevention and clean-up, periodic events for no-cost disposal of furniture or tires, and assistance with nuisance properties.



**Expenditures — % of Total**

## What are the new fees?

The tables below show the basic rates for regular garbage (known as “municipal solid waste”, or “MSW”) and other commonly disposed items. For a complete list of rates for all waste types at OVTS, see [www.kitsapgov.com/sw](http://www.kitsapgov.com/sw).

### OVTS - Adopted Fees for MSW

	CURRENT	July 1, 2013	2015	2017
Minimum fee*	\$10.36	\$15.00	\$19.00	\$22.00
Weight covered by minimum (lbs.)	320	445	560	620
MSW per ton	\$62.02	\$65.00	\$68.00	\$71.00
Appliances	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50	\$16.50
Passenger vehicle tires	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
Commercial truck tires	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$8.00

### RAGFs - Adopted Fees for MSW

	CURRENT	July 1, 2013
Minimum fee	\$3.69 for one can	\$8.60 for up to one can
Each additional can	\$3.69	\$2.35
MSW per cubic yard	\$14.78	\$20.57

\*Minimum fee shown for OVTS includes 3.6% solid waste collection tax: all other fees are without tax.

### RAGFs - Adopted Special Waste Fees

COMMODITY	CURRENT	July 1, 2013	UNIT
Mattress, box spring, or recliner	\$7.95	\$11.00	each
Sofa	\$11.02	\$13.50	each
Sofa with bed	\$22.05	\$27.00	each
Roofing	\$34.62	\$40.00	cubic yard
Sheetrock	\$20.12	\$40.00	cubic yard
Appliance	\$16.50	\$20.00	each
Tire (up to 17")	\$5.00	Discontinue	each
Tire (17" – 20")	\$9.00	Discontinue	each
Tire (over 20")	\$22.00	Discontinue	each
Yard Waste*	\$2.92	Discontinue	32-gallon container
Yard Waste*	\$11.66	Discontinue	cubic yard

\* Presently Olalla is the only RAGF that accepts separated yard waste for a different fee; yard waste will be accepted as MSW at all RAGFs

## How do we compare with neighboring areas?

As shown on the map, disposal fees at Olympic View Transfer Station are, and will continue to be, the lowest in the region.

## Why am I charged a minimum fee?

Some costs of operating our facilities are fixed – they do not vary based on the amount of garbage a customer dumps. In order to recover some of these costs, the minimum fee is proposed to be raised at all of our facilities.

We encourage residents and businesses to sign up for curbside collection services for both garbage and recyclables. Haulers offer a variety of service levels, some of which may be less costly than self-hauling. If that’s not possible, customers are encouraged to make less frequent trips, bringing in more material each time.

## Will there now be a fee for recycling?

Customers can continue to recycle at no cost. But that doesn’t mean the service is “free”. The costs of hauling and processing of recyclables are not fully covered by the value of the material, but they are significantly lower than they would be if the material is disposed as garbage. The new disposal fees cover our costs for both garbage and recycling.



Disposal fees in neighboring areas



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