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Transfer Station Solid Waste Fees Increased Effective July 1

ST. HELENS, Ore. [Jul 18, 2025] — Solid waste disposal fees at the Columbia County Transfer Station increased by 2.2% effective July 1, 2025, following an annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment approved by the Columbia County Board of Commissioners.

As required under Board Order 6-2010, disposal rates at the Transfer Station are updated each year based on the previous year's CPI. The most recent CPI increase of 2.2% resulted in the following updated rates for residential and commercial customers:

Solid Waste Fees (Effective July 1, 2025):

- Commercial Tipping Fee: \$112.36 per ton
- Self-Haul:
 - Up to 320 lbs. (minimum): \$27.48
 - Over 320 lbs.: \$167.19 per ton
- Senior Rate (up to 320 lbs.): \$16.91
- Unsecured Load Fee: \$19.00
- Special Handling Fee (e.g., Boats, RVs): \$80.00
Call the Transfer Station at (503) 397-9811 for RV disposal requirements.

Yard Debris Fees:

- Up to 860 lbs.: \$27.48
- Over 860 lbs.: \$65.65 per ton

In addition to standard disposal rates, recycling fees for items such as paint, used motor oil, and medical sharps remain unchanged. For a full list of recycling rates and accepted materials, visit the Columbia County Solid Waste webpage.

Residents are encouraged to check with their waste hauler for any additional changes and to contact the Transfer Station with questions about disposal options.

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About Columbia County's Solid Waste Program

Columbia County plans, organizes, and directs recycling, reuse, waste reduction, and household hazardous waste management programs throughout its 657-square-mile area. The county also operates a transfer station in St. Helens and administers solid waste collection events within its unincorporated areas.