



**NORTHEAST KINGDOM WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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To: Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District Member Towns

Subject: **Notice of Fee Changes Effective June 1, 2026**

Dear Town Officials,

Please be advised that the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District will implement updated fees effective June 1. These fee changes were discussed and approved at the May 12, 2026, District Board of Supervisors meeting.

While we always strive to minimize the costs to District towns for our services, fee increases are necessary currently to help offset rising operational costs, including increased diesel fuel expenses and significant reductions in revenue from the surcharge on trash. These adjustments will help ensure that the District can continue providing the level of service that member towns expect and deserve.

The fees changes are as follows:

1. There is significant cost to NEKWMD to accept, move, process (remove freon), and dispose of freon containing appliances. The District is charged \$7.50/appliance for freon removal, and NEKWMD was the only Waste Management District in the State that allowed residents to dispose of freon containing appliances for free. New charges for freon-containing appliances are:
  - **Large Freon-containing appliances, including refrigerators, freezers, and water coolers: \$15 per unit with proof of residency.**
  - **Smaller Freon-containing appliances, including air conditioners and dehumidifiers: \$5 per unit with proof of residency.**
  - If your Town accepts freon-containing appliances from residents, please contact us to discuss the new charges.
  
2. Recycling pickup stop fees will be adjusted as follows:
  - **Recycling pick-up stop fees at town recycling centers will increase from \$55 to \$65 per stop**
  - **Recycling pick-up stop fees at schools will increase from \$37 to \$42 per stop**
  - These fee increases are primarily due to higher diesel fuel costs

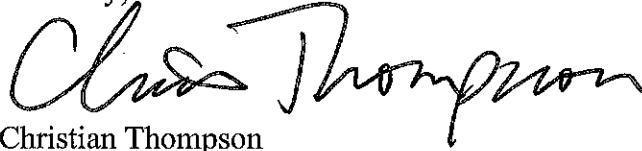
3. Compost collection fees will also increase:

- **The fee for pickup of each compost tote will increase from \$11.50 to \$15 per tote**
- This fee increase will cover the increase in handling expenses and allow for new totes to be purchased and brought to your facility when needed.

We appreciate your cooperation in communicating these changes to residents, recycling/transfer station personnel, and other appropriate staff. If you have any questions, please contact the Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District office at (802)626-3532.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christian Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christian Thompson  
Executive Director  
Northeast Kingdom Waste Management District