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## Recycling Surcharge of \$1.07 to be implemented on July 2018 Garbage Bill

Dear Valued Customer,

Because of uncontrollable market conditions, the cost to process the recyclables that we collect has risen rapidly following an announced ban by China of many recyclable materials and new unachievable quality requirements by the overseas markets. Sorting facilities are needing to slow down their equipment in order to remove all newly defined contaminants. This decreases production and increases costs. These increasing costs are then passed onto us as the hauler. Due to the volatility and unpredictability of these impacts, rather than a permanent increase to recycling rates, we believe that a temporary surcharge is an appropriate mechanism for managing increased processing costs.

Junction began curbside recycling in 2002. At that time, the City was being paid \$15 per ton for commingle. Fast forward to 2018 we now pay \$70 per ton for our commingle to be taken. This is \$24 per ton more than we pay to take our garbage to the landfill. Below is a brief history of the cost of commingle recycling in Junction City.

2013: -\$6   2014: \$3.50   2015: \$10 to \$35   2016: \$48   2017: \$48 to \$70   2018: \$70

On May 8th, 2018, the City Council of Junction City passed Resolution #1188 implementing a **\$1.07 per month** Recycling Surcharge to all of its sanitation customers. The goal is to temporary offset the rising cost of recycling in Junction City. The surcharge will become effective on July 1st, 2018.

As a valued customer, you can do your part by making certain that you are only recycling clean materials that are allowed in your cart and are free from contamination. "When in doubt, throw it out!"

Junction City Public Works is pleased to be your solid waste services collection provider. We value your business and welcome your feedback on our services.

For questions about your service, or if you need additional information about the surcharge call us at (541) 998-3125.

Thank you for your business,

Junction City Public Works  
"Pride in our Community."

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Recycling go to our website:  
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