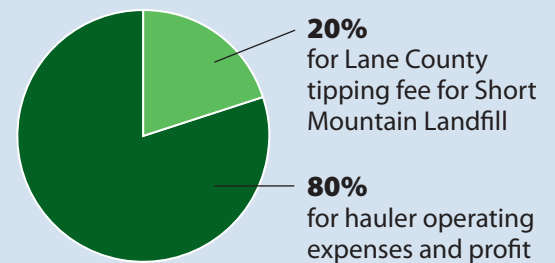


Lane County garbage rates explained

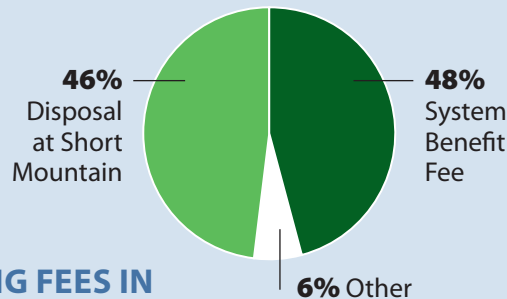
Increased fees at transfer stations, Short Mountain landfill, new waste processing facilities and waste being hauled to Jackson County made the news in the past few months. You may be thinking more about your bill than you usually do. Learn more.

TYPICAL CURBSIDE RATE BREAKDOWN*



* Estimate based on Eugene rates

What does the tipping fee pay for?



**CURRENT TIPPING FEES IN
LANE COUNTY: \$112.46/TON**

What is the System Benefit Fee (SBF)?

Some 25 years ago, Lane County implemented a System Benefit Fee to pay for all the non-landfill services that it provides. Those services responded to the public asking the county to protect the environment and health of the community by managing waste responsibly.

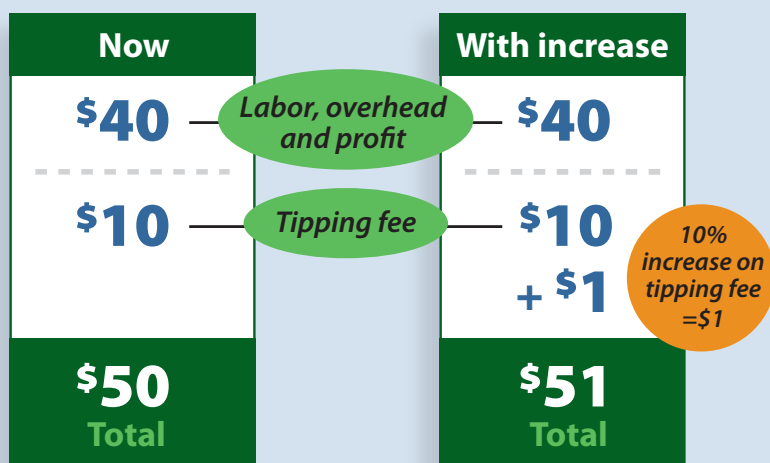
The SBF fee covers:

- ✓ Operating transfer stations (14)
- ✓ Providing recycling services
- ✓ Educating school children about waste reduction
- ✓ Handling hazardous household waste

This fee also supports education programs of local organizations – like BRING, Fix It Lane County, MECCA and St. Vincent dePaul.

How will an increase in tipping fees affect my residential bill?

As an example, a 10% increase in tipping fees would raise a \$50 garbage bill by \$1 to \$51. Here's the math:



What if I go to a transfer station?

Rates were recently increased to close a \$3 million shortfall caused by Sanipac transporting garbage to its private landfill in Jackson County to avoid paying the System Benefit Fee. Rates at transfer stations include transfer to Short Mountain Landfill and the System Benefit Fee.

Transfer station minimum rates were raised from \$15 to \$25, the Walton station was closed and hours were reduced. Minimum disposal fees at stations in other comparable Oregon counties range from \$28 to \$53.



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