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First time since 1992

Marion County Raising Minimum Charge at Transfer Stations

Beginning October 1, the minimum charge for solid waste disposal at the North Marion and Salem-Keizer Recycling and Transfer Stations will be raised from \$9 to \$13, with another raise from \$13 to \$15 occurring on October 1, 2009.

According to Jeff Bickford, county senior environmental engineer, rates at the transfer stations have not increased since 1992, including the minimum transaction charge. However, rates have gone up considerably at other out-of-county disposal sites.

“Even though our minimum rate has not changed in over sixteen years, transaction costs at the county’s transfer stations have risen along with the cost of living,” Bickford explained.

Bickford also explained that because of the low minimum rate here in Marion County, an increasing number of customers are coming from locations outside of Marion County where rates are now more expensive.

“The traffic at the transfer stations, especially at the Salem-Keizer Recycling & Transfer Station, has increased dramatically over the past several years. This has affected the county’s ability to process customers through the facility in a timely matter,” he said.

“It’s important to note that only the minimum charge is rising, with the price per pound for disposal staying the same,” Bickford added. “Also, the minimum transaction charge will not go up for loads of yard debris or wood waste brought to the facilities for recycling, remaining at a \$9 minimum per load.”

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