

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, OREGON**

In the Matter of the Rate Adjustments for
Solid Waste Curbside Collection Services in
Unincorporated Columbia County and
Tipping Fees at the Columbia County
Transfer Station

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PUBLICATION**

1. The Board of County Commissioners will hold a hybrid public hearing on Wednesday, July 1, 2026, at or after 10:00 a.m. at the John Gumm Building and Civic Center, 251 St. Helens Street, St. Helens, OR. To join the meeting virtually, please visit www.columbiacountyor.gov/meetings for login information.
2. The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed adjustments for tipping fees at the Columbia County Transfer Station and the rates for curbside garbage and recycling services for residents and businesses in rural Columbia County (i.e., outside city limits). If adopted, these changes will be effective July 1, 2026.

The Columbia County Public Works Department is recommending the Board adopt a 7% increase on the municipal solid waste self-haul per-ton tipping fee and a 14% increase on the tipping fee for the county franchisee agreement haulers, Waste Connections dba Hudson Garbage Service, and Waste Management (WM). Public Works is also recommending a 1.83% rate increase for rural Clatskanie, rural St. Helens, and rural Rainier, these areas are serviced by Waste Connections, dba Hudson Garbage Service. And a 9.7% rate increase in rural Scappoose and rural Vernonia, which are serviced by Waste Management (WM). This is a public hearing. Interested parties may appear and be heard in person or virtually. Columbia County does not discriminate on the basis of disability and will provide reasonable accommodations in accordance with the County's Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Policy. To request accommodation or review the County's ADA Policy, please contact the Board of Commissioners' Office at 503-397-4322.

3. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the procedures outlined in the Columbia County Solid Waste Ordinance.
4. For additional information regarding the proposed rate adjustments, please get in touch with Michael Russell, Public Works Director, at 503-397-5090 or Michael.Russell@columbiacountyor.gov

Dated this 4th day of June 2026.

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Jacyn Normine, Administrator, Board of County Commissioners Office

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