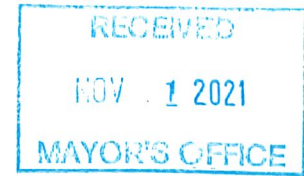


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Mayor Scott Korthuis  
Lynden City Council  
Lynden, WA 98264



Dear Mayor Scott and Council Members,

Nooksack Valley Disposal has been happy to provide both garbage and recycling services to the City of Lynden for over 40 years. Because of increasing disposal fees, we are coming to the City with a rate increase request, to become effective January 1, 2022.

Recycling and Disposal Services has announced they will be increasing our garbage tip fees effective January 1 2022. Our last increase was three years ago. Our cost per ton will be increased by 11%, or \$11.45 per ton more than we are currently charged. We are requesting a 4.5% increase in our garbage rates, which will go to paying this increase in our disposal fees.

Green Earth Technology has also informed us that they will be increasing our yard waste tip fees effective January 1, 2022. Our cost per ton to compost yard and food waste will be 17% higher since our rates last changed 3 years ago. We are requesting a \$1.00 per month increase for this optional collection of yard waste, to cover the higher tip fees. Even with the increase, our rates will still be substantially lower than anywhere in Whatcom County.

As outlined in our Municipal Solid Waste Agreement with the City of Lynden, Section 7A, we are giving request to revise our rates for residential and commercial services at least 60 days prior to their implementation. We have included a schedule with the current and proposed rates. The average household set out 2.6 carts of garbage per month this past year. The proposed increase would raise the average residential bill by \$0.78 per month in total for garbage and recycling.

We continue to strive to provide excellent customer service, while maintaining our position as one of the lowest priced and most efficient providers of garbage and recycling pickup in Northwest Washington. We will continue to have some of the lowest prices of any of the comparable nearby cities. We look forward to continuing our good relationship with the City and to providing clean, safe, and dependable garbage and recycling services in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

Dan Leidecker, President

Calvin Den Hartog, General Manager

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The following is a comparison of garbage/recycling rates from cities in the area. The rates compare what a 60-68 gallon cart emptied every-other-week or weekly would cost. Every-other-week recycling is included in all prices. Some cities do not offer carts, so an equivalent volume using a 32-gallon container is used for comparison.

<u>City</u>	<u>EOW</u>	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>2-yd Dumpster</u>
Lynden (current)	\$18.80 per month	\$31.80 per month	\$34.95 per dump
Lynden (proposed)	\$19.40 per month	\$33.00 per month	\$36.45 per dump
Anacortes	\$23.47 per month	\$34.94 per month	\$62.56 per dump
Bellingham	\$27.37 per month	\$50.13 per month	\$38.05 per dump
Duvall	\$31.32 per month	\$41.91 per month	\$43.75 per dump
Everett	\$26.03 per month	\$33.54 per month	\$33.36 per dump
Ferndale	\$20.56 per month	\$36.62 per month	\$50.30 per dump
Friday Harbor	\$36.00 per month	\$68.00 per month	\$100.00 per dump
Marysville	\$24.61 per month	\$41.07 per month	\$44.43 per dump
Monroe	\$21.99 per month	\$32.19 per month	\$43.74 per dump
Mt. Vernon	\$29.70 per month	\$45.95 per month	\$33.02 per dump
Oak Harbor	\$21.79 per month	\$36.52 per month	\$64.08 per dump
Sedro-Wooley	\$27.50 per month	\$37.76 per month	\$55.88 per dump

*The typical household in Lynden sets out an average of 2.6 carts per month.*

**Lynden Yardwaste Rates** proposed are \$8.50 for EOW cart, \$11.50 for weekly cart, compared to \$12.12 for EOW and \$24.24 for 2 carts EOW in Bellingham and \$12.25 for EOW and \$24.50 for 2 carts EOW in Ferndale.

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**Nooksack Valley Disposal and Recycling  
Current and Proposed Rates  
2021 and 2022**

<b><u>Residential</u></b>	<b><u>Current</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>
Base Fee	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.00 per month
Per Cart	\$ 6.40	\$ 6.70 per dump
Optional Yardwaste	\$ 10.50	\$ 11.50 per month

**Commercial**

Can	\$ 3.95	\$ 4.15
Cart	\$ 7.40	\$ 7.70
1-yard	\$ 20.80	\$ 21.75 per dump
1.5 yard	\$ 26.90	\$ 28.10
2-yard	\$ 34.95	\$ 36.55

**Schools and Rest Homes**

1-yard	\$ 18.80	\$ 19.75 per dump
1.5 yard	\$ 24.90	\$ 26.10
2 yard	\$ 32.95	\$ 34.55

**Dumpster Rental Fees**

1-yard	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00 per month
1.5 yard	\$ 11.00	\$ 11.00
2-yard	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00

### 1998-2021 Rate Changes

