

## Did you know?

As of 2016, King County residents and businesses recycle 54 percent of all solid waste generated, yet 70 percent of what is landfilled could have been reused, recycled, or composted.

## What can I do to keep my disposal fees low?

- Produce less garbage by practicing waste prevention – reuse or repair items, buy fewer disposable items, and avoid excessive packaging.
- Donate reusable items to charitable organizations.
- Recycle as much as possible, including putting food scraps and food-soiled paper in your yard waste container – visit [kingcounty.gov/recyclemore](http://kingcounty.gov/recyclemore) for more information.
- If you regularly don't fill your garbage container, call your hauler and save money by switching to a smaller container.

## For more information

### King County Solid Waste Division

Website . . . . . [kingcounty.gov/solidwaste](http://kingcounty.gov/solidwaste)  
Recycle More . . . . . [kingcounty.gov/RecycleMore](http://kingcounty.gov/RecycleMore)  
General information . . . . . 206-477-4466  
24-hour recorded information . . . . . 206-296-6540  
King County Illegal Dumping Hotline . . . . . 206-296-SITE (7483)



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# New Solid Waste Disposal Fees

Effective January 1, 2017



*More than 800,000 tons of garbage are processed at King County transfer stations and disposed in the county's Cedar Hills Regional Landfill each year.*



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## Effective January 1, 2017

These fees were approved by the Metropolitan King County Council for the two-year period of 2017 and 2018.

Solid Waste Fees Effective January 1, 2017	King County Basic Fee	Moderate-Risk Waste Surcharge	WA State Refuse Tax (3.6%)	Total
Minimum fee	\$21.60	\$1.81	\$0.84	<b>\$24.25</b>
Per ton fee	\$134.59	\$4.73	\$5.02	<b>\$144.34</b>

## Who does this fee increase affect?

Residents and businesses in King County who pay for garbage collection service\* and anyone who uses a King County transfer station.

*\*Excludes residents of Seattle and Milton; those two cities are part of separate solid waste handling systems.*

## Why are the fees going up?

The new fees are needed to pay for:

- The increased cost of current services including recycling programs, waste transfer, and disposal at the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill.
- New recycling options at transfer stations to divert 42,000 additional tons of recyclable materials from the landfill each year in order to reduce climate impacts, conserve natural resources, and extend the life of the landfill.
- Construction costs for previously approved new transfer stations to replace the Factoria Transfer Station, currently under construction in Bellevue, and the 1960s-era Algona station.



A total of 18,174 tons of materials were recycled at King County facilities in 2015, an increase of 33% over 2014.

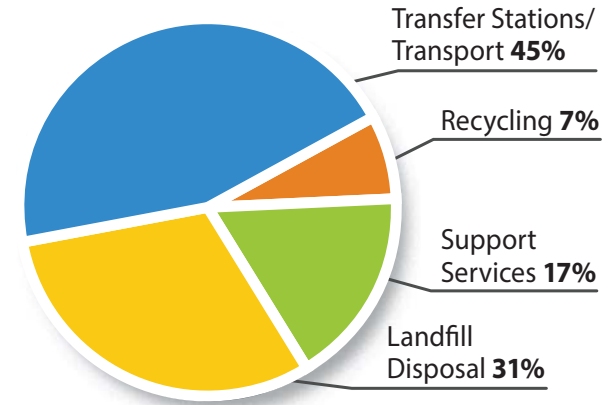
## How much more will my monthly garbage collection cost?

The typical residential customer who puts out one container of garbage per week for curbside collection is likely to see an increase of about 77 cents per month.

## What do disposal fees pay for?

Disposal fees pay for the day-to-day costs of operating King County's regional solid waste transfer and disposal system that includes eight transfer stations, two rural drop boxes, and the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill – the only operating landfill in King County.

These fees also pay for waste prevention and recycling grants to cities; public outreach to schools, businesses, and residents; community cleanup assistance programs; monitoring of closed landfills; and the planning, engineering, and financial services that support this regional solid waste system.



All damaged, torn, or stained clothes - even single shoes, socks, and gloves - can be donated for recycling.



Work to replace the Factoria Transfer Station in Bellevue began in 2014 and is expected to be fully completed in late 2017.