



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

### SOLID WASTE DIVISION

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## NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Cowlitz County has entered into a 30 year contract with Waste Control Recycling to form a public-private partnership for solid waste disposal. The first notable change will occur **on July 1, 2009 when all customers of the landfill will be directed to dispose of waste at the Waste Control Third Avenue Transfer Station.** Directions to the transfer station are on the back of this flyer.

### Transition Schedule

- Effective **July 1, 2009** the public will be directed to the Waste Control Third Avenue Transfer station located at **1150 Third Avenue in Longview** (see map on reverse). The transfer station will offer the same hours of operation and provide the same services as currently available at the landfill. These include waste disposal, drop off recycling, household hazardous waste collection and small quantity generator waste disposal services. **Hours of operation and fees will remain the same.** Open daily 7:30AM to 5:30PM.
- Effective **January 1, 2010**, the Toutle Drop Box Facility will be operated with Waste Control personnel. Hours of operation and fees will remain the same. Wed. & Sat. 9AM to 5PM.

### Transfer Station Operation

- Customers will stop at the incoming scales where the load will be screened and an entry ID ticket will be given. Users will be directed to disposal areas inside of the transfer station. Upon completion of dumping, traffic will exit to the left (north end) and proceed to the outgoing scales where your entry ID ticket will be presented. The attendant will complete the transaction and collect disposal fees at the exit scales.
- Customers with recyclables can drop them inside the Recycling Building (Building A) which is located to the left of the incoming scales. Recyclables are to be deposited prior to entering the transfer station. If you recycle 2 or more recyclables a \$2 off coupon will be given which can be credited to the tipping fee when presented to the attendant at the exit scales.
- Household Hazardous Waste Facility is also located inside the Recycling Building (Building A). Household Hazardous Waste will be accepted for free on Tuesday and Saturday from 9:30AM to 11:30AM.
- Method of Payment will be **cash or check.**
- Existing Landfill Account customers are encouraged to contact **Waste Control at 425-4302** prior to July 1 to discuss methods of payment at the Transfer Station. The existing accounts at the landfill **will not** be available and will terminate on June 30, 2009.

### Additional Information

**Rates will remain the same.** By contract and ordinance the County will remain the rate setting authority. Fees collected at the transfer station will be deposited into the County Solid Waste Fund and contracted services paid for from the fund. The last rate change was in 2007 and it was a rate reduction. The next anticipated rate increase will occur in 2014.

**Questions** – Please feel free to contact the Solid Waste Division at 577-3125 or Cowlitz County Public Works at 577-3030.